

Town of Perdido Beach
Council Workshop Meeting
Town Hall – 9212 County Road 97
April 13, 2017 – 6:30pm

The Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach met in Workshop Meeting on April 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall with Mayor Kae Hamilton presiding. Mayor Hamilton called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Council Members: Mayor Kae Hamilton, Councilman Gary Kiefer, Councilman Steve Love, Councilman Thomas Bloxham, Councilman Andrew Stewart and Councilman Oliver Guilford.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Marcus McDowell-Town Attorney, Lynn Thompson Town Clerk and Members of the Town.

Invocation: Councilman Love

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Steve Love

Public Comments: Mr. Bob Gross, Town Resident commented on the minutes, requesting more detail and also ask that the "Open Letter" from Councilman Bloxham be attached as part of the minutes.

The Town Council discussed business that included:

- **Minutes:** March 9, 2017 Workshop and March 16, 2017 Council Minutes
- **Financials:** March Financial Report

- Mayor Hamilton presented the **6 month financial report to the Council. She reported that spending was within the projected budget**
Section 11-43-84 Code of Alabama 1975-Requiring of reports by municipal officers; statement to council of financial condition of municipality.

- **Presentations:**
 - Mr. Vince Kaiser-President Perdido Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. discussed the Volunteer Fire Dept's desire to acquire clear title on Block 34-Current Location of the Perdido Beach VFD, which is currently owned by the Town.

Discussion: Mr. Richard Davis, attorney representing the Fire Dept. outlined the steps that he deemed necessary to enable the Fire Dept. to gain clear title on either all or part of Block 34-Park property. No Action Taken:
 - Upon request of the Safety Committee, Mr. Corky Matthews-Hunter Security gave a presentation on the use of security cameras as a crime prevention measure.

- **Ordinances:**
 - ORDINANCE 2017-____ LEVYING A PRIVILEGE OR LICENSE TAX UPON PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF RENTING OR FURNISHING ROOMS, LODGINGS, OR ACCOMMODATIONS TO TRANSIENTS IN THE TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH, ALABAMA (First Reading) Discussed levying a 3% lodgings tax.

- **Resolutions:**
 - RESOLUTION 2017-__ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SOUTH ALABAMA MUTUAL ASSISTANCE COMPACT (SAMAC) (First Reading)
 - RESOLUTION 2017-__ APPROVING FUNDS TO PERFORM NON-BID WORK FOR THE TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH
- **Motions/Requests from the Council:**
 - Councilman Stewart's request to form a committee to participate in the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration. The Council was in favor of forming an Ad hoc Committee to support the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration.
Will have a Resolution to form the Committee on the council agenda
 - Combining Workshop and Council Meeting being held on same date and time.
Council agreed not to change the meeting dates.

(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)

<u>Beautification Committee-Chair Mayor Hamilton:</u>	No Report
<u>Budget and Finance Committee-Chair Ky LaGrone:</u>	No Report
<u>Buildings & Grounds Committee-Chair Councilman Tom Bloxham:</u>	No Report
<u>Communication Committee-Chair Steve Foster:</u>	No Report
<u>Public Safety-Chair Councilman Gary Kiefer:</u>	No Report
<u>Public Works-Chair Councilman Oliver Guilford:</u>	No Report

- **Council/Legal or Staff Comments:**
 - Councilman Bloxham read an "open letter": (Letter Attached)
- **Public Comments:** (For Discussion and/or Consideration on the next Council Agenda)
 - There were no public comments.

• **Other Business:**

Mayor Hamilton appointed Mr. John LaGrone to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Nuisance Abatement Ordinance: Discussion tabled to next Workshop.

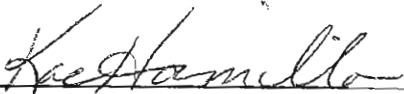
Councilman Bloxham commented on the "dead end" sign at the end of Magnolia Street. Magnolia Street itself ends, but there is an outlet.

Council will advertise for proposals for the design and construction of the boat launch and pier at the east end of State Street.

Attorney McDowell made a request to add "Entering Into Executive Session" on the upcoming Council Meeting Agenda

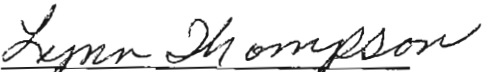
Adjourn:

Being no further business there was a motion by Councilman Love, second by Councilman Stewart to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:45 pm.



Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

TOWN GOVERNMENT TEAM

The definition of a team is a group of people with a full set of complementary skills required to complete a task, job, or project.

Our town leadership consists of the officials who the citizens elected as a team. This team consists of the Mayor and the Council. The town, as well as this team, is served by our town clerk, our attorney and other necessary functions. While this team only does those things for the town which must be done to keep our town safe and secure during the management of the town business and development, I believe we were elected because the town citizens saw the lack of leadership from the previous town team and wanted a team that would bring them the desired controlled growth they have expressed in the past.

As everyone knows, citizens need a government to provide those things that they either can't do or won't do. In the recent past, our town has been unable to bring in additional revenue and since the governments' job is to support its citizens, we must find some additional revenue resources.

We must learn from history as it always repeats itself. When you live in a desirable area surrounded by water, the growth is always massive and, if not controlled properly, becomes either overrun with tourists or a properly developed community supporting controlled growth. I would like to see our town stay a family community so I propose we use our ability to control the growth of the town using the tools we have been given. These tools are controlled growth through zoning and annexation, amenities for our citizens and the tax revenue we are allowed to collect from the public who visit our community.

Many efforts have been blocked to increase our town's ability to support itself and attract families to our area. Some of these have been the blocking of any business, the blocking of a waterfront access for a park or recreation area and the blocking of any attempts to establish a boat ramp for the town.

I am against taxing people to simply increase the town revenue so the town can have money for nonessential or unnecessary projects. We should only use any tax revenue we receive for needs and let the citizens' help provide the money and/or talent for the wants.

A tax on the short term lodging in our area could allow additional income for the town without costing the citizens. Since Baldwin County is growing so rapidly, we should allow our town to levy this tax on those non-citizens who want to enjoy our beautiful waterfront access.

Also, to help the town save the citizens money, we have developed a volunteer database which can be used whenever the town has a need that the citizens are willing to fill. Without volunteers, the town needs to have the income to hire outside people to provide the necessary services. Also, the citizens could help simply by doing some small jobs in front of their own property. Some examples of this could be to clean out their driveway culverts that are blocked, ensure any ditches that are in front of their property have proper storm drainage and don't allow their properties to become dangerous or unsanitary. Some may not live here all year but many of us do and we all need to make sure we help our neighbors by keeping our own property in good repair and clear of abandon structures and/or overgrown areas that invite snakes and other harmful creatures.

We are working hard, as a new town leadership, to bring back the desired controlled growth which the citizens said they wanted when our town was formed. We, as a town, must look around our county and understand, now more than ever, that our town can be devoured by the tourist movement unless we take back the management of our town.

We all love the small town atmosphere we have had in the past but now we have been discovered and there are those who think, as dictators always have, that we are not smart enough to control our own development. They were loud and demanding and now they have moved to background manipulation where they think they have found our weakness. Let's use logic and move back in the direction that our citizens have told us they want to go. Let's work as the tight knit community that we were for many years and not allow the negative manipulators to have the control they have had in the recent past.

I have always used logic to weigh my decisions concerning the right and wrong things in my life. If we allow the emotional manipulation to guide us, we will still be watching our town turn into a community without necessary infrastructure or support 4 years from now.

April 13, 2017 Council Workshop.