

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE
PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 22, 2008
HAGLER MASON CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL
180 GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
(3:08 p.m. – 5:44 p.m.)

Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

Present: Commissioner D. M. "Mike" Whitehead, Chairman, District 1
Commissioner Gene M. Valentino, Vice Chairman, District 2
Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV, District 4
Commissioner Kevin W. White, District 5
Commissioner Marie K. Young, District 3
Mr. Robert R. "Bob" McLaughlin, Interim County Administrator
Mrs. Janet Lander, County Attorney

Pensacola City Council (PCC)

Present: Councilman John Jerrals, Deputy Mayor, Vice Chairman, District 5
Councilman Jewel Cannada-Wynn, District 6
Councilman Mike DeSorbo, District 3
Councilman Marty Donovan, District 4
Councilman Sam Hall, District 2
Councilman John W "Jack" Nobles, At-Large
Councilman Michael C. Wiggins, At-Large
Councilman P. C. Wu, District 1
Thomas J. "Tom" Bonfield, City Manager

Absent: Mayor John R. Fogg, Chairman
Councilman Ronald P. Townsend, District 7

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening Remarks – Councilman John Jerrals, Deputy Mayor, Vice Chairman
 - A. Councilman Jerrals, Deputy Mayor, Vice Chairman, called the Joint Meeting to order at 3:08 p.m., gave opening remarks; and
 - B. Thomas J. "Tom" Bonfield, City Manager, gave opening remarks.

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

2. Opening Remarks – Commissioner Valentino

Commissioner Valentino gave opening remarks.

3. Civic Center – Sale or Transfer to the City of Pensacola

The BCC and the PCC discussed the transfer to the City of Pensacola (City), or the sale, of the Civic Center, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Was advised by Interim County Administrator McLaughlin that the County is in the process of sending letters to the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, and the Florida Highway Administration in order to obtain consent to sell the Civic Center;
- B. Was advised by Councilman Wiggins that the initial public response he has received regarding this issue has been negative;
- C. Was advised by Councilman Nobles that the Civic Center is a tremendous community asset and he would take the sale into consideration if certain stipulations were included in the Agreement;
- D. After further discussion, heard the request from Commissioner Valentino for consent from the City Council to move forward before the County expends funds for an appraisal; and
- E. Heard the request from Councilman Nobles that, before giving consent, the City discuss this issue at its next Committee of Whole Meeting and heard his request for documentation of the Civic Center's revenues.

Speaker(s):

Jeff Bergosh
Patty Hightower
Jim DeVries

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

4. Government Television Channel Opportunities

The BCC and the PCC viewed and discussed a PowerPoint Presentation, which was also provided in hard copy, entitled, *ECTV Channel 98 – Where Escambia County Turns for Information*, presented by Sonya Daniel, Division Manager, Office of Public Information and Communications.

Speaker(s):

Patty Hightower

5. Pensacola Little Theatre Funding Request

The BCC and the PCC discussed Pensacola Little Theatre Funding Request, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Was advised by Interim County Administrator McLaughlin that the County has approved Pensacola Little Theatre's request for funding, in the amount of \$250,000, to be paid from Local Option Sales Tax; and
- B. Was advised by Thomas J. "Tom" Bonfield, City Manager, that "Pennies for Progress" will be discussed at the City's Special Workshop being held on February 4, 2008.

Speaker(s):

Melissa Heckel
Covetta Brown
Barbara Mayall

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

6. Roger Scott Tennis Center Expansion

The BCC and the PCC discussed Roger Scott Tennis Center Expansion, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that he is willing to appropriate \$1 million from the Local Option Sales Tax allocation for District 4 to assist with the Tennis Center's expansion, with certain stipulations (i.e. the installation of soft courts, the implementation of one fee for County and City residents, and a name change to "The Escambia County Tennis Center"); and
- B. Heard comments from a majority of the PCC supporting a joint City/County effort to expand the Tennis Center.

Speaker(s):

Joe Lovoy
Donna Underdonk
Dick Sloan

7. Consolidation of Government Presentation (Report on recent trip to Jacksonville)

The BCC and the PCC heard an overview from Commissioner Valentino concerning his trip to Jacksonville, Florida, to study Duval County's form of consolidated government.

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

8. Pre-disparity Study Regarding Government Procurement Practices

The BCC and the PCC heard an overview from Thomas J. "Tom" Bonfield, City Manager, and John Fleming, City Attorney, concerning a portion of a PowerPoint Presentation, which was provided in hard copy, entitled, *What is a Disparity Study and Why is it Necessary?*, that was presented to the City of Pensacola by MGT of America, Inc., and the BCC and PCC:

- A. Heard comments from Councilman Jerralsds encouraging the City of Pensacola and the County to participate in a Disparity Study;
- B. Upon inquiry from Commissioner White, was advised by County Attorney Lander that the County created an Outreach Program for minority businesses in 2006;
- C. Heard the suggestion from Councilman Nobles and Councilman Hall that the County consider allowing MGT of America, Inc., to make the same presentation that was presented to the City;
- D. Was advised by Commissioner Whitehead that, because of budget constraints, rather than having a study conducted, it would make more sense for the County to examine its in-house minority utilization on contracting in order to determine an impact and/or if there has been specific criticisms or complaints from minority contractors; and
- E. Heard comments from Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn expressing the importance of this issue in relation to the concept of consolidated government.

Speaker(s):

Tony McCray

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

9. Non-Agenda Issues

The BCC and PCC discussed Non-Agenda Issues, and the BCC and PCC:

- A. Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that the County is in the process of conducting a traffic signal study, which will include a study of the intersection of 9th Avenue and Langley Avenue, regarding which the County will be requesting assistance from the City;
- B. Upon inquiry from Commissioner Robinson, was advised by Thomas J. "Tom" Bonfield, City Manager, that City, County, and PEDC (*Pensacola-Escambia Development Commission*) staff is still in the process of negotiating the terms of the Agreement for the proposed Technology Park;
- C. Heard an inquiry from Councilman Nobles regarding a Wal-Mart distribution center rumored to be constructed in the north end of Escambia County;
- D. Was advised by Councilman Wu that Mayor Fogg expressed his regrets for not being able to attend this Meeting; and
- E. Heard the request from Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn that the County/City Joint Meetings be rescheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and the Council, Commissioner Valentino declared the Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Pensacola City Council adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Ernie Lee Magaha
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: _____
D. M. "Mike" Whitehead, Chairman



Deputy Clerk

Approved: February 7, 2008