



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Council President Cannada-Wynn called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of considering two action items related to COVID-19 pandemic.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers (attended by teleconference), Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu (attended by teleconference)

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV

To limit the potential spread of COVID-19, some Council Members attended by telephonic conferencing, and members of the public had the opportunity to attend and participate **only via live stream or phone**. This change in format was consistent with [Executive Order 20-69](#) issued by Gov. Ron DeSantis and had been adopted at the direction of Council President Jewel Cannada-Wynn in consultation with the City Attorney. Public participation was available as follows:

Members of the public may attend and participate via live stream and/or phone.

To watch the meeting live visit: [cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video](https://www.cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video). Or Mayor Grover Robinson's Facebook page at [facebook.com/PensacolaMayor](https://www.facebook.com/PensacolaMayor).

To provide input:

For agenda items: citizens may submit an online form here <https://www.cityofpensacola.com/ccinput> **beginning at 3:00 P.M. until that agenda item has been voted upon** to indicate they wish to speak to a specific item on the agenda and include a phone number. **Staff will call the person** at the appropriate time so the citizen can directly address the City Council using a telephone held up to a microphone. **Any form received after an agenda item has been voted upon will not be considered.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Jewel Cannada-Wynn

ACTION ITEMS

Council Executive Kraher provided the following for the record (on file with background materials):

- *Forty-four (44) requests to speak directly to Council during the meeting (via cell phone held up to microphone)*
- *One hundred (110) public comments from individuals wishing their input be read into the record during the meeting*
- *Two thousand (2,000) signed petitions received stating the following: "I ADD MY NAME TO THIS PETITION TO KEEP ALL OUR PENSACOLA CONFEDERATE VETERAN MEMORIALS INCLUDING LEE SQUARE"*

1. [20-00365](#) HISTORICAL CONTEXT REVIEW OF THE LEE SQUARE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT AND EQUITABLE CONSIDERATION OF ALL PARTIES

Recommendation: That City Council authorize the removal of the Lee Square Confederate Monument. Further, that City Council authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to award a contract for the removal and disposition of the monument.

A motion to approve was made by Council Member Moore and seconded by Council Member Hill.

City Administrator Wilkins provided an overview of the information provided within the agenda materials (on file with background materials) that was research provided by City staff, as well as his own thoughts being familiar with the monument since he was a boy.

Mayor Robinson also addressed the staff report and referenced discussions he has had leading up to the recommendation before Council for consideration.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

Public input was heard (via cellphone held up to a mic) from the following individuals regarding Item 1 (20-00365):

Janelle Conway	Deborah Dunlap
Stephanie Schwartz	Trevor Odom
Christine York	Frank Bryan (waived)
Linda Kallok	Helen Doss
Fred Gassman	David Schwartz
Benita Padilla	Mike Hill
Mike Bates	Heather Johnson
Jerry Webb	Rafael Lopez
Quinten Wise	John Herron
Charlie Rotenberry	Nathan Van Etta
David Earle	Christina Russell
Joshua Tyrone	Jermaine Lee
L. M.	Renee Borden
Randle Thompson	William Lees
Mike Horgan	James George
Joe Wayne	Ron Helms
Cary Clarkson	Mattie Stallworth
Britteny Baumert	Bernadette Pittman
Connie Corp	Deborah Galindo
Lawrence Algee	

The following individuals were called by staff but unable to reach them at the time the call was placed:

Adam Corey	Johnny Bryant
James E. Smith	Teniade Broughton

At this time Council Executive Kraher and City Clerk Burnett alternated reading public comments into the record who requested their comments be read during the meeting. Council Executive Kraher confirmed (at the beginning of the meeting) one hundred ten such comments were received (on file with background materials).

The following individuals addressed Council (via cell phone held up to microphone):

Barbara Mayall (filled-out Planning Board form rather than City Council)
Teniade Broughton (unreachable earlier)

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

Following public input **regarding Item 1 (20-00365)**, at the request of Council President Cannada-Wynn, City Attorney Woolf addressed comments previously made by citizens citing state and federal statutes under such it has been alleged the removal of the monument is not allowable. She referenced a memorandum of her legal opinion (dated July 7, 2020 and emailed on the same date - - on file with background materials) refuting such statutes as not applicable and the reasoning. Mayor Robinson made follow-up remarks indicating the intent of the recommendation is not to destroy the monument, rather respectfully remove and relocate to a more appropriate setting if that is the will of the Council.

Discussion ensued among Council. Based on comments from Council Members, consensus being if the monument is to be removed it be done so quickly and respectfully in collaboration with St. John's Cemetery, if it is the will of their board to have the monument relocated there under their care; and in consultation with UWF's Historic Preservation Trust. Mayor Robinson provided Council with his assurance to handle the monument properly and with the utmost care. Public Works & Facilities Director Owens elaborated on the evaluation of the project and necessary hiring of the appropriate contractor specializing in moving such monuments and approximate timeline.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called **regarding Item 1 (20-00365)**.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6	Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers, P.C. Wu
No: 1	Andy Terhaar

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

2. [20-00337](#) REQUEST FOR THE RENAMING OF LEE SQUARE TO FLORIDA SQUARE

Recommendation: That City Council approve the request to rename Lee Square back to Florida Square.

A motion to approve was made by Council Member Terhaar and seconded by Council Member Moore.

Mayor Robinson addressed the issue before Council and referenced a map from 1858 (on file with background materials).

Council President Cannada-Wynn inquired of what will replace the monument in the square? Mayor Robinson indicated there is not a recommendation at this time and will bring that issue back for Council's consideration later.

Linda Kallok originally requested to address this item but included her comments when she addressed the previous item.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu
No: 0	None

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 P.M.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
Jewel Cannada-Wynn, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk