

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Nancy Weidenhamer called the Public Works/Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Nancy Weidenhamer
Steve Menchel
Scott Jacobs
Guy Tadlock
Phil Jata

Absent

Andrea Ansley
Sam Perman

Staff

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Engineering Assistant

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 12, 2015

On a motion by Committee member Menchel seconded by Committee member Jata; the members voted 5-0 to approve the January 12, 2015 minutes as amended.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Committee member Menchel reported that he has not received the January report yet but they did discuss the recent home evasion that ultimately resulted in the lock down at Destin Elementary School.

4. Old Business:

➤ **Bicycle Subcommittee Report**

Nothing to report.

➤ **Committee Member Reports:**

• **Committee member Menchel:**

Spoke of the area on Highway 98 in front of Caribbean Joe's where the roadway is getting worn. According to the Engineering Assistant, he contacted a representative with Broad Spectrum, who is now the contractor for the State roadway. They inspected the area and informed Joe that they will continue to monitor the area but do not plan to do anything until the RRR project in 2018 which will be from the Marler Bridge to Airport Road.

Committee member Menchel also spoke of this past Sunday being the one year anniversary to his street sign initiative and how all the signs are up with the exception of Hutchinson Street. He commented on a citizen that recently called the City to complain that there is not a street sign on the mast arm at that intersection. According to Committee member Menchel, he was able to speak to the County and was told they will be installing a street sign soon, not sure if it'll have the name of the street or what but there will be one installed soon.

The Engineering Assistant provided the members with an update on the Hutchinson Street project and spoke of how the rainy weather has caused the project to be so behind.

Committee member Menchel also spoke of how Destiny subdivision has obtained a permit from FDEP to have a permanent pump installed at the lake to drain into the Gulf to keep the homes from flooding and how they installed the pipe through the tunnel this time so that it won't impede traffic.

- **Chairman Weidenhamer:**

The Chairman informed the Engineering Assistant that she has driven by 609 Legion Drive several times and never noticed the "footprint paint" to inform the public that it's ok to walk through the homeowner's property in order to stay out of the road when passing by his house. However, she expressed her disappointment when she found that they are painted black and wants to know why, which no one could see them at night and is why she never noticed them until actually stopped at the house to find them. She stated that she would like to see them painted white so they would be more visible.

- **Engineering Report**

The Engineering Assistant provided the members with an update on the Heritage Run Drainage Bid that was opened on 2/4/16. Explaining further that there were three bids and the bid committee made the recommendation for City Council to award the bid to Talcon, LLC, who have done a lot of work in Leon County and were the lowest bidder. He provided the members with the details of the project.

Committee member Jata asked if there is an update on the Indian Bayou Drainage Project. According to the Engineering Assistant, staff has just received the 60% Engineering Plans and the Public Services Director is in the process of reviewing them. He added that they have changed since the charrette presentation for the HOA in regards to a few more swales added to a number of properties and once the plans get to 90% the project can be put out to bid. Mr. Jata spoke of since his next door neighbor has moved and the owner's sister is now living there and she had discovered a drainage pipe in the backyard that was blocked with plywood, which made all the water flow onto his property.

Committee member Tadlock asked if the five pedestrian operated signals are still on schedule to be installed before summer. According to the Engineering Assistant, the City has paid for them and is ready however he cannot speak for FDOT, even though they have said it can be done; adding that the City will be reimbursed through the RNR project. He also asked if there would be lane closures. The Engineering Assistant stated that most definitely there will be, but most of the work will be done at night after 9 p.m. and before 6 a.m.

Committee member Tadlock also asked for some elaboration on the 2 stormwater Code Violations that were closed out but listed on the report. According to the Engineering Assistant, there were two home owners that were directly discharging their stormwater onto their neighbor's property. They were informed that they cannot do that and both brought their properties into compliance by hiring an Engineer to redesign their stormwater and following through with the plan.

The Chairman asked about the sidewalk that looks to be caving in on Highway 98 at Gulfshore Drive and if there is anything that can be done; she would also like to get an update on their reply.

Mr. Tim Kruger of 914 Bambi Drive reported that he walks a lot down Indian Trail between Main Street and Bayou Drive and there is no sidewalks on either side of the road and would like to request for one to be installed.

He also reported the concrete island that sticks up on Hwy 98 turn lane turning into Callahan's, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and Intimate Treasures that tourists on motorcycles could possibly get injured real bad if they don't see it and hit it. He would like that to be addressed with FDOT. And lastly he feels that the traffic light at the Post Office should be turned into a flashing light instead of a full light. Stating that going by there in the morning there is never anyone at that traffic light.

The Chairman challenged him to go during different times of the day as that is a very busy intersection.

The members and Mr. Krueger discussed several home invasion and robberies that have happened in the City this past year. Committee member Tadlock asked if they agree to have Capt. Ted Pecot come to the committee after spring break and speak to them.

The Chairman advised the members to be prepared to start working on their Work Plan items at the next meeting.

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

Adopted and approved this 12th day of April 2016.

Nancy Weidenhamer
Nancy Weidenhamer, Chairman

Kim Montgomery
Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk