

Workshop Meeting Minutes
Al Thompson Community Center – 9212 County Road 97
July 14, 2022 – 6:30pm
Council Meeting Immediately Following

The Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach met in Workshop Meeting on July 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Al Thompson Community Center with Mayor Kae Hamilton presiding. Mayor Hamilton called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Councilmember Steve Love; Councilmember Christi Koehle; Councilmember Jimmy Page; Councilmember Andrew Stewart and Mayor Kae Hamilton.

Members Absent: Councilmember Gary Kiefer

Others Present: Marcus McDowell-Town Attorney; Christi Stitt-Town Clerk and Members of the Town

Invocation: Councilmember Love **Pledge of Allegiance:** All

Public Comments for Agenda items only: There were none

Presentations: There were none

Speakers: There were none

The Town Council discussed business that included:

Minutes: June 2022 Workshop, Regular Special Council Meeting Minutes and

Financials: July 2022 Financial Report (Written Report Attached)

Ordinances: None

Resolutions: None

Motions/Requests from the Council None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Reports are given in Workshop – any recommendations for the Town Council will be added to the Council Meeting Agenda for consideration by the Council and discussed at that time)

Budget and Finance Committee-Chair Councilmember Steve Love

Income and Expenditures for July are mostly consistent with what is expected and budgeted for. (Full Written Report Attached) No quorum for meeting.

Beautification/ Buildings & Grounds Committee-Chair Councilmember Jimmy Page

Discussed moving azaleas in front of Town Hall to the State St. Park. South end of Perdido Vista is finished will be adding some sod to the sides. Hildreth Dr had some gravel added to fill

in holes and has been graded. Will be working on the road within State St Park.

Public Safety-Chair Councilman Gary Kiefer

Public Works-Chair Councilmember Andrew Stewart

Looking into having internet upgraded at Town Hall as well as adding internet to the Community Center

Council/Legal/Staff Comments: There were none

Public Comments for non Agenda Items:

- Mr. Palmer presented a list of questions for the Mayor and Town Council (questions attached).

Other Business: Next Council Meeting: Thursday August 11, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christi Stitt, Town Clerk

Budget and Finance Meeting Report

Town Council Meeting

July 14, 2022

Our committee did not meet on July 12th as scheduled due to lack of a quorum. I and the Town Clerk reviewed the various financial reports for accuracy. Income and expenses seem to be in line with the budget. The bank accounts appear accurate. All Town income and expense accounts are reviewed for accuracy. You have all of the account balances in front of you.

All of the Town's revenue streams appear on target. Our income remains above our budget and our expenses are still below budget. The General Fund is accurate, if you back out the America Rescue Plan grant funds of \$73,275.00

The General Fund balance is like your checking account and varies daily. As of June 30th it was \$397,973.44. We have to always remain mindful of Budget constraints when considering which new projects to fund. Those are decisions for this Council. Our finances remain very positive. This month Simplestax \$2776.18, Vehicle Ad valorem tax \$1440.39, State sales tax \$3352.38, and lodging tax \$1913.88. All are ahead of projections.

Funds still due the town at this point are as follows: Hurricane Sally funds disputed \$72,464.38 plus \$12,072.24 the State retained to keep our account open; plus the States 12.5% of total approved which will not be paid until dispute is settled, a little over \$16,800 still owed us from State for the Bay front restoration project, last our second disbursement from the American Rescue Plan Funds.

The accountants are still working on our annual audit and it will be presented to the Council when complete. The budgeting process will proceed with a draft Budget presented in September and final Budget being voted on in October, so if the council has any special considerations for the Budget, the next 2 months are when they should be made known.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Love, Chairman

CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

GENERAL OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT	\$397,973.44
4 & 5 CENT GAS TAX ACCOUNT	\$6,810.65
7 CENT GAS TAX ACCOUNT	\$7,846.83
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ACCOUNT	\$29,158.54
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	\$33,732.56
SPECIAL ACCOUNT MM	\$69,688.45
GAS & DIESEL ACCOUNT	\$21,446.80

TOWN OF PRDIDO BEACH (TYPE MEETING) Council / WORKSHOP

NAME ROBERT PALMER

DATE 7/14/22

PHONE (OPTIONAL) _____

SUBJECT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS ATTACHED - AGENDA

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS AS YOU WISH THEM TO BE RECORDED.

NOTE: YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES AS PART OF THE RECORD.

1. Mayor Hamilton, did you and all of your council members read and understand the BP reallocation agreement before approving Resolution 2022-03 ?
2. Was your conversation with Steve Love saying "we have covered this" concerning the BP grant issues, before or after approving Resolution 2022-03 ? I have Steve Love and yourself recorded discussing this during the 6/9/22 town council meeting.
3. Since you obviously discussed the BP grant issues, what was determined to be the proper way to resolve all of the problems ?
4. Has the town addressed those problems with the director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency ?
5. What is your motivation to continue the work in the park and violate the BP grant agreements ?
6. What exactly is the town paying Evergreen Mulching and Landworks to do in the park ? Are they operating off of a detailed plan ?
7. Why did the town not have to advertise for bids on the work for the State Street Park (entrance, roads, drainage, parking) ?
8. What other BP funds are coming "down the pipeline" after 6/16/2022 and what are your plans for using it ? Do you intend to use it for the boat launch and pier ?
9. Mayor Hamilton, you stated during the 6/9/22 council meeting to Jimmy Page- "they don't want us going back and forth answering questions" from the public during town council meetings. Who are "they" ? And why don't "they" want you communicating with the people you are supposed to represent ?
10. Heather Reed Moore failed the Town of Perdido Beach on the bay front project. She cost the town a lot of money in fees and time. Why are you going to continue using her for the State Street proposed boat launch and pier ?

11. Corp of Engineers (permit laws) :
ALGP-07 – BOAT RAMPS AND MARINE WAYS SAM-2021-00494-DCH SP-3 :
For boat ramps designed for public access, the applicant must demonstrate that there is adequate upland parking to support the anticipated use. Where has this been demonstrated in the recent joint application to the Corp of Engineers ?
12. What are your plans for truck/trailer parking for the boat launch ?
13. Mayor Hamilton and some council members have repeatedly stated that the new joint application filed with the Corp of Engineers is just for changing the “orientation” of the pier and boat launch- so the parking did not need to be addressed. Your statement is incorrect- you are actually changing the “location” of the boat ramp. The previous plans showed the boat ramp starting on the town’s property. The new plans submitted by Heather Reed show the ramp starting in the middle of State Street. Why did you move the location of the ramp ?
14. Is it the town’s intention to make State Street a one way street ? The new boat launch plans submitted to the Corp of Engineers dated 4/21/2022 suggest that. No matter what the direction of traffic flow, trucks with trailers will be illegally backing down a one way or two way street to access the proposed boat launch.
15. If the above statement is true about making State Street one way, do all the citizens of Perdido Beach understand that (25) of the (26) property owners to the north of State Street will have to drive thru the park to access their property ? Does everyone understand that all (52) of those property owners will have to drive thru the park to access their private boat launch ?
16. Is the town required to notify the 52 property owners to the north of State Street about the changes to the boat launch plans submitted with the new joint application filed with the Corp of Engineers ?
17. Does the Town of Perdido Beach intend to hold lower safety and legal standards than the State of Alabama, at the proposed State Street

Public boat launch ? Is that why the town dropped the use of the Sport Fish Lease funds ? Reference Alabama Code 220-3-.04.

Recommendations:

1. At the last town council meeting (6/9/22) , you and the council members were seated at a square table setting with council members backs to the public. This is very unprofessional and I believe it needs to be changed. A "U" shaped setting would be more appropriate and allow the public to see all of the council members faces.