

**City Council Pre-Agenda Workshop
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6pm
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street**

Mayor Tom Bailey

**Councilman Jerry Wallace
Councilwoman Linda Albrecht**

**Councilman Bill McGlothlin
Councilman Rex Putnal**

Mayor Bailey called the Workshop to order at 6:00 pm.

Mr. McGlothlin spoke to the council about setting a policy that no Council Member, including the Mayor, City Administrator, or the City Clerk have the authority to require individuals who are charged with enforcement of the ordinances of Mexico Beach to disregard or suspend the enforcement of an ordinance. Discussion of the council ensued whether the City Charter is clear enough or needs a further Ordinance adopted. City Attorney Beninate will look into drafting a Resolution to address the issue and reaffirm the Charter.

City Administrator Smigielski asked if the council would like to pass a resolution in support of keeping the federal courthouse in Panama City. All Bay County municipalities have been requested to pass similar resolutions to attempt to keep the courthouse in Panama City.

City Administrator Smigielski provided the council with project updates throughout the City. The first update was on the City Hall project and that City Hall is open for business and staff has moved in, a open house is being planned for later this month. Next, the sink hole on 7th Street was repaired today and the asphalt will be done in coming days. The canal project is expected to be complete the week before Memorial Day. Discussion of the council ensued on the number of days beyond contract the canal project will be at completion, City Engineer Brittain will have a timeline at the regular meeting for the council to review as well as a change order for the cost savings on the items the City has purchased directly. City Administrator Smigielski provided an update on the freezer at the boat ramp and the location of where to put the freezer and also fish cleaning stations. Finally, an update was giving on the bathrooms at the boat ramp.

City Administrator Smigielski spoke to the council about the contract with Coastal Parasail for the pickup of leave no trace items and the cost of the service. The council will have a first reading on a budget amendment for the costs of the contract at the regular meeting on May 9, 2017.

City Administrator Smigielski updated the council on the Planning and Zoning recommendations. Mr. Smigielski informed the council that the planning and zoning board recommends that the City draft an ordinance similar to Bay County regarding medical marijuana. The planning and zoning board also discussed minimum lot sizes and living space size, staff is gathering further research for their next meeting. Lastly, planning and zoning will meet with the City Planner at the June 5 meeting to discuss changes to the City Comprehensive Plan.

City Administrator Smigielski informed the council that a law suit has been filed against the City by Crazy Beach Wave Runners regarding the leave no trace enforcement. Staff is asking who the council would like to represent the City in this law suit. Warner Law firm was appointed by the City insurance carrier, but the City insurance has since denied coverage. Discussion ensued on whether to hire Warner Law to represent the City or City Attorney Beninate's firm Harrison, Sale McCoy. Consensus of the council was to stick with the City Attorney's firm. An executive session has been called for 5:30pm on Tuesday at May 9th to discuss the lawsuit.

City Clerk Welle provided a copy of the draft agenda for the May 9, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion by Mrs. Albrecht and seconded by Mr. Putnal to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Adrian Welle, City Clerk