

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF**

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

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

**PHONE: (850) 697-2727  
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**DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 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**

- February 2, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 21, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- Attorney's Invoices

Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Gray 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: This Saturday is the Chili Cookoff on SGI. Our local businesses should see an influx in customers this weekend.

Next Saturday, March 11th is the Camp Gordon Johnston Parade and Dice Run which is always fun and brings a great crowd.

Happy St Paddy's Day and have a great first month of Spring.

Comm. Millender: none

Comm. Gray: none

Mayor La Paz: Reported on the Florida Lighthouse Association quarterly membership meeting held at St. James Bay on February 3, 2023.

The Mayor reported on February 18<sup>th</sup> she worked the CRA educational display booth at the Carrabelle Culture Crawl with Courtney Dempsey and Commission Millender. They visited with approximately 50 people and provided CRA façade grant brochures to property owners in the CRA District.

Reported the New River Landing purchase/sales closing documents were signed on February 21<sup>st</sup> and that we can expect to see work beginning on demolition of the old school building within the next few weeks.

The Mayor reported on her participation at the "Mayors' Rebuild Update and Tour" of Tyndall Air Force Base, hosted by Col Watkins of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. This was a four-hour event, that began with civil engineering briefings, followed by a driving tour of the rebuild on the south side of Hwy 98 with on-site construction visits. The final on-site tour and briefing was of the Air Traffic Control Tower on the north side of Hwy 98 where the group had the opportunity to overlook the two 2-mile runways. The Mayor reported the rebuild is expected to be complete in 2027 and is the largest rebuild ever for the Department of Defense, titled the "Installation of the Future." The Airforce is in the process of relocating all the F-22 fighter jets from Tyndall to Langley AFB. In August, Tyndall will begin receiving shipments of the new F-35 Lightning fighter jets at 2 aircraft per month and will continue to receive 2 per month for a total of 3 squadrons plus an additional 2 per squadron, which equals to 78 fighter jets.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

City Attorney: McDowell Housing request a letter of support to request the State to raise the AMI for new housing project.

Commissioner Millender motions to have attorney draft letter and have Mayor sign, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

City Administrator: Department Reports.

TDC approved funding for MobiMat and informational signage at McKissack Beach; MobiMat installed.

Re-advertising for Carrabelle Community Redevelopment Agency volunteer appointed board member; appointment tentatively scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting; tentatively term begins April 17, 2023.

Meeting on Triumph Funds

Need to schedule a Special Meeting to hire Chief position

Commissioner Millender motions to have meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm,

Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

City Clerk: March 16, 2023; Planning & Zoning meeting; 2:00 p.m.

March 21, 2023; CRA Meeting; 1:30 p.m.

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

Inovia: reviews submitted report

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **RESOLUTION 06-2023**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE  
DESIGNATING CROSSING LOCATIONS FOR GOLF CARTS ACROSS STATE  
HIGHWAY 98; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

### **RESOLUTION 07-2023**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
CARRABELLE, FLORIDA ADOPTING A POLICY RELATING TO CITY  
PURCHASES INCLUDING A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY  
FOR USE IN ADMINISTERING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK**

**GRANTS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; DEFINING AN ACTION PLAN; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING:**

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action concerning considering a rezone/change of land use at 246 Baywood Dr. Currently zoned A-1 Agricultural to R-5 Limited Residential.  
Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 2. Discussion and possible action concerning a Re-Plat of Sun & Sand Village Unit 2 lots 8 and 9. Requested by Ed Simmons.  
Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Gray seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Item 1: Update of the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) regarding proposed improvements to the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport. Presentation by Kimley-Horn Associates.
- Item 2. Discussion and possible action concerning request to appeal current water bill. Requested by Tharon Todd.  
Commissioner Millender motions to offer option to send off meter to be tested and offer payment plan, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 3. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of two volunteer Carrabelle Planning and Zoning board members. Term begins March 16, 2023.  
Steve McClung and Leigh Olsteen submitted letters of interest.  
Commissioner Millender motions to approve both, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

- Item 4. Discussion and possible action regarding Staff recommendation for Community Redevelopment Agency District Landscape/Maintenance position.  
Staff recommends John Williams  
Commissioner Millender motions to approve contingent upon background check, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 5. Discussion and action on Poteet settlement and 5<sup>th</sup> Street drainage.  
Mayor La Paz motions to draft agreement, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn 8:15

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**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.