



City of Pensacola  
*CITY COUNCIL*  
&  
Escambia County  
*BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

Joint Workshop Minutes

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May 17, 2021

3:00 P.M.

Bayview Community Center

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The joint workshop was called to order by Commission Chair Bender at 3:02 P.M., at Bayview Community Resource Center, 2000 East Lloyd Street

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present:** Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones (arrived 3:09), Sherri Myers (left 4:49), Delarian Wiggins

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

**Commissioners Present:** Robert Bender, Jeff Bergosh, Steven Barry, Lumon May, Doug Underhill

**Commissioners Absent:** None

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person, however, seating capacity will be restricted to 50% occupancy; further, consistent with CDC guidelines, attendees will be encouraged to sit at least 6 feet apart and as indicated in Resolution No. 2021-16, City Council encourages citizens to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth.

**To watch the meeting live visit:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8jEjxrQTd3UC2JFvKn33Nw>

**To provide input:**

- Citizens may submit comments on any agenda item via email to Council Executive Don Kraher at [dkraher@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:dkraher@cityofpensacola.com) **by 2:30 p.m. May 17, 2021**. All comments submitted will be made a part of the official record.

## SELECTION OF CHAIR

Council President Moore suggested Commission Chair Bender preside as chair.

*No objections.*

## DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

*No public input. Discussion limited to City Council Members, Mayor, County Commissioners, City and County Staff.*

## DISCUSSION

### 1. 21-00434 JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR, AND ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pensacola City Council and Escambia County Board of County Commissioners discussed the following (4) items:

#### **Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU):**

County Administrator Gilley introduced the issue referring to attachments provided in the agenda package (on file with background materials). Discussion ensued regarding transfer of property assets from the City to the County. City Administrator Wilkins and Mayor Robinson fielded comments and questions.

Wrapping up discussion, **Commissioner Barry requested City staff provide information of financial impacts which should be submitted to City Council to consider prior to forwarding to the Board of Commissioners for action.**

#### **Homelessness:**

The following individuals addressed the Council, Mayor, and Commission:

John Johnson, Executive Director for Opening Doors Northwest Florida provided statistical information and updated on current efforts in collaboration with other various local agencies. Mr. Johnson responded accordingly to questions.

Connie Bookman, CEO and Founder of Pathways for Change provided information related to the Homeless Reduction Task Force Mission and Goals 2021. She responded accordingly to questions.

Dr. Robert Marbut, City Consultant presented a (draft) Executive Summary of Observations and Recommendations Regarding Homelessness for the City of Pensacola. He responded accordingly to questions.

*All background materials on file.*

**Homelessness (Cont'd.):**

City Housing Director Whitaker also responded accordingly to questions. County Neighborhood Enterprise Manager Reeves was also in attendance to respond to questions.

**The same individuals will address Council at an upcoming workshop on May 24<sup>th</sup> for a full discussion.**

**Pensacola Shipyard:**

County Natural Resources Director & Deputy County Administrator Kirschenfeld introduced the issue of the potential joint acquisition of this privately owned property for sale encompassing seventy-six acres on the waterfront and indicated there are many potential (industrial) uses. County Marine Resources Manager Turpin referred to hand out materials provided regarding details of the property.

Brief discussion took place. **Commissioner Barry suggested the City take the lead on this issue. City Administrator Wilkins indicated the City will continue fact-finding.**

*Hand outs on file with background materials.*

**American Creosote Remediation:**

City Administrator Wilkins provided the history and background of this property and indicated **the reason for bringing this forward is due to a residential building permit was mistakenly issued recently by the City. He suggested this is probably not just a City issue but could also happen within the County near another contaminated site. He further indicated there is not a state-wide system for sharing of data and information between the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and building officials.**

Brief discussion took place. County Natural Resources Director & Deputy County Administrator Kirschenfeld also provided input.

**ADJOURNMENT**

4:58 P.M.