

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, and when permitted or required by the subject matter, the Panama City Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, conducted on March 12, 2015.

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MAYOR GAYLE F. OBERST

COUNCILORS:  
JOHN REICHARD  
RICK RUSSELL  
KEITH CURRY

CITY MANAGER:  
MARIO GISBERT  
CITY CLERK:  
HOLLY J. WHITE  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY:  
AMY MYERS

Mayor Oberst called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., with Councilman Reichard, Councilman Russell, Councilman Curry, the City Manager, City Clerk and Assistant City Attorney present.

Pastor Nick Hickem of the Cornerstone Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Oberst led the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Hearing none, **the Agenda was accepted as presented.**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 23, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2015 were **read and approved as written per motion by Councilman Russell. Second was by Councilman Reichard and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Absent
Mayor Oberst	Aye

#### CONSENT AGENDA

***1 ORDER #01-DO-15 AND FINDING OF FACTS FOR THE ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD APPROVING THE AMENDED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER APPLICATION FOR CALYPSO TOWER 111, LLC, A 250-UNIT CONDOMINIUM AT 15928 FRONT BEACH ROAD. After receiving testimony and reviewing the exhibits produced during the Hearing on February 12, 2015, the City Council orders that the subject Development Order be issued and that the Order of the Planning Board affirming the decision of City Staff is AFFIRMED.***

Ms. White presented the Consent Agenda. The Mayor asked for comments from the Council. Hearing none, **Councilman Curry made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman Russell. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Absent
Mayor Oberst	Aye

## REGULAR AGENDA

**1. ITEM NO. 1 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** Mayor Oberst introduced Ms. Melody Nguyen and presented her with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Beach Boys and Girls Club. The Mayor then congratulated her. Mr. Ryan Roberts presented Melody with a gift card. The audience responded with applause.

**2. ITEM NO. 2 “NATIONAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK” PROCLAMATION AND ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION.** Mayor Oberst invited Mr. Paul Mosca to the podium and presented him with the Proclamation declaring March 22 through March 28, 2015 as “National Boys & Girls Club Week”. Mr. Mosca thanked the Mayor and said this would be his last meeting as after 42 years with the Boys & Girls Club, he was stepping down. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their invaluable support throughout the years and said he would be leaving the Club in the capable hands of Mr. J.C. Schwab and Mr. Ryan Roberts who grew up in the Club. He then introduced Mr. J.C. Schwab to give the annual report.

Mr. Schwab echoed Mr. Mosca’s comments and thanks for the support from the City. He gave a brief overview of the report, noting their emphasis on new programs and education. Mr. Roberts added that the Club had serviced 320 kids this year with 99,000 hours of service to the kids. He stressed that the Club was more than merely an after-school program but an avenue to realize the potential of the kids. The audience responded with applause.

**3. ITEM NO. 3 “GIRL SCOUT WEEK” PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION.** Mayor Oberst invited Ms. Kristin Coveil and the young ladies from Troop 647 to the podium and she presented them with the Proclamation designating March 8 through March 14, 2015 as “Girl Scout Week”. Ms. Coveil asked each Girl Scout what they liked best about being a Girl Scout. Mayor Oberst added her appreciation to the mothers who helped the Girl Scouts. The audience responded with applause.

**4. ITEM NO. 4 ORDINANCE 1340, FBO SETBACKS AND STORIES, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1340 by title. Mr. Leonard said much of the content was clarifying language such as “floor” and “story”. He said this Ordinance clarified the definition of a ground story in FBO Districts and the definition of height as a starting point of measuring in the vehicular use area. Mr. Leonard said the Planning Board recommended all but one item on page 3 which dealt with the Bid-A-Wee subdivision. He said this was a recommendation from some of the people in the neighborhood to include that front portion of Bid-A-Wee in a regulation that presently applied to the rest of the Bid-A-Wee subdivision outside of the FBO District. Mr. Leonard explained the exemption in the Code was if any portion of the subdivision was in an FBO District, a three or four story would be allowed and the front part of Bid-A-Wee subdivision such as Bay Avenue and Millcole were in the FBO-1 District. Some of the neighbors in that area talked with Staff about the one story buildings in that area and how a building as tall as the one on Oleander would be incompatible with the rest of the houses.

Mr. Leonard said this issue went to the Planning Board and they pulled that portion from their recommendation of the others. Their comments were for the Council to consider if the neighborhood was unified in that belief and that the LDC excluded the FBO zones from this height limitation for a reason and perhaps that part of Bid-A-Wee should be left as it was because it met the qualifications used when the zoning map was prepared for the FBO zones. Since the Planning Board meeting, some of the neighbors mentioned that they needed more time to discuss amongst themselves before it came back to Council. The Mayor asked if there were any questions for Mr. Leonard.

Councilman Curry commented that in the future, significant changes should be noted in the titles of the Ordinances.

Mr. Charles Stephenson, resident of 14208 Millcole Avenue, said Bid-A-Wee was well established and over 90% built-out. He called his neighborhood “the little Mayberry”. His concern was that they did not want to change the complexity of the neighborhood and not be confronted with a structure such as that on Oleander. Mr. Stephenson said one of the conversations with Mr. Leonard was their concern about changing the neighborhood and that Mr. Leonard had suggested placing a restriction on their neighborhood similar as that in his own neighborhood. He said this was what some of the residents wanted. Mr. Stephenson said he had been under the impression that this change was recommended by the Planning Board. In response to Councilman Curry’s question as to how many residents wanted this change, Mr. Stephenson

said a very limited number but he thought most of his neighbors would be in favor of this change and probably most were not aware of this matter before Council.

Councilman Reichard asked how the Council would know if future comments represented the majority of the neighborhood. Mr. Stephenson said they were not trying to restrict anything but trying to protect the integrity of the neighborhood. He said there was a project that greatly concerned them because of two houses built on one lot. He explained the setbacks and a letter was sent by the Building Department that the next door neighbor's address would be changed to accommodate the 2 new addresses. Mr. Stephenson said if it was only one lot with two houses, it should be A and B, and the City made the determination that it should be two separate addresses. He offered to survey the neighborhood so that the Council would know the wishes of the residents.

Mr. Jason Domelcruz, resident of 139 Sea Oats Drive and owner of property at 14208 Front Beach Road, said the intentions were good but he did not want to see a rash decision made by the City without knowing exactly what the neighborhood wanted. He said by limiting the number of stories because some of the residents thought it would solve a problem was not what he would like to see happen. He said the lots were small in the area and limiting the number of stories would not solve the problem. He said he did not think all of the residents were on the same page and suggested allowing the neighborhood the time to handle the concerns internally and come back to Council more unified.

The Mayor said she had received a call earlier from a man who was concerned about decreasing his property value and that most people did not live in the first two blocks of the neighborhood. His comment was that the people that were coming to the Council meeting did not represent him and he wanted the property to be left alone.

Councilman Reichard said he also spoke with someone with the same feeling but that they would not be coming to the meeting. **He made the motion to remove the Bid-A-Wee portion of the proposed Ordinance for more research and accept the rest of the Ordinance as written.** Ms. Myers clarified that the phrase to be excluded was on page 3, in paragraph 7. **Second was by Councilman Curry.** The Mayor called for comments; there were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Absent
Mayor Oberst	Aye

**5. ITEM NO. 5 ORDINANCE 1342, DELLWOOD PROPERTIES REZONING, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1342 by title. Mr. Leonard explained that this was the first rezoning from one FBO District to another, FBO-2 which would permit a building height of 45' with incentives allowing up to 65', to FBO-4, which would permit a building height of 150' with incentives allowing up to 220'. He identified the site as the old Surfside Villas which the City had demolished several years ago. The Planning Board considered this request on February 9, 2015, and recommended approval 4-2. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman Curry made the motion to approve Ordinance 1342. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments; there were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Absent
Mayor Oberst	Aye

**6. ITEM NO. 6 RESOLUTION 15-65, BIDS- NAUTILUS STREET LIFT STATION 7 REPLACEMENT.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 15-65 by title. Mr. Shortt explained that this project had been in the works for a few years since this major lift station had the highest flow in the City. He said the equipment was behind the Hidden Lagoon Golf Cart Track and the track wrapped around the site so it was not visible from the roadway. Mr. Shortt said this lift station handled 25% of the entire flow going to the sewer plant. Mr. Shortt said there were two lift stations on site, and the first was replaced about 27 years ago as it was too small and the other

piece of equipment was worn out and should be expanded capacity-wise as well. The bids were for a new lift station including more durability features and additional capacity. Mr. Shortt said Staff felt this was the best pricing available, \$2.3 Million Dollars, and recommended awarding the contract to Marshall Brothers. He said years ago, Marshall Brothers had built the first master lift station so this would not be new work for them. This new lift station would handle the central part of the beach along Front Beach Road and the areas north of Front Beach Road.

Councilman Russell asked the age of the new lift station being replaced. Mr. Shortt said the project would be demolishing one lift station, replace with the new equipment, and then demolish the second lift station. He said the working lift station was built in about 1987. The Mayor asked for audience comments; there were none. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Resolution 15-65. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

7. **WAIVER-CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Ms. Myers said the Council received an email earlier this week advising that Bryant Miller Olive who was representing the City as Bond Counsel was also representing Regions Bank out of another office. She explained when conflicts arose in instances such as this, it was standard procedure to disclose the dual representation and ask for a Waiver for any conflict of interest. She said Bond Counsel's representation of the City in this matter was unrelated to BMO's representation of Regions Bank. She asked if the Council would make a motion to acknowledge the dual representation and waive the conflict of interest in substantially the form of the letter received earlier. The Mayor said Ms. Herring's firm represented a Regions Bank somewhere else and Ms. Herring was not involved with that matter and this was not an unusual situation with large firms. Ms. Myers agreed and said it had happened with her firm in the past and she had presented a similar Waiver to the Council for the disclosure. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve the Waiver. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments.

Councilman Curry said the Council had been in a hurry with the refunding issue and Regions Bank and he thought this was being fast-tracked. He said he did not know why this was being rushed and thought the Council should give the matter more due diligence. He said he was not in favor of the matter. The Mayor called for further comments. Hearing none, **the motion passed by majority roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

8. **ITEM NO. 7\* RESOLUTION 15-69, FRONT BEACH ROAD REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION.** Mayor Oberst said this item and the next were noted with an asterisk and an issue in which the PCB City Council was also acting as the Panama City Beach Redevelopment Agency and voting as both. Ms. Myers said there had been some modifications to the Resolution 15-69 and the new version was at their desk. She asked if Ms. Herring could discuss the Resolution and its changes. Councilman Curry asked if the new version was the same as that emailed to the Council today and Mr. Gisbert replied yes.

Mr. JoLinda Herring of Bryant Miller Olive introduced herself and said the changes to the current Resolution had been requested by Regions Bank and their counsel, which clarified the definition of taxability. She said if for some reason that part of the Bond became taxable, then the rate would rise to 3.99% and clarified those situations in which the bond would become taxable. The next changes on page 6, 10a, and page 7, section 12, clarified that this was a subaccount for the Series 2015 Bonds in the reserve fund. Ms. Herring said this Resolution would allow the City to refinance these Bonds saving about \$320,000 annually.

Councilman Reichard asked Ms. Herring to explain in layman's terms what would occur to make this municipal bond taxable. Ms. Herring said there were certain actions which would make those bonds taxable, such as improper use of the funds. The IRS would issue a ruling to make the bonds taxable and the lender would pass that higher rate along to the City.

Councilman Curry said his disapproval of the Resolution was not against Ms. Herring or her firm but more the process in how things had been done in the past. He said he wanted the City to obtain the best deal for all of the City's residents and sometimes the City acted too quickly. He said he was still waiting for disclosures from the Financial Consultant requested two weeks ago.

Councilman Russell said if approved, the rate would be locked in at 2.73%. Ms. Myers read Resolution 15-69 by title. **Councilman Russell made the motion to approve Resolution 15-69. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** The Mayor called for comments.

Councilman Curry said he supported the refunding of the bonds. However, he did not feel due diligence had been done in six weeks. Mayor Oberst asked how much money would be saved by the refunding and Ms. White responded \$4.3 Million Dollars over fifteen years. Councilman Curry said the City would save even more money if a lower rate was offered by another firm. Councilman Reichard said he understood the interest rate had risen since this rate had been locked. Discussion ensued concerning the current 10 Year Treasury rate. Councilman Curry said he had made inquiries to the banks and he was waiting for a response from Bank of America to call him back. He said he was concerned. With no further comments, **the motion passed by majority roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**9. ITEM NO. 8\* RESOLUTION 15-70, FRONT BEACH ROAD BONDS JOINT CITY/CRA RESOLUTION.** Mayor Oberst said this Resolution was part of the process and the Council continued to act as the Panama City Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and voting as both. Ms. Myers read Resolution 15-70 by title. Mayor Oberst asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Resolution 15-70. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by majority roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**10. ITEM NO. 9 RESOLUTION 15-71, RANKING OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS FOR PROPOSED CITY CAMPUS BUILDINGS.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 15-71 by title. Mr. Gisbert explained that the City had issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and four replies were received. From those four replies, three were chosen and the selection committee of Department Heads last week heard a presentation from each firm. At the conclusion of those presentations, the three firms were ranked and he presented his recommendation of that ranking to Council for consideration. Mayor Oberst said if the Council accepted this recommendation, Staff would negotiate with the first firm and if successful, that firm would be awarded the contract. Mr. Gisbert added that if the firm was awarded the contract and they could not achieve the price set by the City, the City could then take the drawings out to bid ourselves. He said the firm would bid out the documents according to the City's Charter, similar to the work for Aaron Bessant Park.

Mayor Oberst said Mr. Shortt had been saving money for this new building for the last fifteen years and it would be wonderful for it to be built.

Councilman Reichard asked Mr. Gisbert to list the Selection Committee. Mr. Gisbert named Mr. Paul Casto, Mr. Al Shortt, Mr. John Alaghemand, Mr. Mel Leonard and Chief Drew Whitman. Councilman Reichard asked why the fourth firm was eliminated from the ranking. Mr. Gisbert said the first three were ranked higher than the fourth firm. **Councilman Russell made the motion to approve Resolution 15-71 and accept Staff recommendations. Second was by Councilman Curry.** The Mayor called for comments; there were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**11. ITEM NO. 10 CITY MANAGER UPDATE.** Mr. Gisbert said the Ordinances adopted during the past months were starting to make a difference in Spring Break and he reported that one of the largest events on the beach occurred yesterday and this afternoon and both seemed to go well. He said this club owner was able to work together with the next door condominium and the next door business to make that event safer on the beach. He explained the new safety measures such as checkpoints and no backpacks or coolers. Mr. Gisbert said yesterday had been a well-behaved crowd, not over-indulging with the funnels. The club owner requested that the fence remain for the corporate activities because they felt the limitation of coolers helped the character of the audience. Mr. Gisbert reported that he was not aware of any citations for no ID on the beach. Regarding the scooters, he said there were more operators wearing their vests than in the past. He added that the new dogs were incredible and those people outside of the fences which had acted not in the best interests of the concert-goers were not there this time. He said the dogs had a calming effect on the people as well as a discouraging effect on the actions which the City had been trying to prevent.

Regarding the 2 A.M. closure, comments from one of the club owners were that the kids went out at 9 A.M. instead of sleeping until 11 A.M. He said there had not been problems at the 2 A.M. closing that had been feared. The Mayor called for comments from the audience.

### FLOOR ITEMS

**ITEM 1 LOOP ROAD.** Mr. Mike Thomas said a few months ago he had addressed the Council asking about the Loop Road. At that time, he was told that the City was working on the matter. He said nothing has occurred. He said the City had looked at this issue for years, not particularly the Loop Road, but a roadway that was the start of the Back Back Beach Road. He suggested that the Council focus on this now and start the process as soon as possible since the money had been collected over the years and it seemed all was ready to go except for the vote to move forward. He encouraged the Council to move forward before traffic worsened.

Mr. Gisbert said Staff had met with FDOT two additional times and St. Joe about five or six times, plus additional conversations with Colony Club. In every conversation with FDOT, they were excited about the concept because it would have a major effect on the Parkway traffic congestion. The Loop Road would be a restricted access road with the intent to be more of a service road similar to that road that served the outparcels and Home Depot. In conversations with St. Joe, the Agreement from last year was strictly for the extension from SR 79 to the northern tip of North Pier Park. That segment was the first component and the next component would go to Nautilus. In the last conversation, St. Joe felt the idea of taking an 800' section or a 2.5 mile section, they felt it was better to go to the investment committee for the entire 2.5 mile section plus the 800' section. Mr. Gisbert reported that St. Joe had said they could move forward with the entire section but it would take time to go through their investment committee process.

Another component of the FDOT conversations had been finding a quick way of helping the Colony Club situation. One option was a "porkchop" which would limit the access in the median, allowing a left hand turn into Colony Club eastbound from the Parkway and a left hand turn out of Colony Club to go eastbound, but it would not allow a left hand turn from the westbound lane into the Goodwill. The big positive was that once in the "porkchop" it would only allow one car at a time. One of the biggest problems at that intersection now was numerous cars which would stack up in the median. Mayor Oberst said he had a proposal at FDOT for a quick fix which would help the Colony Club situation with the idea that the big fix would be a part of the Loop Road.

Councilman Reichard asked what was needed to move forward. Mr. Gisbert said one item still needed was a legal description of one of the segments and the authority to execute that document which would include a traffic study. Mayor Oberst asked about the proposed Agreement with St. Joe giving the City the easement and Mr. Gisbert replied that it had not yet been approved. Ms. Myers said she insisted on a legal description so that everyone was clear on what land was being given to the City. Councilman Reichard asked how long it would be before a survey was completed and Mr. Gisbert replied not long because the drawing had already been prepared.

In response to Councilman Curry about costs, Mr. Gisbert said this action would be at no cost to the City because the document, if executed, would agree that St. Joe would design the road and if it came within budget, then the City would build the road. This step in the process would not commit any funds. Councilman Curry questioned how this Loop Road would alleviate traffic on the Parkway and give the most benefit. He continued that the proposed \$1.6 Million Dollars would benefit St. Joe, Pier Park, and the proposed TDC sports facility. However, he could not see how this roadway would benefit Bid-A-Wee or Colony Club.

Mr. Gisbert said the last time this issue was discussed, no funds were authorized so all he could do was research. Without a design, a traffic study cannot be done and the monies on hand were Proportionate Share funds that came from North Pier Park which must be connected to the expenditure. Councilman Curry said this must also benefit the other portion of the beach, not merely Pier Park. Mr. Gisbert said the funds must be used to address specifically the traffic that North Pier Park had created.

Mr. Thomas said he was not representing the TDC and was strictly speaking personally. He said as a government, the City must spend taxpayer money and a great portion of that money had already been collected from the people in that area with the expectation that it would be used to improve the traffic in that area. He said the main benefit of this roadway was that it was the beginning of a Back Back Beach Road, something that had been sought by the City for the last ten years. Mr. Thomas continued that this road would help everybody in Bay County. Councilman Curry said he hoped Staff would present something to him where it would be the beginning of the Back Back Beach Road. Mr. Thomas said no one could plan until money was spent.

Councilman Reichard said he and the Mayor represented the City and Commissioner Thomas represented the County on the TPO, and what he had learned over his service was that FDOT would be more likely to help with the 2.5 miles if the City built the first segment. He continued that FDOT could not commit at this time, but he has been told this action would move the City and this project higher on FDOT's list.

Mayor Oberst said she thought a motion was needed to direct Staff to bring the Agreement back to the Council along with the legal description. She said St. Joe had offered to give the City the easement and the engineering so this would allow the City to do the traffic study. She said this had been discussed for 20-30 years and said how wonderful it would be for motorists to be able to bypass Nautilus, the Harley shop, Pier Park, Frank Brown Park, etc. The mayor said this would not be for the tourists because they were visiting those places- this would be for the residents trying to go to work. By creating the spur for Colony Club, this would allow those residents to have a second way out of the subdivision. She agreed with Commissioner Thomas in that with the County and FDOT willing to help, it may be done in five years and she recommended moving forward.

Councilman Curry said he agreed with the Mayor's comments as he also traveled on the Parkway but he suggested looking at the bigger picture on how this would connect to the Back Back Beach Road before committing the \$1.6 Million Dollars.

Councilman Reichard said even if the roadway was a complete failure, it would still alleviate some of the traffic on the Parkway. The Mayor said if the City did their part, the County was agreeing it was a good thing, with Gulf Power and St. Joe cooperating, it was a good chance that this project would be accomplished. Mr. Gisbert said he would bring this matter back at the next meeting. He said execution of the Agreement would mean that St. Joe would spend the money to do the engineering and the survey was part of their deal, with no cost to the City. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to direct Staff to bring back a Resolution to Council for the pursuit of the Loop Road Project and an Agreement with the St. Joe Company. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments. She said she appreciated Mr. John Alaghemand being on the TPO subcommittee and his efforts to move the six-laning of the Parkway up the list. She said FDOT's efforts to six-lane the parkway would compliment the Back Back Beach Road. Councilman Curry said the City needed a transportation system on the beach with public/private partnerships. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ITEM 1      MIRACLE LEAGUE GAME.** The Mayor announced that the 100<sup>th</sup> Miracle League softball game would be held April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 P.M. at Frank Brown Park. Councilman Russell planned to throw out the first pitch.

**ITEM 2      EASTER EGG HUNT.** The annual Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at Frank Brown Park. beginning at 10AM for ages 10 and under.

**ITEM 3      FIRST RESPONDERS.** Mayor Oberst thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their work during Spring Break. Chief Whitman added his thanks for his men and women who were working at this time and the mutual aid assistance was working well. He said everything was working well with less undesirable elements compared to last year. Councilman Reichard asked about the congregating in the commercial parking lots. The Chief said this had been addressed more effectively this year after meeting with the different companies, with the businesses policing their own parking lots and having cars towed. Mr. Gisbert said he and the Chief had met with Burger King this morning, and the meeting had went very well. They confirmed that they had hired their own towing company to tow non-customers. The Chief explained the locations of the different towing lots on the island.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

READ AND APPROVED this 26th of March, 2015.

**IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FOREGOING MINUTES AND A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THESE MINUTES, THE FOREGOING MINUTES SHALL CONTROL.**

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy City Clerk