

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA
JANUARY 12, 2010**

INTRODUCTION

A regular meeting of the City Council of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present:

Mayor Mike Anderson

Councilmen: Mike Holmes, Dennis Reeves, Bill Garvie, and Bill Patterson

Absent: Virgil Miller, Bobby Nabors and Dick Rynearson

Also Present: Robert Mearns, City Manager; Helen Spencer, City Clerk; Toni Craig, City Attorney; Department Directors and Media.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He requested anyone who wished to address Council to approach the podium after being recognized, then state his or her name and address for the record.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor gave the Invocation and the Cub Scouts/Pack 509 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARD WINNERS

The Mayor presented plaques to the Christmas parade winners.

PROCLAMATION—ARBOR DAY

The Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing State of Florida Arbor Day to Carole Jones.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Manager advised that a bid protest was received from one of the engineering companies that submitted a response to Item 9.1, Award RFQ Pre-Qualification for General Contracting Services, requesting the City re-evaluate the General Consulting Services. The City Manager requested this item be withdrawn from tonight's Council agenda in order to respond to the protest, and that it will be placed on the next Council agenda.

The City Manager also requested Item 5.1, Vacation of Sewer Easement at 103 Alabama Avenue NW, be tabled for three months as a lawsuit is pending. The City Attorney advised the matter needs to be called and a motion to table can be made at that time.

Mr. Reeves moved to approve the agenda as the business of the day, as amended, with Item 9.1 Award RFQ Pre-Qualification for General Contracting Services, removed. Mr. Holmes seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS—BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Glenn Swiatek, Chairman of the Board of Adjustment, presented an overview of the Board's activities during the past year on four variance requests.

GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT

Joe Bogdahn of the Bogdahn Group gave an update of the General Employees Pension Plan for the quarter ending December 31, 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Reeves moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Mr. Patterson seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 8, 2009, and Special Meeting of the same date.

APPROVAL OF THE CDBG CAPER

Approval of the FY 2008-09 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Action Plan and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

RES. 2010-1: AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CITY FOR THE UTILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY ADJUSTING CERTAIN SOLID WASTE FEES; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AWARD OF REFURBISHING SERVICES FOR VEHICLE 2429

Authorization to waive the formal bid procedures to award refurbishing services for Vehicle 2429 to Sansom Equipment Company of Mobile in an amount not to exceed \$36,617.16..

PGIT REIMBURSEMENT

Ratification of reimbursement of deductible made to Preferred Government Insurance Trust in the amount of \$25,000.00 to settle the personal injury claim as a result of a fall in the Chester Pruitt Ballpark Complex..

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Renewal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance effective February 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 at a 4.8% premium increase.

REJECT ALL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE BIDS

Reject all grounds maintenance bids for various areas in the City, and permit staff to re-issue the Invitation to Bid.

QUASI-JUDICIAL - VACATION OF SEWER EASEMENT AT 103 ALABAMA AVENUE, NW

The City Attorney explained this item was tabled from the October meeting, and since the case is in settlement, asked it be tabled until the first meeting in April.

Mr. Reeves moved to table until April 13, 2010. Mr. Patterson seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO ELEMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City Attorney informed she could read each ordinance by title only, and advised that a separate motion would be needed for each ordinance, and that a motion would be needed to transmit them to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) as one package.

The City Attorney read each ordinance by title.

ORD. 1797: AMEND HOUSING ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY TO AMEND THE HOUSING ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORD. 1798: REPEAL CURRENT COASTAL AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT AND ADOPT COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY; REPEALING THE CURRENT COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT; ADOPTING THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORD. 1799: AMEND CONSERVATION ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY; ADOPTING THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORD. 1800: AMEND TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING *DIRECTIONS*--THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH: 2008, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORD. 1806: AMEND FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING *DIRECTIONS*--THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH: 2008, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORD. 1808: AMEND CONCURRENCE ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA; AMENDING *DIRECTIONS*--THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH: 2008, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CONCURRENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ELEMENT FOR CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORD. 1809: AMEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA; AMENDING *DIRECTIONS--THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH: 2008*, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT RESULTING FROM ANNUAL UPDATE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney confirmed all notices have been made and properly advertised.

Samantha Abell, Senior Planner presented an overview of the process of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), which includes text and map amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and incorporates all the state statute changes. Ms. Abell continued that the amendments to implement the EAR recommendations must be adopted during a single amendment cycle, and upon transmittal of the amendment package to DCA, the Agency will either advise the City that they will not conduct a review and to proceed with the adoption of the amendment package, or that they are going to conduct a review and will issue an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report (ORC). Ms. Abell advised the Municipal Planning Board held no fewer than 12 meetings to consider the amendments and in addition the Waterfront Committee and CRA reviewed the elements. She gave a summary on the proposed changes in each of the seven elements then entered the Staff Reports into the record.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. As no one wished to speak the public hearing was closed.

Ord. 1797: Amend Housing Element

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1797 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

Ord. 1798: Repeal Current Coastal and Conservation Element and Adopt Coastal Management Element

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1798 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

Ord. 1799: Amend Conservation Element

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1799 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

Ord. 1800: Amend Transportation Element

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1800 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

Ord. 1806: Amend Future Land Use Element

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1806 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

Ord. 1808: Amend Concurrence Element

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1808 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

Ord. 1809: Amend Capital Improvement Element

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1809 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

Mr. Garvie moved to transmit as a package the ordinances (1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1806, 1808, and 1809) to the Development of Community Affairs (DCA) for their review. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

PUBLIC HEARING - ORD. 1794: PERMIT MOTORSPORTS RENTALS AND SALES AS CONDITIONAL USE

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AUTHORITY & INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY PERMITTING MOTORSPORTS RENTALS AND SALES AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE MIXED USE MAIN STREET DISTRICT; ADOPTING A DEFINITION FOR MOTORSPORTS RENTALS AND SALES; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Abell reported staff received a request from Brian Stuckey, General Manager and authorized agent of Fort Walton Beach Motorsports, to amend the LDC by amending commercial allowable uses to include Motorsports Rentals and Sales as a conditional use in the MUMS District. She said the Municipal Planning Board held a special meeting on December 16, 2009, to consider the request and recommended unanimously that Council approve the request. Staff finds the request to amend the LDC to allow Motorsports Rentals and Sales in the Mixed-Use Main Street District as a conditional use to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and provides reasonable standards as safeguards against potential land use incompatibility issues. She also pointed out an email was received by the Chairman of the Downtown Merchants/Property Owners in support of the request.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Brian Stuckey, General Manager Fort Walton Beach Motorsports, had nothing further to add.

As no one further wished to speak the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Holmes moved to adopt Ord. 1794 on first reading. Mr. Reeves seconded motion.

Council received clarification that the ordinance for conditional use of motorsports would still be necessary even if an overlay for an entertainment district was approved.

The Mayor called for the vote on the motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

PUBLIC HEARING - ORD. 1807: CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS HAULING SERVICES

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AUTHORITY; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, LICENSES & BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 8.12, ENTITLED CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS HAULING SERVICES; REQUIRING PERMITTING OF OWNERS AND OPERATORS; REGULATING CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS HAULING SERVICES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Michael Beedie, City Engineer, advised that on September 22, 2009 Council adopted Ord. 1792 relating to Solid Waste. He explained since Ord. 1792 makes reference to construction and demolition debris disposal, Ord. 1807 is a companion ordinance to regulate and permit construction and demolition haulers operating in the City. Mr. Beedie said if Ord. 1807 is adopted on first reading, then both Ordinance 1792 and Ordinance 1807 will be brought back for second reading on January 26.

The City Manager further explained the ordinance will provide oversight for commercial vendors providing the service and protects the public. He also clarified the City would suspend the regulatory necessity in times of emergency.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. As no one wished to speak the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Garvie moved to adopt Ord. 1807 on first reading. Mr. Patterson seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

APPOINTMENTS TO ECONOMIC ADVISORY GROUP (EAG)

The City Clerk explained the Economic Advisory Group (EAG) was formed to consist of the nine members of the former Vision Stewardship Committee and to help clarify the appointments, requested Council approve the reappointment of the following individuals to the Economic Advisory Group until November 30, 2013.

Beau	Mike Jimmerson (until 8-21-10)	244-4392-H	650-7404-B	mike@mcmahonhadder.com	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
CRA	Doug Reed (until 1-27-11)	243-2951-H	243-4405-B	merlins@merlinsInc.com	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
*HS	Katy Krueger (until 10-23-10)	581-0394-Cell		ktlouise2007@yahoo.com	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
*At the HSSAB meeting held 12-15-09, Katy Krueger was recommended to replace James Thoreen as the representative to the Economic Advisory Group					
MPB	Glenda Glover (until 5-12-13)	243-1933-H	244-5143-B	Glenda@waynepatton.gccoxmail.com	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
Citizen	Eric Davis	862-1893-H	883-0162-B	eric.davis@eglin.af.mil	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
Citizen	Douglas Pike	217-821-2400-H		dpike@southernstatesinc.com	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
COC	Ted Corcoran		244-8191-B	tedcorcoran@fwbchamber.org	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
County	Don Amunds		651-7105-B	damunds@co.okaloosa.fl.us	1-12-10 to 11-30-13
EDC	Debbie Bodensine.	974-4820-Cell		debbieb@florida-edc.org	1-12-10 to 11-30-13

Mr. Reeves moved to approve the re-appointments as presented. Mr. Patterson seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Mayor's Appointment to the Fort Walton Beach Housing Authority.

Mr. Reeves moved to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Lin Mack, 703 Overbrook Drive, to the Fort Walton Beach Housing Authority Board for a four year term until January 12, 2014. Mr. Garvie seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Appointment of a regular member to the Code Enforcement Board.

The City Clerk reported there is a vacancy for a regular member for an unexpired term until August 11, 2012 and Mr. Dunahugh, who was appointed an alternate, is willing to serve as a regular member.

Mr. Reeves moved to appoint Peter Dunahugh, 113B Cedar Avenue SW, as a regular member on the Code Enforcement Board for the unexpired term until august 11, 2012. Mr. Garvie seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Appointment to the Historic Sites and Structures Advisory Board.

The City Clerk reported Tim Mistovich's term expired January 9th and he is willing to serve another four year term.

Mr. Holmes moved to re-appoint Tim Mistovich, 777 E Miracle Strip Parkway, to the Historic Sites and Structures Advisory Board for a four-year term from January 12, 2010 until January 12, 2014. Mr. Patterson seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

FIREFIGHTER'S PENSION PLAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT

Appointment of Fifth Trustee on Firefighters' Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

The City Clerk reported the fifth member is chosen by the other four Board members then the name is submitted to City Council. She said City Council, as a ministerial duty, then appoints the fifth person to the Board. She reported Ervin Kempf was selected by the other four Board members as the fifth member.

Mr. Reeves moved, as a ministerial duty, to re-appoint Ervin Kempf to serve on the Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees as the fifth trustee for a two-year term from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. Mr. Garvie seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

AWARD RFQ PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR GENERAL CONSULTING SERVICES.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR EFFLUENT INTERCONNECT WITH COUNTY

Approval of Funding for Effluent Interconnect with Okaloosa County's Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility and the City's Reuse Water System.

Michael Beedie, City Engineer, explained Section 8 of the Interlocal Agreement with the County requires the City to fund the costs, excluding labor, related to reclaimed water interconnect. He requested the use of the 2005 Utility Revenue Bond funds in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00.

Mr. Beedie explained under the agreement the County agreed to utilize the City's existing tertiary treatment system at the City's wastewater treatment plant site; however, after evaluating construction costs for piping and modifications to the City's existing tertiary system the County decided it was more cost beneficial to construct a new tertiary treatment system at the Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) site. He said the funding will allow the County to proceed with completing the interconnect between the Arbennie Pritchett WRF tertiary treatment system and the City's reclaimed water distribution system.

The Mayor opened the floor for public input. As there was none public input was closed.

Mr. Garvie moved to authorize staff to proceed with funding the required Reclaimed Water Point of Connection as specified in Section 8 of the Wastewater Service Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County in the not-to-exceed amount of \$220,000.00 for the materials and engineering of the interconnect. Mr. Reeves seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Rynearson absent).

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/TREE BOARD

Dissolution of Beautification Committee/Tree Board and appoint the Municipal Planning Board as the Tree Board.

The City Manager discussed the difficulties of the Committee in achieving a quorum to hold meetings and in accomplishing any significant project, as well as the amount of staff time spent on preparing for meetings that do not take place. He noted a lot of the duties of the committee can be performed by staff and the Tree Board duties can be transferred to the Municipal Planning Board.

The Mayor opened the floor for public input. As there was none public input was closed.

Mr. Reeves moved to dissolve the Beautification Committee/Tree Board; to appoint the duties of the Tree Board to the Municipal Planning Board, with the Executive Assistant placing an update memo on their agenda quarterly; and funds remaining in any of the Beautification accounts to be used to purchase a tree for planting on Arbor Day 2010 to satisfy the requirements to maintain the status of TreeCity USA. Mr. Holmes seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Holmes, Reeves, Garvie, and Patterson in favor (Miller, Nabors, and Patterson absent).

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Request for Special Meeting at 5 PM on Tuesday, January 26 prior to the regular meeting for presentation of Utility Rate Study findings and recommendations. The City Manager reported the draft has been received and will be reviewed to send back to the consultant with staff's recommendations for a final draft for Council's review on January 26th prior to the regular meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS cont.

Request for Special Meeting at 5 PM on Tuesday, Feb 9 prior to the regular meeting for presentation of Business Retention Panel findings and recommendations. The City Manager reported the panel's final meeting is January 28th to formulate their recommendations to Council.

Request for Special Meeting at 5 PM on Tuesday, February 16 (non-council meeting day) for presentation by attorneys Beggs and Lane on joining a class action lawsuit over General Employees Pension Plan losses.

The City Manager reported the presentation from Beggs and Lane can be combined with the presentation of the Business Retention Panel's findings and recommendations at a Special Meeting on February 9th. He said the request for a Special Meeting on this issue can be placed on the Council's next agenda if they would prefer to wait until the three missing Council members are present.

Special meeting January 26, 2010 – Utility Rate Study presentation

Council concurred with the request for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting, for presentation of Utility Rate Study findings and recommendations.

Special meeting February 9, 2010 – Business Retention Panel and Beggs and Lane presentations

Council concurred with the suggestion to combine the two issues and with a request for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting, for presentation of Business Retention Panel findings and recommendations; and for presentation by attorneys Beggs and Lane on joining a class action lawsuit over General Employees Pension Plan losses.

The City Manager reminded Council of the Council Retreat on Saturday, January 16th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Two Trees Restaurant.

The City Manager mentioned work has begun to dismantle the house at 651 Powell Drive.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Holmes thanked John Hofstad for the service and dedication he gave to the City and wished him the best in his new job with the County.

Mr. Reeves mentioned John Hofstad will be missed but we are in good hands with the staff of the City.

Mr. Garvie mentioned a report was received at the Library Co-Op meeting yesterday that library usage is up 50%. He also noticed that Niceville is saving their cans for the 4th of July fireworks.

The Mayor mentioned he made his presentation to the legislative delegation; that Uptown Station held a great Christmas tree lighting; that he served lunch to troops on Christmas; that he welcomed back a group of military who had missed the holidays with their families; that he attended a ceremony at Longhorn's to recognize the staff members who prevented a kidnapping; that he was a judge at a Martin Luther King celebration last Saturday and there will be an opportunity to walk in the parade on Monday; that a nice note was received from Jim Dowling about the remaining \$7,229.46 MainStreet funds; and he thanked the snowbirds for their patronage at the golf course.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS cont.

The Mayor echoed the comments about John Hofstad and, along with Christy Johnson who worked hard for the CRA, and wished them both well in their new jobs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR: _____

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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