

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF**

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

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

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**DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 4, 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**

Commissioner Brown motions to amend the agenda to add Proclamation 02-2023 and remove Item 1 Old Business, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion caried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- April 6, 2023 Regular 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: none

Comm. Millender: absent

Comm. Gray: none

Mayor La Paz: Reported on attending the design kickoff meeting for the Carrabelle Airport taxiway B and hangar apron design, hosted by Kimley-Horn Engineering.

Reported on the April 19<sup>th</sup>, Triumph task force meeting with representatives from Franklin County, City of Apalachicola, and Triumph Gulf Coast staff. The meeting lasted over 2 hours. They reviewed potential funding options for the three government agencies. The Mayor reported that Triumph is all about long-term, substantial job creation and that proposed projects must demonstrate they can produce a long term economic impact. The Triumph staff discussed development of training centers for adult education, hospitality industry, aviation mechanics and repairs, marine mechanics, and ecotourism. Triumph can fund equipment for emergency response and recovery such as a comprehensive radio system for law enforcement, EMS, and fire departments, SCADA alert systems for W&S systems, airport fuel tanks, and infrastructure for development of industrial parks. The Triumph staff said we should begin by concentrating on the Apalachicola Regional and Carrabelle Airports and the Apalachicola working waterfront for potential projects. The staff was impressed with the Carrabelle Airport 2017 FDOT economic impact study at \$666,000 versus the Carrabelle Airport 2021 FDOT economic impact study indicating a \$3.2M economic impact to the Carrabelle community. The local Triumph task force will schedule a second meeting with Triumph staff when the current legislative session closes.

Following the second meeting with the Triumph representatives, the Mayor will request a Commission workshop to review project ideas from each commissioner to review whether or not they would qualify for Triumph funding.

Reported on a working lunch with two NFWFMD representatives who are participating in the SUNS (Scaling up Nature Based Solutions) project and their visit to the NW 1<sup>st</sup> St – NW Ave B stormwater facility. The WMD representatives explained the stormwater outfalls in that area and vacant land on NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St adjacent to the stormwater facility is perfect for development of a stormwater park and suggested the city check on the potential of land purchase with the owner for further review by the SUNS project. The Mayor reported the WMD representatives were very interested in the possibility of Carrabelle providing water and sewer to SummerCamp and requested a copy of the

feasibility study completed back in 2020. The study was sent to them and they have since followed up with WMD staff who have suggested the city submit a WMD grant application for funding of both the water and sewer interconnection with SummerCamp.

Wished all the Moms a Happy Mother's Day and everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

City Attorney:

City Administrator: Department Reports.

Progress Tree/brush removal from around the old Water Plant Bldg.

City ranked #13 out of 20 on the list for HLMP funding.

Sent out letters to 193 new W&S customers in Lighthouse Estates area.

Progress of McKissack Beach access informational signage.

Progress of Marine St Boat Ramp informational signage.

Opening in water and sewer department

Commissioner Gray motions to direct Administrator to advertise in house for one week and then two weeks in the newspaper, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

City Clerk: May 16, 2023; CRA Meeting; 1:30 p.m.

May 18, 2023; Planning & Zoning meeting; 2:00 p.m.

May 29, 2023; City Hall closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Next City Commission meeting on June 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Inovia: reviews submitted report

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Final Reading  
ORDINANCE NO. 488**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA RE-ZONING A 2.52+/- ACRE PARCEL LYING IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CARRABELLE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO R-5 RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PARTS THEREFROM IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor La Paz motions to send back to P&Z, Commissioner Gray seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

**Final Reading  
ORDINANCE NO. 489**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF CARRABELLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED LAND USE OF A 2.52+/- ACRE PARCEL LYING IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CARRABELLE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PARTS THEREFROM IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Walden seconds, all members vote nay, motion denied.

Mayor La Paz motions to send back to P&Z, Commissioner Gray seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

**Proclamation 02-2023**

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

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

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action concerning preliminary plat Viewpoint of Lake McKissick Phase III. Requested by Emil Syska  
Commissioner Brown motions to approve with the stormwater review conditions,  
Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Item 1: Discussion and possible action regarding old water and sewer debt.  
Commissioner Brown motions to write off old water and sewer bad debt,  
Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 2. Discussion and possible action regarding bid protest.  
Mayor La Paz motions to direct Mr. Hartman to contact, and hire the State  
Department of Administrator Hearings for assistance of resolution of this bid  
protest, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 3. Discussion and possible action regarding funding assistance to Franklin County  
for cleanout of stormwater drainage system from Hwy 67 to Gray Ave.  
\$19,000 estimated total cost  
Commissioner Walden motions to fund half, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in  
favor, motion carried.
- Item 4. Discussion and possible action regarding Music on Marine St proposal.  
Commissioner Walden motions to table until next month, Mayor La Paz seconds,  
Commissioner Brown votes nay, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action regarding funding for Justiss Building elevator  
installation. Requested by Tamara Allen.  
Removed

### **Adjourn 7:52**

**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.