



# City of Pensacola

## CITY COUNCIL

### Workshop Minutes

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September 21, 2020

4:37 P.M.

Council Chambers

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Council President Cannada-Wynn called the meeting to order at 4:37 P.M. (immediately following 3:30 Special Emergency Meeting and Agenda Conference).

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

**Council Members Absent:** Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar

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:

**Note that the format of the meeting is subject to change due to continuing changes in meeting requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City's website will have the most current information regarding attendance at the meeting by the public.**

**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).

#### To provide input:

- Citizens may submit an online form here <https://www.cityofpensacola.com/ccinput> **beginning at 1:00 P.M. until that agenda item has been heard** 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 CRA using a telephone held up to a microphone. **Any form received after an agenda item has been heard will not be considered.**

## SELECTION OF CHAIR

**A motion was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Moore that Council President Cannada-Wynn chair the workshop.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 5      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, P.C.  
                    Wu  
No: 0      None

## DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Council President Cannada-Wynn suggested public input be heard following Council's discussion of each item.

*No objections.*

Council President Cannada-Wynn referenced hard copies and distribution via email of an add-on discussion item, 20-00591 Review of Lighting Standards.

**A motion to add-on Item 20-00591 was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Jerralds.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 5      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, P.C.  
                    Wu  
No: 0      None

## DISCUSSION

### 1. [20-00581 1015 NORTH "E" STREET - FORMER ALICE WILLIAMS DAYCARE PROPERTY](#)

City Administrator Wilkins briefly addressed Council indicating he is aware of the history related to the property and its former uses (full background information provided in the memorandum dated 9/21/20 in the agenda package). He advised cost estimates are very significant to reuse the facility due to deterioration. **He indicated staff is looking for Council's direction regarding the property and facility.**

Discussion ensued among Council with City Administrator Wilkins responding accordingly to questions. Mayor Robinson also provided input.

**DISCUSSION (CONT'D.)**

**Based on discussion (regarding Item 1, 20-00581), Council is not interested in selling the property but rather interested in soliciting a public/private partnership via a lease agreement (similar to First City Arts), possibly through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, to restore the facility for reuse for youth educational programming benefitting residents in the area and reflecting the historical significance of the property.**

**2. [20-00588](#) 900 EAST JACKSON ST. - MALCOLM YONGE GYMNASIUM**

Mayor Robinson addressed Council referencing the subsidized use of the property suggesting a better use for the property than spending \$715,000 in Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funding to repair the facility. As indicated in the memorandum dated 9/21/20 in the agenda package, programming of senior activities (pre-COVID-19 pandemic) can easily be relocated and the current agreement with Lighthouse Academy (correspondence on file with background materials) does not provide sufficient revenue to maintain the building nor does it publicly serve the community. **City Administrator Wilkins indicated staff is looking for Council's direction regarding the property and facility.**

Discussion ensued among Council with Mayor Robinson, City Administrator Wilkins, and Parks and Recreation Director Cooper responding accordingly to questions. Council Member Hill provided copies of periodicals regarding the facility throughout many decades (on file with background materials).

**Based on discussion, consensus among Council was to have staff to approach Lighthouse Academy about a long-term lease agreement for sole usage of the property that would support the continued maintenance of the building and look into the prospect of selling the property possibly for construction of affordable housing. Also, due to the age of the facility a historical assessment will be conducted.**

**3. [20-00590](#) DEVELOPING AN ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC CALMING, SUCH AS SPEED BUMPS AND OTHER MEASURES.**

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the current departmental practice and policy of addressing traffic calming in neighborhoods and around resource centers and parks, and the need to implement a formal policy. Mayor Robinson, Council Executive Kraher, City Administrator Wilkins, Deputy City Administrator Fiddler, Parks and Recreation Director Cooper provided input and responded accordingly to questions.

**Deputy Administrator Fiddler indicated he has been working on drafting a holistic policy and has taken notes based on this discussion and will prepare a draft to bring forward to an upcoming meeting for Council's consideration.**

**DISCUSSION (CONT'D.)**4. 20-00591 ADD-ON: REVIEW OF LIGHTING STANDARDS

Council Member Moore (sponsor) addressed Council and referenced discussion over the past year regarding lighting standards and current inventory. He indicated while the primary goal is visibility and safety there are also quality of life issues related to illumination being too bright. He also advised of his research this issue and how other cities are appropriating lighting standards.

Discussion ensued among Council with Mayor Robinson, City Administrator Wilkins, and Deputy Administrator Fiddler fielding comments and questions.

**Based on discussion City Administrator Wilkins indicated staff will further refine the policy/standards and prepare a draft to bring forward to an upcoming meeting for Council's consideration.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon conclusion of discussion the workshop was adjourned at 6:01 P.M.