

**City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:00 PM
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street**

Present:

**Mayor Tom Bailey
Councilman Jerry Wallace
Councilman Rex Putnal
Councilman Bill McGlothlin
Councilwoman Linda Albrecht**

Also Present:

**Mell Smigielski, City Administrator
Adrian Welle, City Clerk
Police Chief Anthony Kelly
Mark Stangl, Emergency Services**

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Bailey thanked everyone that attended the mayoral debate last evening.

Mayor Bailey called the Public Hearing for Variances at 45 1st Street and 114 33rd Street to order at 6:03pm.

Mayor Bailey stated that he had received some written correspondence from individuals regarding 33rd street.

All members of the council disclosed they had also had correspondence from the petitioners at 114 33rd Street.

The first variance request that was heard by the council was for a pool in the backyard at 45 1st Street. City Administrator Smigielski stated that the need for a variance is because of the accessory structures exceeding 75% of the primary structure.

The petitioner for the variance spoke to the council about the recommendation from the doctor for a pool to assist in providing home therapy. The petitioner stated that the garage was built right after they bought the property which makes accessory structures exceed 75%. The garage was built over the same foot print of the previous garage.

Randy a neighbor down the street spoke to the council about his support for the variance request.

The first hearing was closed at 6:11pm.

The next variance request was for a zero set back at the property located at 114 33rd Street.

City Administrator Smigielski informed the council that the petitioner is requesting a variance to allow them to build their home at the back of the lot because of restrictions from DEP in the front of the lot.

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Petitioner Holly Alves provided a lengthy presentation to the council regarding background for her request. Ms. Alves provided background on her family and their hopes to build their fulltime home at 114 33rd street. Ms. Alves stated that the request they are making is to allow them to have a zero set back on the north side of the property as their neighboring property has. The petitioners also stated that they are willing to put a 15 foot deed restriction on the other lot to the north as they also own that property.

Zach Childs spoke to the council in favor of this variance. Mr. Childs stated that the DEP line of sight rule needs to be considered in future applications as well.

Gail Dwyer spoke to the council that she felt the need to clarify things that were said at the planning and zoning meeting. Ms. Dwyer spoke to the character of the petitioners. Ms. Dwyer also stated that she felt this request simply makes sense to conform to the neighboring lot.

Mr. Ponder spoke to the council about his property and that his home is not on the property line to the north as being stated. Mr. Ponder stated they had to deed 7.5 feet from the lot to the north to the beach front lot. Mr. Ponder also stated that he is concerned of the precedence the City is setting for people to come in and ask for hardships.

Mr. Childs responded that the survey he has from a survey company shows that the Ponder home is built on the property line.

Bob Ligget the owner of the property behind Mr. Ponder stated that his lot is 5 feet shorter than the others which shows that the Ponder's had purchased this 5 feet prior to his purchase.

The petitioner presented a survey to the council to review showing that the Ponders home is on the property line.

The Public Hearings were closed at 6:52pm.

Jeff Brittain of Dewberry was present to give an update to the council regarding the various projects currently going on in Mexico Beach.

Motion by Mr. McGlothlin and seconded by Mrs. Albrecht to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Putnal to approve the variance request for 45 1st Street. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Bailey voting no.

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Motion by Mr. McGlothlin and seconded by Mr. Wallace to approve the variance request for 114 33rd Street with the deed restriction on the neighboring lot of 7.5 feet. Motion carried 4-1 with Mrs. Albrecht voting no.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE 665

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEXICO
BEACH FLORIDA, AMENDING THE
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS OF THE BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE
GENERAL FUND AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

- a. Motion by Mr. Putnal and seconded by Mr. Wallace to read Ordinance 665 by title only.
- b. Motion by Mr. Putnal and seconded by Mr. McGlothlin to approve Ordinance 665. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Albrecht opened discussion on the funding of leave no trace enforcement and the proposal from Coastal Parasail. Mrs. Albrecht recommends that the council approve the proposal from Coastal Parasail to do the cleanup of the City beaches. Discussion of the council ensued on hiring Coastal Parasail to take over the cleanup and using the Utility Tax Fund to pay for the increased expense. Item will be placed on the May Regular Meeting Agenda to accept the proposal and start the budget amendment process.

Mayor Bailey wanted to remind the public of what Ordinance 664 states and that it applies to beach recreation items.

Police Chief Kelly gave the Police report to the council.

City Administrator Mell Smigielski gave his report to the council. Mr. Smigielski informed the council of the employee hire anniversaries and birthdays. Mr. Smigielski also informed the council that a youth group will be here May 6th to help the City and do some beach cleaning, April 29th will be a 5K run. The last item that was discussed was a request from Tranquil Harbour to use the boat ramp between their complexes to haul out the spoils from a dredging project on the Tranquil Harbour slips. Consensus of the council is to allow them to use the ramp.

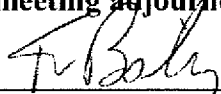
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City Clerk Adrian Welle provided the council with the financial report for the month of February.

The public was reminded that election day is next Tuesday.

Mrs. Albrecht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putnal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

By: 
Mayor Tom Bailey

Attest: 
Adrian Welle, City Clerk