

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE
PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL
HELD JUNE 30, 2011
HAGLER MASON CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL
180 GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
(10:07 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.)

Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

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

Pensacola City Council (PCC)

Present: Mayor Ashton J. Hayward III
Councilman Maren DeWeese, President, District 3
Councilman Sam Hall, At-Large, District B
Councilman John Jerrals, District 5
Councilman Larry B. Johnson, District 4
Councilman Sherri Myers, District 2
Councilman Megan B. Pratt, At-Large, District A
Councilman Brian Spencer, District 6
Councilman Ronald P. Townsend, District 7
John Asmar, Chief of Staff
James M. "Jim" Messer, Interim City Attorney

Absent: Councilman P. C. Wu, Vice President, District 1

Others

Present: Honorable Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent of Schools

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening Remarks – Mayor Ashton J. Hayward, III

Mayor Hayward provided opening remarks and advised that Barbara Mayall would deliver the Invocation and Commissioner Robertson would lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Opening Remarks – Chairman Kevin W. White

Chairman White provided opening remarks.

3. Joint Effort by City and County to Apply for Safe Walk to School Federal Grants to Improve Sidewalks and Safety at Schools

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Heard the request from Councilman Myers that the City and County jointly apply for Safe Walk to School Federal Grants to improve sidewalks and safety at schools and consider establishing a joint City/County Safe Walk to School Committee; and
- B. Were advised by Larry Newsom, Assistant County Administrator, that the County has extended the invitation to City staff to attend and participate in the meetings of the Escambia County Safe Walk to School Committee.

4. Joint Effort to Address Traffic Calming Issues on Roads that Impact Both the City and the County

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Heard the request from Councilman Myers that the City and County jointly address traffic calming issues on roads that impact both the City and the County, more specifically, the intersection at Burgess Road and Sanders Street;
- B. Heard Commissioner Valentino suggest the Interlocal Agreement, which authorizes the County to address environmental issues on behalf of the City, be expanded to include these types of issues; and

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- C. Were advised by Larry Newsom, Assistant County Administrator, that the County does not cease roadway improvements at City jurisdictional lines; furthermore, Burgess Road is in the process of being transferred from FDOT (*Florida Department of Transportation*) to the County, which is why the County has yet to address traffic issues on that road.

5. Development/Redevelopment of the Escambia Treating Site

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were provided with an update from Mayor Hayward concerning Phase I of the development/redevelopment of the Escambia Treating Site, which includes environmental assessments of all properties within the Site; and
- B. Discussed ownership and/or management of the Site, and heard the request from Commissioner Young that this issue be discussed at the City's and County's respective Committee of the Whole Workshops.

6. Potential Use of a Shared Federal Lobbyist

The BCC and the PCC agreed to further explore the potential joint utilization of the County's Federal Lobbyist.

7. Functional Consolidation

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were advised by Mayor Hayward that the City has been engaging in discussions with the County and the Sheriff's Office concerning the consolidation of E911 services;
- B. Heard Commissioner White suggest consolidation of building and permit services, which, in his opinion, would be a simple starting point;

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- C. Heard Commissioner Robertson suggest consolidation of Public Works, as it relates to engineering and roadway improvements, which, in his opinion, would be a tremendous savings since all roadways are in "Escambia County";
- D. Were advised by Al Garza, Director of Public Works, City of Pensacola, that the City and County are working together on a traffic signal system for the entire region;
- E. Heard Commissioner Valentino suggest consolidation of fleet maintenance services and the network operating systems/infrastructure software of the City, County, and all Elected Officials through fiber-optic networking; and
- F. Heard Councilman Townsend suggest that the City and County staffs, based on today's discussion, provide a detailed plan of action that can be voted on by the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners.

8. Joint Effort to Improve Public Transportation Funding

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Heard the request from Councilman Myers that the City and County work together to improve the public transportation system in Escambia County; and
- B. Were advised by Commissioner White that, until the City participates in the funding of ECAT (*Escambia County Area Transit*), in his opinion, the City has no role in the way it is managed.

9. Curfew for Pensacola/Escambia

The BCC and the PCC heard the request from Councilman Jerralds that the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners consider adopting an Ordinance similar to the one in effect in Jacksonville, Florida, which imposes a curfew on unsupervised minors.

Speaker(s):

Honorable Malcom Thomas

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10. Tourist Development Tax (Bed Tax)

The BCC and the PCC:

- A. Were advised by Commissioner Robinson that, since there is only one representative from the County on the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and two representatives from the City, and the majority of the bed taxes are collected in the County, he believes there should be greater County representation;
- B. Upon inquiry from Councilman Spencer, were advised by County Administrator Oliver that the Civic Center Advisory Committee and the consultant hired to perform an economic study of The Pensacola Civic Center will be presenting their recommendations to the BCC at its July Committee of the Whole Workshop; and
- C. Were advised by Councilman Johnson that the County is represented on the nine-member TDC by one Commissioner and six BCC appointees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and the Council, Mayor Hayward declared the Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Pensacola City Council adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Ernie Lee Magaha
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller



By: _____
Kevin W. White, Chairman

Deputy Clerk

Approved: July 21, 2011