

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF**

CITY COMMISSION – CITY OF CARRABELLE, FL

**1206 HWY 98 E
CARRABELLE, FL 32322**

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**DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023
PLACE: CARRABELLE CITY HALL**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.
1206 HWY 98 EAST**

**6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

CONSENT AGENDA

- November 29, 2022 Final Amended Budget Hearing/Special Meeting
- December 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 15, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- Attorney's Invoices

Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Millender seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*(Comments are kept at a maximum of **3 minutes**. You may comment on a non-agenda item or a non-action item for up to 3-minutes when recognized by the mayor. Items brought forth during "Public Comment" requiring a Commission vote will be requested to be placed on the upcoming meeting agenda. If you would like to speak during "Public Comment," **complete a speaker card** which must be submitted to City Administrative personnel prior to the start of the meeting in order for you to speak.)*

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Comm. Walden: none

Comm. Brown: hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I want to remind our business owners to update their sales tax to 7.5%. The new half percent School Capital Outlay Surtax began January 1st.

Right before this meeting, a county resident contacted me after speaking with our city administrator about getting city water. He expressed his appreciation of her quick and efficient work and specifically said, "she is always so pleasant and willing to talk to him and wanted the commission to know." So thank you

Courtney for being an asset to our city.

I'm looking forward to another great year working for the citizens of Carrabelle.

Comm. Millender: None

Comm. Gray: None

Mayor La Paz: The Mayor gave a thank you and job well done to those on the water side of the Water and Sewer Dept who worked over the freezing Christmas weekend. Explained the water system underwent significant challenges during the prolonged freezing temps with everyone having to leave their water faucets dripping and several properties having burst pipes. Water service was not interrupted, although it was unfortunate for those who did have burst pipes. Working with staff regarding ways to inform customers that they should turn off their water supply at the meter when they leave town, so these types of accidents will not happen.

Thanked Dustin Putnal for bringing the new Streets and Roads Department Kubota tractor with its new attachments up to City Hall for show and tell.

The Mayor reported that in early December She attended lunch with two NFWFMD directors and Chester Butler. This was followed by a two-hour meeting with the above which also included Courtney. The proposed SUNS projects for Carrabelle were reviewed. The Gray Ave project was placed back on the list of qualifying stormwater management projects for SUNS grant funding. Mayor La Paz reported to the NFWFMD directors that there are multiple needs for additional reuse water in the City of Carrabelle. Mr. Boudreau and Mr. Crowe recommended the City apply for an upcoming NFWFMD grant in the "alternate water supply category" with a septic to sewer project for the west Lanark area.

Wished Happy New Year to all.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: Lawsuit , need authorization to obtain assistance as needed, not to exceed \$6000.

Commissioner Millender motions to approve special assistance not to exceed \$6000, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Need Special Meeting to have Public Hearing on January 17th at 1:00

Commissioner Brown motions to approve special meeting, Commissioner Walden, seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

City Administrator: Department Reports. Report on new S&R equipment brought to city hall.

McKissack Beach dune crossover complete.

Progress regarding hiring new Streets & Roads.

Progress on animal abandonment and downtown parking signage.

Advertise for volunteer 2 P&Z members and 1 CRA member; possible appoint at February or March comm meeting.

Advertise for CRA District Maintenance and Landscape CRA employee.

City Clerk: January 16, 2023; City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Day

January 17, 2023; Special Public Hearing; 1:00 p.m. for Amended CRA Plan.

January 17, 2023; CRA Meeting; 1:30 p.m.

January 19, 2023; Planning & Zoning meeting; 2:00 p.m. – tentative

Next City Commission meeting on February 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Inovia: reviews submitted report

Mayor La Paz motions to revise FDOT SCOP Applications as recommended, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Millender motions to approve task order for Ryan Dr. drainage improvements, Commissioner Gray seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Millender motions to approve task order for overflow boatramp parking, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Carrabelle History Museum: Request permission to close SE Ave B on Saturday February 11th.

Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Carrabelle Lighthouse: Would like to apply for 10k grant for sound system and have the city pay the funds in advance

Mayor La Paz motions if project approved by TDC, fund Lighthouse Park sound system through a reimbursement agreement with the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: SECOND AND FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NO. 487

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN CITY OWNED AND
MAINTAINED STREETS AND ROADS, PRESCRIBING STANDARDS FOR
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON GOLF CARTS OPERATED ON CITY
STREETS, REQUIRING THE POSTING OF SIGNS PERTAINING TO
WHERE GOLF CARTS MAY BE OPERATED, PROVIDING FOR
ENFORCEMENT, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES,
PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Brown seconds,
Mayor La Paz votes nay, motion carried.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Item 1. Approve/disapprove Inovia Consulting to begin FDOT permitting process for two proposed State Hwy 98 golf cart crossing locations as outlined in Ordinance 487. SE 3rd St and NW 4th
Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 2: Discussion and possible action regarding additional four hours of paid holiday time benefit for all city employees on Juneteenth Holiday.
Commissioner Walden motions to no grant this holiday, Commissioner Millender seconds, Commissioner Brown votes nay, motions carried.
- Item 3. Commission Member representative appointment to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council
Mayor La Paz motions to appoint Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Millender seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Adjourn 7:31

NOTE: Anyone needing action taken by the Commission needs to be placed on the agenda and all required paperwork submitted by Wednesday, 8 days prior to meeting.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting. (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Messer at the above address or phone number.