

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, held on November 10, 2016.

ROLL

MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:
JOHN REICHARD
JOSIE STRANGE
PHIL CHESTER
HECTOR SOLIS

CITY MANAGER:
MARIO GISBERT
CITY CLERK:
DIANE FOWLER
CITY ATTORNEY:
AMY E. MYERS

Mayor Thomas called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with all Council members, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney present.

Pastor John Woodrow of the Gulfview United Methodist Church gave the Invocation and Councilman Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2016 were read and approved as written **per motion by Councilman Chester. Second was by Councilman Reichard. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Mr. Gisbert said the young man receiving the Boys & Girls Club Civic Achievement Award was sick and could not be present. Mayor Thomas asked that this young man be invited to the December meeting and receive his award along with the December child. The other Council members concurred. Mr. Gisbert asked to add an Ironman Florida Check Presentation to Cops N Kids, and there were no objections. He also asked to remove Regular Agenda Item #5, *Resolution 17-27, Front Beach Road Segment 2 Utility Relocation Post Design Services, Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Task Order 03-2016 Amendment and Budget Amendment #7* from the Agenda as Mr. Shortt determined that the work was already covered under the original agreement and no Budget Amendment was necessary. There were no objections. Councilman Reichard asked to move Consent Item #5, *Resolution 17-21, Christmas Parade Road Closures*, to the Regular Agenda. There were no objections.

PRESENTATIONS

1 IRONMAN FLORIDA CHECK PRESENTATION TO COPS N KIDS. Mayor Thomas invited Mr. Ben Rausa, Race Director, to the podium for his presentation to Chief Whitman for Cops N Kids. Mr. Rausa expressed his thanks to the community for the support during the race, and said the May Gulf Coast Triathlon would now be part of Ironman with the same course and date, May 31, 2017, as planned. He then presented Chief Whitman with a Four Thousand Dollar (\$4,000) check for Cops N Kids. The audience responded with applause.

Mayor Thomas asked Mr. Rausa if the Gulf Coast Triathlon would remain a half-marathon and Mr. Rausa replied yes. Councilwoman Strange asked if it would be a qualifier race for any of the other Ironman races. Mr. Rausa said there would be fifty qualifying slots for the World Championship race next year. Mayor Thomas said at the banquet last week, approximately \$80,000 was given out by the Foundation. Mr. Rausa confirmed that the total \$80,000 was between the Ironman Foundation, the Firehouse Foundation, and the Boardwalk Beach Resort. Mayor Thomas said the main complaints he received involved the intersection of SR 79 and US 98, and it might be better factoring in the new Loop Road. Mr. Rausa said they would try to improve. Chief Whitman thanked Mr. Rausa for the donation which would go to 165 families and 215 kids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Consent and Regular Items only)

BURNIE THOMPSON, 8317 Front Beach Road. Mr. Thompson spoke of UBER being what the consumers wanted and urged the Council to lower the obstacles and make it easier to do business. He asked the Council to ask what the people wanted. He mentioned punishing all the people for a few people's bad behavior.

JUSTIN WILSON, 5218 Beach Drive. Mr. Wilson spoke about the rules for taxis and reminded that UBER had not been banned but that they refused to follow the rules. He explained the rules such as background checks and physicals. He distributed information to the City Clerk for the record and said a lot of problems would be avoided if UBER followed local government regulations.

CONSENT AGENDA

1 **"VETERANS DAY" PROCLAMATION.** *"A Proclamation honoring November 11, 2016 as Veterans Day in PCB."*

1 **"NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY" PROCLAMATION.** *"A Proclamation designating December 7, 2016 as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" with the flags being lowered to half-staff on that day."*

3 **RESOLUTION 17-19, BID AWARD- WEST BAY GROUND STORAGE TANK REPAINTING.** *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving Agreement with Anderson & Associates Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$107,067 for the repainting of the West Bay Ground Storage Tank."*

4 **RESOLUTION 17-20, BID AWARD- WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY INFLUENT SCREENS 2 & 3 REPLACEMENT.** *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving Agreement with Wes Tech Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$254,185.50 for the purchase of 3 influent screens for the Wastewater Treatment Facility."*

5 **RESOLUTION 17-21, CHRISTMAS PARADE ROAD CLOSURES.** **Moved to the Regular Agenda.**

6 **RESOLUTION 17-22, BID AWARD - LONGLEAF / WIREGRASS PINE SEEDLINGS PLANTING.** *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving Agreement with Panhandle Forestry Services, Inc., in the amount of \$51,374 for the hand planting of longleaf pine and wiregrass seedling at the Conservation Park."*

7 **RESOLUTION 17-25, NEW YEAR'S EVE STREET PARTY, BALL DROP AND ROAD CLOSURES.** *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach related to the New Year's Eve Street Party event; authorizing various road closures within Pier Park on December 30 and December 31, 2016 for the event's street party and ball drop; and providing an immediately effective date."*

8 **RESOLUTION 17-28, GAC CONSTRUCTION SITE ROAD CLOSURE.** *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, related to the unloading onto a construction site on Front Beach Road by GAC Contractors, Inc.; authorizing temporary usage of Front Beach Road from the intersection at Gardenia Street to the intersection at Laurel Court during the hours of 2:30 A.M. and 5:30 A.M. on Sunday, November 13, 2016."*

Ms. Fowler read each item on the amended Consent Agenda by title. Councilman Solis asked Ms. Myers to read the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Proclamation in full as it was important for everyone to remember. With nothing further, **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilwoman Strange and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 RESOLUTION 17-21, CHRISTMAS PARADE ROAD CLOSURES. Councilman Reichard expressed his concern about parades not having safety barriers to keep the crowd and small children out of harm's way. He said in past events, the TDC had paid for the barriers to be erected and removed, and he did not want to burden the Optimist Club with a new expense. He questioned how many barriers would be erected for this parade and all parades. He stated the City was responsible for the streets and sidewalks in Pier Park.

Mr. Gisbert said the barriers were available and the organizers had strict rules for wheelwalkers. He said the barriers were used to close the roads and this parade would not include large floats but mostly cars. However, he was not aware of any barriers within the road because there were no floats in this parade. Councilman Reichard stated that anyone could be in the parade and there were large vehicles in the parade, even if no floats. He said the rules did not work and gave an example of a recent event with kids having to be pushed out of the way in front of his vehicle. He suggested asking the TDC to sponsor barriers for this event. Mr. Gisbert said if the Council wished to mandate barriers for parades, then the organizers would have to determine how that could be accomplished. Discussion ensued. Councilman Reichard questioned if the City had done enough to keep the kids safe. Councilman Chester offered to talk with the TDC since he was on the Board and he would report back. Ms. Myers read Resolution 17-21 by title. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Resolution 17-21. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 2 RESOLUTION 17-13, BID AWARD-REPLACEMENT F-150 TRUCK FOR FIRE/RESCUE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #5. Ms. Myers read Resolution 17-13 by title. Councilwoman Strange asked for details about the accident. Deputy Chief Couch explained why the vehicle had been totaled and Mr. Gisbert said both trucks in accidents had been responding with lights and sirens, and added that the insurance had paid. Councilman Chester said some of the equipment could be moved to the new vehicle. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve Resolution 17-13. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 3 RESOLUTION 17-18, COLONY CLUB EXIT ROAD MITIGATION AGREEMENT. Ms. Myers read Resolution 17-18 by title and explained this Purchase Agreement had been contemplated in the Master Project Agreement with St. Joe, and the permit required that the City finalize this purchase and payment within thirty days of awarding the construction project. There were no questions. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve Resolution 17-18. Second was by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 4 RESOLUTION 17-17, BID AWARD- COLONY CLUB-NAUTILUS CONNECTION PROJECT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #6. Ms. Myers read Resolution 17-17 by title. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 17-17. Second was by Councilwoman Strange and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 5 RESOLUTION 17-26, COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (CTEP) GRANT AWARD & BUDGET AMENDMENT #4. Ms. Myers read Resolution 17-26 by title. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 17-26. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 6 RESOLUTION 17-27, FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENT 2 UTILITY RELOCATION POST DESIGN SERVICES, DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC TASK ORDER 03-2016 AMENDMENT, AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #7. Removed from the Agenda.

ITEM 7 ORDINANCE 1396, PENDING ORDINANCE DOCTRINE CODIFICATION, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1396 by title and explained that this would codify a common law doctrine and formally adopt it into the LDC and City Code. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Ordinance 1396. Second was by Councilman Reichard and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 8 ORDINANCE 1397, ANNUAL UPDATE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1397 by title. Mr. Leonard explained that this was the annual requirement for all local governments to update the Capital Improvement Schedule for the Comp Plan, and for only those items that had a level of service established in the Comp Plan, such as solid wastes, transportation, and Parks & Recreation. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Ordinance 1397. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 9 RESOLUTION 17-12, HAMPTON INN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ROAD CLOSURE. Ms. Myers read Resolution 17-12 by title. Mayor Thomas said it had been pulled from the last meeting to allow the City Manager time to contact nearby property owners to ensure that the owners knew about the road closures. He asked if there were any questions and there were none. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve Resolution 17-12. Second was by Councilman Reichard and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 10 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION, FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST, BUILDING & PLANNING DEPT. Mr. Leonard explained in the Budget, funds were allotted for a part-time Code Enforcement Assistant. He reminded that the Building Department already had a part-time assistant. He proposed to combine the two positions into one full-time position with half the time spent with Code Enforcement and half Building. He said he thought this would allow more efficiency, better flow and more production. Mr. Gisbert said there would be a Budget increase but the current Budget allowed for the extra funds. Mayor Thomas said he appreciated the increased efforts in Code Enforcement. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve the new job description. Second was by Councilwoman Strange and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 11 GENERAL FUND UPDATE. Mr. Gisbert said these graphs were for the eight major Funds and he focused on the 1% Gross Sales Tax. He said this Fund ended the year at +4.35% even with a hurricane, the loss of a major event, and the loss of Spring Break. For September, even with a storm, the totals were up 8.5%. Councilman Solis added that even with the Gulf Coast Jam cancelation and the storm, it was outstanding to be at +8.5%. He also discussed a recent article with a reported 40% loss and a projected 5.7% loss for September, not the 8.5% gain. He stated the off-seasons were getting better, making the City a more yearround destination. He also said this September outpaced the March '15 Spring Break.

ITEM 12 UBER- DISCUSSION. Mr. Gisbert distributed information from Harrison Sale concerning "web-based vehicle for hire". He noted the various entities researched where UBER was already operating in Florida and the spreadsheet outlined the rules and regulations for each. He said most had an ASE certification inspection, a FDLE certification and background check with some having a nationwide background check. Most had some level of MVR check. All required some card in the vehicle to identify that the car was certified. Levels of insurance were varied. None of those agencies required a business license or permit. He said he would present more information at the December 8th meeting.

Councilman Solis asked about the other local cities. Mr. Gisbert said in talking with the other City Managers, they saw the need for consistency with the existing rules to avoid an inequality between the different vehicles for hire. Councilman Reichard said Lynn Haven had a very forward attitude about going forward with this issue as opposed to Parker or Callaway who had no taxi services. He said primarily this would involve Lynn Haven, Panama City, Panama City Beach, and Bay County. He said the Mayor of Lynn Haven seemed to be leading the charge and asked what the other cities planned to do. Mr. Gisbert said he just distributed this information to the other City Managers today so it had not yet been discussed. Ms. Myers confirmed that Lynn Haven had a First Reading of their Ordinance which largely deferred to the County's requirements with some exceptions. She added that Mr. Rob Jackson was also amending some of those restrictions but she had not yet seen that second draft. Councilman Reichard said that he understood Lynn Haven was drafting an Ordinance which would apply to the other cities. Ms. Myers replied that the City would have to affirmatively adopt reciprocity, it was not automatic..

Councilwoman Strange asked if Jacksonville did not do background checks. Mr. Gisbert said it was not clear after merely reading their Ordinance. He explained and said that spreadsheet merely indicated that most entities had rules and regulations.

Councilman Solis said it was encouraging that UBER ran in these cities which had extra regulations. He said he hoped the matter could move quickly and be as least restrictive as possible. He said he did not want the City to be so restrictive that no one would want to operate. Councilman Reichard said the question was if UBER was a car for hire or ride sharing as they claimed. He said if they were a car for hire, they should meet the same regulations as taxis. He said it seemed they were a car for hire and merely using a different method of hiring. Mr. Gisbert said these cities researched had basically qualified UBER as a vehicle for hire.

Councilwoman Strange said she had used UBER all over the country and never had a problem but said they should have the same regulations as taxis. She said they were not ride sharing as the user was paying for the service. Plus no one else was sharing the ride. Councilman Solis said he did not see why a registration would be necessary since the City would not collect a fee for the service. Councilman Reichard said there was still a place for taxis in our City. Councilman Solis mentioned knowing how much the ride would cost beforehand, making the rider an informed consumer.

Mr. Gisbert added that the Airport Board had been invited to all these meetings and had received this information.

Mayor Thomas said he did not see where the City was asking for anything that was not already being done for these other cities. He said our area was different, and if the City had rules for one, the rules should also include the others. He explained that all the businesses in the City had a business license.

Councilman Chester asked about a county-wide Ordinance. Mr. Gisbert said there were only two municipalities that had vehicle for hire Ordinances, Panama City and us, and Lynn Haven did not have a vehicle for hire Ordinance. Councilman Reichard said if the City changed the rules to allow for UBER, they should also apply to taxis to make it fair for them. Mr. Gisbert said the County was mirroring the City's regulations, adding that the airport would be adopting their own rules and he explained that drop-offs would be fine but any pick-up of passengers in the City would be required to follow our rules.

Discussion ensued concerning FDLE background checks and nationwide background checks. Councilman Reichard said he was concerned about treating the taxi companies fairly, that if UBER was performing their own background checks, then the taxi companies should also be able to perform their own checks. He said he felt the taxis would have an advantage in being able to be hailed on short notice and pick up passengers that would not use UBER.

Mr. Gisbert said he would bring back more information.

ITEM 13 PUBLIC COMMENTS.

BURNIE THOMPSON, 8317 Front Beach Road. Mr. Thompson asked Ms. Myers if a handwritten note passed between Councilors would be available for public view. Ms. Myers responded that it would be a public record if it involved public business. He asked about electronic devices and asked if they would be available for public view. He questioned if personal devices could be used during the meeting and exempt from public review. Ms. Myers said if the record communicated or transmitted knowledge of public business, then it would be a public record. Mr. Thompson questioned how would the public know if it was City business or private. He asked if the Mayor had directly asked Code Enforcement to check on a business and said the City Charter prohibited the Council from directing an employee. He questioned if the City Manager had been in the car when the Mayor and Mr. Leonard had toured various neighborhoods to see problems.

GENESE HATCHER. Ms. Hatcher commented about candy being thrown during parades and possibly in future, the candy could be handed out before the parade started. This would prevent the children being at risk.

With no further comments, Mayor Thomas responded that he had never directed an employee to check on a specific business. The Mayor said he went with Mr. Leonard to understand the problems with Code Enforcement and to be able to show him issues which might require new rules to allow Code Enforcement to do a better job with the City Manager's permission. He also stated he understood the Charter and the Sunshine Laws. He continued that he had spoken with Mr. Leonard in the Building Department, with permission of Mr. Gisbert, and Mr. Leonard called in a fellow employee to the meeting.

ITEM 14 ATTORNEY REPORT. Ms. Myers said at the December meeting numerous Public Hearings were scheduled for various items, one being the First Reading of the Low Speed Vehicle regulations. She said Staff had met with the industry last Friday to discuss and the Planning Board would consider the Ordinance at their November 14th meeting.

Mayor Thomas said for the benefit of the other Council members that Staff had met with the industry and those comments would be going to the Planning Board. He asked if the other Council members had comments to add for the Planning Board. Ms.

Myers said this proposed Ordinance was based upon the direction from Council to regulate the industry before the City was overwhelmed by the volume and capacity on the City streets. She said the Council would have the opportunity to modify those recommendations. Mayor Thomas said he would like to see what the industry had stated they could live with.

Councilwoman Strange said she was very concerned about those vehicles on the Parkway. Mr. Gisbert said that was against the law. She said they were on the road all the time and Councilman Solis suggested extra enforcement. Ms. Myers said if any of the Council members had specific concerns, she would revise the draft Ordinance with them and hoped early Tuesday to have a final draft for review after the Planning Board's comments. She reminded that the December meeting would have the First reading but the Council could still make revisions before the Second Reading. Mr. Gisbert said it had been stressed to the industry that this was only a draft and the number used was only for Council consideration.

ITEM 15 CITY MANAGER REPORT. Mr. Gisbert read the various bids and job opportunities posted on the website. He announced Ms. Carrie Jagers was promoted to the Payroll Specialist position and now her prior position in Civil Service was advertised. On November 12th, the Bay County Audubon Society was hosting birdwatching at the Conservation Park. On November 16th, the Miracle League was hosting a softball game with the Sims Home veterans at Frank Brown Park. The Bay County gun range was having their Grand Opening on November 19th at 9 A.M. For the Beach Home for the Holidays event November 25th and November 26th, portions of West Pier Park Drive would be closed for pedestrian safety and the free concerts at Aaron Bessant park. He also stated that the annual City Tree Lighting ceremony would be December 5th at 6:30 P.M. at Frank Brown Park.

Mr. Gisbert said FDOT had issued a notice that they would be working at the intersection of Richard Jackson Boulevard and the Parkway starting November 14th, converting the single turn lanes into double turn lanes going north and south. He continued that FDOT was working on the connection to the Bay Parkway (formerly the Loop Road) to SR 79. The final connection was part of the FDOT work project and the City had asked that the installation of the traffic light be completed by Spring Break. Mr. Gisbert said Staff had met with FDOT several times, as recently as yesterday, asking that they expedite the work. He said FDOT was also working on the intersection of SR 79 and the Parkway to do the double turn lanes going north. That project would start probably in January and all work would be after hours. He anticipated that it would hopefully be completed by summer but FDOT controlled that construction schedule.

ITEM 16 COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilman Reichard said he wanted to be clear that when a citizen called a Council member, he had the permission to speak to any employee to obtain an answer. He said he felt it was important for the citizens to be able to call their Council person for answers and felt it did not violate the Charter.

Councilman Chester said he was excited about the Colony Club exit road, long overdue.

Councilman Solis said there was a big difference between asking questions and giving directions. He said the Council members could not do their jobs without being constantly in contact with different employees. In honor of Veterans Day, he thanked the vets in the audience and explained about being able ride in the Veterans Day parade tomorrow.

Mayor Thomas asked where the City stood on the Front Beach Road CRA assessments. He said he did not see any way around not having assessments, especially with Segment 2 schedule to start and no funds set aside for maintenance on any of the roads. The law said funds were supposed to be set aside and he would like the matter addressed as quickly as possible. Ms. Myers said the Council would be considering approval of a contract with a firm to do the modeling to develop those assessment costs and O & M costs at the next meeting.

Councilman Reichard said current funds had been used for maintenance, approximately Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars per year. He said although it was a large piece of the fund, it had not kept the City from moving forward on any project. Mayor Thomas said as the projects grew and more funds were used to maintain the roads, it would slow the progress. Councilman Reichard commented about the Council meeting resistance when talking about assessments for a piece of road benefitting only a certain area. He mentioned the Colony Club Road, not the CRA. He said the precedent

had now been set. Mayor Thomas said by law, the City was mandated to do the assessments. Ms. Myers said the Front Beach Road CRA Plan had always contemplated an assessment program. Mayor Thomas said this CRA had a timeline which might or might not be extended, and by law when those funds ceased, the City should have monies set aside for maintenance. Councilman Reichard asked Ms. Myers if the CRA Plan defined the areas of assessment. She responded that it defined the entire Front Beach Road CRA area. Mayor Thomas said the Plan also stated any property which benefitted from the improvements could be assessed. Ms. Myers said the Plan did not go into specifics and once the O&M study was completed and the Council wanted to proceed with an assessment, the Council could then determine the methodology.

Councilwoman Strange said the CRA assessment due to its large area would tax everyone. Ms. Myers explained it would only be for the people whose property fronted certain roads within the CRA, not everyone. Mayor Thomas said the property values for residential would increase due to the improvements. Ms. Myers said she was unsure whether residential could be exempt if they received a benefit but it could be a nominal assessment.

Mayor Thomas said there were two issues on the General Election which would impact the City this year. He said he thought a Workshop should be scheduled so the Council could figure out what to do with the Half Cent Sales Tax and set priorities as well as the Oversight Committee. The second issue involved medical marijuana dispensaries. He said this should be discussed. The Mayor said he called the Supervisor of Elections and 75% of the residents on the island voted for approval so the City should do what the people wanted. He called for this to be on the Workshop. Mr. Gisbert said a Workshop would be scheduled as soon as possible.

The Mayor talked about aesthetics and he mentioned the old cables left on utility poles. He asked about asking Staff to draft an Ordinance to be applicable to neighborhoods, removing the eyesores. He mentioned undergrounding from the poles to the homes. He questioned if it would be legal to require before adding a new line that the old must be removed. Discussion ensued. He said over a period of time with this new manner, the neighborhoods would look better.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

READ AND APPROVED this 8th of December, 2016.

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



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk