

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 5:30 PM  
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

- Motion by Tadlock seconded by Jacobs, the members voted to petition the State to reduce the speed limit from Walmart to Gulfshore Drive to help with the new installation of the pedestrian crosswalks. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion to encourage City Council to get the street sign up as soon as possible, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tadlock, motion carries with a 5-0 vote.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Nancy Weidenhamer called the Public Works/Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present**

Nancy Weidenhamer  
Steve Menchel  
Scott Jacobs  
Guy Tadlock  
Sam Perman

**Absent**

Phil Jata  
Andrea Ansley

**Staff**

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk  
Joe Bodi, Engineering Assistant

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 8, 2015**

**On a motion by Committee member Perman seconded by Committee member Menchel; the members voted 7-0 to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes as amended.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **Okaloosa County Sheriff's Monthly Report**

Committee member Menchel reported that the crime rate and crashes are at the normal levels for this time of year.

➤ **Tim Pietenpol, Deputy Public Works Director**

Chairman Weidenhamer asked the status of 693 Legion Drive. According to the Deputy Public Works Director, that has been finalized. The Chairman stated that she was just recently by there and the landscaping is still there. The Deputy Public Works Director they have painted the footprints on the sidewalk directing pedestrians to walk through their driveway and not into the road when passing by. The Chairman stated that the driveway was full of vehicles blocking the path.

The Chairman then asked about committee member Ansley's concern for the unfinished sidewalk on Mountain Drive in front of Wesley Poole's home and what the status is. According to the Deputy Public Works this item did not make the list for this year however, it will be on the list for the following year adding that he would double check with the Director to find out if it would be something that could be pushed up to this year. The Engineering Assistant added that they are the voice to City Council and they could always attend the budget process and push for additional funding for sidewalk projects.

The Deputy Public Works Director added that they could also petition City Council to fund emergency projects from Council Contingency Fund if that they feel are certain ones need immediate attention.

The Chairman also spoke of the lack of sidewalk connection in front of City Hall. The Deputy Public Works Director explained that Bubba Gump's is in the county however, that may be addressed when the 6-lane construction takes place. The Engineering Assistant also spoke of how the road elevation will be corrected with that project and DWU has a lot of work to relocate their utilities before the project can begin.

The Deputy Public Works Director also informed the members that Indian Bayou Trail is on the road construction list and as part of that project, sidewalks improvements, bike lanes, and stormwater will be included from Highway 98 to Indian Bayou Trail.

Committee member Perman pointed out how bad Matthew Blvd is getting at the intersection of Highway 98 and asked if there are any road construction plans to improve that area, pointing out that once the construction for the Henderson Beach Resort is completed the increase of the traffic will make it worse. According to the Engineering Assistant, that should also be addressed with FDOT's the 6-lane project.

She then asked how they know which sidewalks need to be repaired. According to the PWPS Deputy Director, he goes out every year, around this time and inventories all sidewalks to determine the ones that need immediate attention that could be a potential tripping hazard and the ones that just have cracks with no hazard. He then determines the worse get on the top of the list and they work on the repairs until they have used up the \$30k that he gets allotted every year for repairs.

She then asked why the right hand lane from Triumph to Indian Bayou Trail has been milled but never resurfaced stating that it's a hazard to motorcyclist. The Engineering Assistant stated that the State milled the lane to remove the turn lane arrows a few years ago and will not be resurfaced until the 6-lane project.

Committee member Menchel asked about the crosswalk at James Lee Park and if there was a chance that it would ever be corrected to accommodate persons in a wheel chair. According to the Engineering Assistant, the plan is to tie it into the sidewalk on the east and west side.

Committee member Tadlock asked how he deploys the street sweepers. According to the PWPS Deputy Director, he generally has them on a quarterly schedule for all roads and underground structures, then works outward from there to the streets with the most needs however, at this time of year they tend to get behind with the addition of the tree trimming as well as being short one man right now.

Committee member Jacobs informed him of a couple of potholes that are forming in Indian Bayou Country Club, one at 3969 Indian Bayou Drive and the other located at 3925 Indian Bayou Drive which of the two this one is getting bigger. The Deputy Public Works Director informed the members that the road from Mesa to Indian Bayou is scheduled to be resurfaced and will take care of the problem.

The Chairman asked him to explain the requirements of sidewalks when new homes are built. The Engineering Assistant explained that the builder/contractor for new homes are required to install sidewalks in front of the property and then the City would eventually connect to those when the street the new homes are on is scheduled for sidewalk installation.

Nothing to report this month.

4. **Old Business:**

➤ **Bicycle Subcommittee Report**

Nothing to report.

➤ **Committee Member Reports:**

- Committee member Tadlock – Feels the speed limit needs to be reconsidered on 98 from Walmart to Big Kahuna's and definitely where the pedestrian cross walks are being installed. The Chairman suggested that each of them contact their Council member sponsor and relay their concerns.

**On a motion by Committee member Tadlock for the City to collaborate with the Sheriff's Department to enforce the speed limit in Highway 98 after the new pedestrian crosswalks are installed with the emphasis to reduce the speed limit. The motion died for lack of a second.**

**Motion by Tadlock seconded by Jacobs, the members voted to petition the State to reduce the speed limit from Walmart to Gulfshore Drive to help with the new installation of the pedestrian crosswalks. Motion passes 5-0.**

*City Council why the State*

- Committee member Menchel – Asked why the street signs have still not been put up on the mast arm at Hutchinson Street. The Engineering Assistant stated that it most likely must be a money issue.

**Motion to encourage City Council to get the street sign up as soon as possible, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tadlock, motion carries with a 5-0 vote.**

- **Committee member Tadlock –**

➤ **Engineering Report**

Asked what happened to the Morgan Sports Center. According to the Engineering Assistant the roof trusses were infested with powder beetles and had to be replaced.

The Engineering Assistant reported that for the Gulf Power Lighting, random sampling tests done for anomalies and a good sampling was taken and several were discovered so he is waiting on the City Manager direction.

Heritage Run Drainage Project is now out for bid and will help reduce the amount of repetitive flooding loss for the homes in that subdivision. Adding that staff is still working on the Indian Bayou Project bit hopes to have that one available soon.

Mr. Scott Fisher who is running of Mayor introduced himself and his wife, Roxanne to the members of the committee.

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2016.

*Nancy Weidenhamer*  
Nancy Weidenhamer, Chairman

*Kim Montgomery*  
Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk