



# City of Pensacola

## CITY COUNCIL

### Workshop Minutes

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February 22, 2021

6:17 P.M.

Council Chambers

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The workshop was called to order by Council President Moore 6:17 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

**Council Members Present:** Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Sherri Myers (left 7:30), Delarian Wiggins

**Council Members Absent:** None

Members of the public may NOT attend the meeting in person, as City Hall is closed to the public until further notice.

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

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#### SELECTION OF CHAIR

No one was nominated, therefore Council President Moore presided as chair.

*No objections.*

#### DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

At the start of the workshop no requests to speak had been received. Council President Moore indicated he would handle any requests if received.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. [21-00203](#) 900 EAST JACKSON STREET - MALCOLM YONGE GYM

Council Member Hill (sponsor) first referenced previous discussions on the disposition of this property (8/13/20 agenda conference and 9/21/20 workshop). As previously addressed, Lighthouse Academy is interested in a long-term lease. City Administrator Wilkins indicated staff needs clear direction from Council on how to proceed with the property. Property and Lease Manager Stallworth addressed Council citing current (market) property value at \$910,000 and lease value at several thousands of dollars per month. She indicated the value is in the land and not the building which requires extensive repairs and on-going maintenance. She indicated the options before Council are to sell the property or negotiate a lease.

Discussion ensued among Council with City Administrator Wilkins, Finance Director Lovoy, Property and Lease Manager Stallworth, Parks and Recreation Director Cooper, Assistant City Attorney Lindsay, and City Attorney Woolf responding accordingly to questions. Prior to discussion concluding, Council Member Hill indicated she would like to provide direction to City staff by conducting a straw vote. City Attorney Woolf provided direction as to the process of straw voting.

**Council Member Hill requested City staff investigate the possibility of a long-term lease of the Malcolm Yonge building with Lighthouse Academy. Council President Moore called for a straw vote by raising of hands. Parks and Recreation Director Cooper indicated he has reached out to Dr. Johannes at Lighthouse Academy and will meet with her tomorrow. The straw vote passed unanimously.**

### 2. [21-00202](#) PROCESS FOR GETTING ITEMS TO & FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

Council Member Myers (sponsor) expressed concern that City Code is not being followed regarding the Planning Board acting on matters referred there by the City Council as a body, not individual members, within the specified forty-five (45) days (as stated in Section 12-12-2 (4)). She suggested a tickler system be developed to track such referrals. Council Executive Kraher addressed Council providing options to better follow the internal process as stipulated by City Code.

Discussion ensued among Council with Council Executive Kraher and Assistant City Attorney Lindsay fielding comments and questions. **Assistant City Attorney Lindsay relayed challenges in meeting deadlines of both Planning Board and City Council meetings' schedules. Council Member Myers suggested Council might want to consider amending the Code to make the deadlines more manageable. Council Executive Kraher indicated he will continue to work on the internal process with staff and the board. Council President Moore expressed concerns with (individual) Council Members attending and providing input to the board which appears to circumvent the process.**

3. [21-00204 STREET LIGHTING](#)

Police Lieutenant Donohoe addressed Council regarding crime prevention through proper lighting. **He explained the Police Department has a process for assessing lighting needs in certain areas to promote public safety and deter crime.** He responded to questions from Council Member Hill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:35 P.M.