

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE
PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL
HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
HAGLER MASON CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL
180 GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
(4:00 p.m. – 5:08 p.m.)

Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

Present: Commissioner Gene M. Valentino, Chairman, District 2
Commissioner Marie K. Young, Vice Chairman, District 3
Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV, District 4
Commissioner Kevin W. White, District 5
Mr. Robert R. "Bob" McLaughlin, County Administrator
Mrs. Alison Rogers, County Attorney

Absent: Commissioner D. M. "Mike" Whitehead, District 1

Pensacola City Council (PCC)

Present: Mayor John R. Fogg, Chairman
Councilman Jewel Cannada-Wynn, District 6
Councilman Mike DeSorbo, District 3
Councilman Sam Hall, District 2
Councilman John W. "Jack" Nobles, At-Large
Councilman Michael C. Wiggins, At-Large
Councilman P. C. Wu, District 1
Mr. Albert "Al" Coby, City Manager
Mr. William Wells, City Attorney

Absent: Councilman John Jerrals, Deputy Mayor, Vice Chairman, District 5
Councilman Marty Donovan, District 4
Councilman Ronald P. Townsend, District 7

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening Remarks – Mayor Fogg – None.
2. Opening Remarks – Chairman Valentino

Chairman Valentino gave opening remarks.

3. Tow Truck Ordinance

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were advised by County Attorney Rogers that the current Tow-Truck City Ordinance regulates equipment and permits; whereas, this proposed Ordinance would essentially regulate the maximum rates for non-consensual towing, which would be set by Resolution, and once the Ordinance is adopted, the City can repeal its Ordinance;
- B. Were advised by City Attorney Wells that the proposed "joint" Ordinance would allow the City's Ordinance to remain in effect, but the City would adopt the rates set by the County; and
- C. Were advised by Mayor Fogg that, without objection, staff will continue to move forward with this proposal.

4. Government Access Channel

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were advised by Sonya M. Daniel, Public Information Office, that the County will begin broadcasting live (*via Cox Channel 98*) on October 1, 2008, and staff will continue to work with other providers to ensure that access is available to Pensacola Beach and north-end County residents; and
- B. Were advised by County Administrator McLaughlin that the government access channel will be the foundation of a more collaborative government.

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

5. Mutual and Automatic Response Aid Agreement – City and County Fire Rescue Departments

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Viewed a PowerPoint Presentation entitled *Automatic Aid Agreement, Pensacola Fire Department, Escambia County Fire Rescue*, also provided in hard copy, by Frank Edwards, Director of Fire Services, City of Pensacola, and Kenneth W. "Ken" Perkins, Fire Chief, Escambia County, and was advised by Chief Edwards that this Agreement will improve fire and medical response coverage and provide seamless services from the County or the City;
- B. Upon inquiry from City Councilman DeSorbo, were advised by Fire Chief Perkins that the County has 350 volunteer firefighters, 241 of whom are properly certified, and 80 full-time (*career*) firefighters;
- C. Upon inquiry from Commissioner Valentino, were advised by Fire Chief Perkins that there have been no objections to the Agreement from members of the Fire Departments at unification meetings; and
- D. Were advised by Mayor Fogg that, without objection, staff will continue to work on this initiative.

Speaker(s):

Barbara Mayall

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

6. Closure of the Gregory Street Off Ramp

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Viewed a PowerPoint Presentation by Lee Smith, Traffic Engineer, regarding the closure of the Gregory Street off ramp, which would allow for redevelopment of the Pensacola Civic Center with minimal impact; and
- B. Heard the suggestion from Mayor Fogg that staff continue to move forward with this proposal.

Speaker(s):

Jim DeVries

7. Farnborough International Airshow Trip Report

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Heard a report from Commissioner Valentino concerning the Farnborough International Air Show; and
- B. Were advised by Commissioner Valentino that, for every job Northrop Grumman brings to Mobile County, Alabama, three- to four jobs would come to Escambia County; however, there will be a one- to two-year delay because of the re-bidding process.

8. Non-Agenda Issues

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were advised by Commissioner Robinson that the County and City need to work together on issues;
- B. Heard the request from Barbara Mayall that an Invocation be delivered before Joint City-County Meetings begin; and
- C. Heard the suggestion from Commissioner Valentino that staff prepare a "grilling" for Mayor Fogg at the next meeting, since it will be his last meeting

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and the Council, Mayor Fogg declared the Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Pensacola City Council adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Ernie Lee Magaha
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: _____
Gene M. Valentino, Chairman

Deputy Clerk



Approved: October 2, 2008