

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE  
PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MARCH 17, 2009  
HAGLER MASON CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL  
180 GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA  
(1:36 p.m. – 5:34 p.m.)

Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

Present: Commissioner Marie K. Young, Chairman, District 3  
Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV, Vice Chairman, District 4  
Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson, District 1  
Commissioner Gene M. Valentino, District 2  
Commissioner Kevin W. White, District 5  
Mr. Robert R. "Bob" McLaughlin, County Administrator  
Mrs. Alison Rogers, County Attorney

Pensacola City Council (PCC)

Present: Mayor Michael C. Wiggins, Chairman  
Councilman Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Deputy Mayor, District 6  
Councilman Maren DeWeese, District 3  
Councilman Sam Hall, District 2  
Councilman Larry B. Johnson, District 4  
Councilman Diane Mack, At-Large  
Councilman Megan B. Pratt, At-Large  
Councilman P. C. Wu, District 1  
Mr. Alvin "Al" Coby, City Manager  
Mr. William Wells, City Attorney

Absent: Councilman John Jerrals, District 5  
Councilman Ronald P. Townsend, District 7

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening Remarks – Mayor Michael C. Wiggins

After Commissioner Robinson delivered the Invocation and Chairman Young led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mayor Wiggins advised that the Pensacola Young Professionals will have a "meet and greet" at Seville on April 29, 2009, and that the Great American Cleanup Day Take Pride in Pensacola Awareness Campaign will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2009, in various areas of the County.

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2. Opening Remarks – Chairman Marie Young

Chairman Young gave opening remarks.

3. Welcome – Mr. Spyridon Kouvelis, Member of Greek Parliament

The BCC and the PCC were introduced to Mr. Spyridon Kouvelis, Member of Greek Parliament, by Mayor Wiggins.

Speaker(s):

Spyridon Kouvelis

4. Taxicab Ordinance

The BCC and the PCC discussed the proposed Taxicab Ordinance and the BCC and the PCC:

A. Were advised by City Attorney Wells that the proposed Taxicab Ordinance is intended to regulate taxicabs and for-hire vehicles in the County;

B. Were advised by County Attorney Rogers that:

(1) The County will not be permitting taxicabs, and the City will not be permitting taxicabs on behalf of the County, but the County will adopt the City's rate structure and insurance requirements; and

(2) The proposed Ordinance will be scheduled for discussion by the BCC at its April 9, 2009, Committee of the Whole Workshop, prior to the Public Hearing process;

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- C. Were advised by County Administrator McLaughlin that County and City staffs have discussed a single, Countywide Ordinance; however, a Countywide Ordinance cannot be enacted immediately and, in the meantime, customers are being overcharged;
- D. Were advised by Commissioner Robertson that he will not support an Ordinance that could force a one-cab operator out of business;
- E. Heard the request from Councilman Hall that the BCC adopt the proposed Ordinance, and that a Countywide Ordinance be adopted at a later date; and
- F. Were advised by Deputy Mayor Cannada-Wynn that she would support a Countywide Ordinance that also addresses safety inspections and customer service.

5. Towing Ordinance

The BCC and the PCC discussed the proposed Towing Ordinance, which would regulate the maximum rate charged for nonconsensual towing throughout the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County, and the BCC and PCC:

- A. Were advised by County Attorney Rogers that the City has regulated nonconsensual towing and storage rates for several years; however, complaints have been received from the towing industry that the City has not increased the maximum rates in seven years; and
- B. Were advised by City Attorney Wells that the current maximum rate will increase from \$85 to \$100; and
- C. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Robertson, were advised by City Attorney Wells that additional fees can be assessed for "exceptional" tows.

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6. Transfer of Property within Wayside Park Land, Bridge and Concession Building

The BCC and the PCC heard an update from City Manager Coby regarding the Transfer of Property within Wayside Park Land, Bridge and Concession Building, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were advised by Keith Wilkins, Deputy Bureau Chief, Neighborhoods and Community Services Bureau, that construction of the new fishing bridge is ahead of schedule;
- B. Upon inquiry from Mayor Wiggins, were advised by Mr. Wilkins that the concession building at the foot of the bridge will remain in place; and
- C. Were advised by Commissioner Robinson that Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations require the elevation of the new bridge to exceed that of the previous bridge.

7. Escambia Treating Redevelopment Update

The BCC and the PCC viewed and discussed a PowerPoint Presentation, which was also provided in hard copy, entitled, *Proposed Mid-town Commerce Park*, presented by Keith Wilkins, Deputy Bureau Chief, Neighborhoods and Community Services Bureau, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were advised by Councilman DeWeese that the proposed Commerce Park might be a possible location for an inland port facility;
- B. Were advised by Mr. Wilkins that the property will be 100% developable and that within the next six months to one year, a determination will need to be made as to how the revenues and expenses will be shared; and
- C. Upon inquiry from Deputy Mayor Cannada-Wynn, were advised by Mr. Wilkins that lease fees would support maintenance and other activities.

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8. Mutual Aid Fire Services

The BCC and the PCC discussed Mutual Aid Fire Services, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Heard the request from Councilman Pratt that call and report times be monitored;
- B. Were advised by Frank Edwards, Fire Chief, that the 9th Avenue and Davis Highway areas are being considered for a pilot program;
- C. Heard the request from Mayor Wiggins that the City Manager schedule this issue for a PCC Committee of the Whole Workshop; and
- D. Heard the request from Councilman DeWeese that City and County staffs consider ways in which the Mutual Aid Agreement can be improved.

9. Library Support from the County

The BCC and the PCC discussed Library Support from the County and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Heard the request from Deputy Mayor Cannada-Wynn for an additional \$3 million from the County for library support to ensure growth in an essential part of the community; and
- B. Were advised by Commissioner Robertson that he will support funding the Library from Local Option Sales Tax revenues.

Speaker(s):

Elizabeth Hooton  
Phillip White

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10. County Staff Environmental Support for City Environmental Needs

The BCC and the PCC were advised by City Manager Coby that he and County Administrator McLaughlin can resolve this issue.

11. 4:00 p.m. – Economic Development Public Forum

The BCC and the PCC viewed and discussed a PowerPoint Presentation, presented by Mort O'Sullivan, Chairman, Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Upon inquiry from Councilman Hall, were advised by Mr. O'Sullivan that the PEDC (*Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission*) has no taxing authority;
- B. Heard the request from Councilman Mack that Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent of Schools, be included in economic development discussions; and
- C. Heard the request from Commissioner Robertson that the Economic Development Committee provide a six-month or annual report.

Speaker(s):

Lee Little  
Matthew Fiebig

12. Non-Agenda Issues

The BCC and the PCC heard the request from Commissioner Robinson that Mayor Wiggins and Chairman Young discuss the possibility of Escambia County participating with the City of Pensacola at the Municipal Golf Course.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and the Council, Mayor Wiggins declared the Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Pensacola City Council adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Young, Chairman



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Deputy Clerk

Approved: April 2, 2009