

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF**

**CITY COMMISSION – CITY OF CARRABELLE, FL**

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

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**DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 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**

- May 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - Attorney's Invoices
- Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Walden 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.)*

Mel Kelly speaks of traffic and boat ramps

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

Comm. Walden: none

Comm. Brown: tomorrow is 2<sup>nd</sup> first Friday 5-8 music and entertainment

Comm. Millender: none

Comm. Gray: absent

Mayor La Paz: Reported on the new golf cart House Bill 949 that will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Under the bill, golf cart drivers under age 18 must be at least 15 with a learner's permit or 16 with a driver's license. Florida teens will not be able to drive golf carts without proper identification. Anyone who is 18 or older must have a valid government-issued ID to drive a golf cart. Violations will be noncriminal traffic infractions, like moving violations. Reported on Florida Statutes regarding the graduating drivers licensing laws that include supervised driving and nighttime driving restrictions for ages 15 through 17. Reported the Commission will need to amend the City's Golf Cart Ordinance and until that happens, the new Florida law will supersede the City's ordinance after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Reported the City Administrator and Mayor attended the first annual SUNS meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The program was developed and implemented after Hurricane Michael, by The Nature Conservancy, US Naval Academy, the Northwest Florida Water Management District, and the St Andrews and St Joseph Bay Estuary Program along with 27 representatives from local governments and other agencies. They have developed a portfolio of 72 nature-based solution projects, 11 plans and assessments, and 5 parks and trails connector projects. During the meeting, the SUNS executive director announced they have enough funding for approximately 6 additional projects and the proposal for a public use stormwater park connected to the city's NW 1<sup>st</sup> St – NW Ave B stormwater management system will be considered as additional project for technical and financial support. Courtney has spoken with the property owner who is interested in selling the property for development of a stormwater park. Mr. Daryl Boudreau of the NFWFMD is our SUNS liaison and he will keep us updated.

Reported that property owners along the most northern block NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street contacted the Mayor, requesting intersection of NW 4<sup>th</sup> St and NW Ave G be developed into a standard 90-degree corner. This roadway has always been a sand trail through the woods, but over the past couple of years the area has developed with several new homes and limerock road base has been placed on the

make-shift roadway. The current roadway curves onto private property with little to no right of way in some areas. Reported the city has a survey of NW Ave G and the developer's survey of NW 4<sup>th</sup> St. The Mayor has reached out to the District 5 County Commissioner requesting county assistance and to share in the cost with development of a standard 90-degree corner to merge these two roadways and get NW 4th St off private property. The District 5 Commissioner will look at the location with the County Roads Dept Superintendent and follow up with me. The Mayor will keep the Commission posted on the progress.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

City Attorney: none

City Administrator: Department Reports

City awarded State HLMP grant for FY 23-24

McKissack Beach access informational signage

Marine St Boat Ramp informational signage

Progress of Old Water Plant new roof and quotes for windows and doors

Cleanout of stormwater drainage system from Hwy 67 to Gray Ave

Need action to ratify direction to advertise for new police officer

Commissioner Millender motions to ratify the process, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

City Clerk: June 6, 2023; 11:00 a.m.; Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Military Flagpole Memorial at Veterans Park.

June 15, 2023; Planning & Zoning meeting; 2:00 p.m. – tentative.

June 20, 2023; CRA Meeting; 1:30 p.m.

City's July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration fireworks; Sunday, July 2, 2023, dark-30. Display from a barge in river this time.

City Hall closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

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

Inovia: reviews submitted report

Commissioner Millender motions to approve task order for new cemetery,

Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: None**

### **QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING:**

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action concerning final plat for View Point of Lake McKissick Phase III. Requested by Emil Syska  
Commissioner Millender motions to approve with conditions recommended by Inovia and permits, Mayor La Paz seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Item 1: Discussion and possible action regarding hiring a police officer.  
Commissioner Millender motions to hire Donnie Raifeild with Chief Hogan's recommendation, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 2. Discussion and possible action concerning the "sidewalk encroachment agreement" with Harry's Bar for outside dining.  
Commissioner Millender motions to extend current agreement for 12 months to include wording of "during food service and consumption", Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 3. Discussion and possible action regarding placement of a vending booth near Marine Street Pavilion on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays to sell fish bait as a fundraiser. Requested by the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce.  
removed

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action regarding closing Marine on specific Saturday's during summer months for Music on Marine St proposal. Request by Commissioner Brown and downtown business owners.  
removed

adjourn 7:01

**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.