



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Workshop Minutes

April 19, 2021

5:31 P.M.

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Council President Moore 5:31 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Sherri Myers, Delarian Wiggins

Council Members Absent: None

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person; however, there will be limited seating capacity. Consistent with CDC guidelines, attendees will be required to sit at least 6 feet apart and to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth.

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

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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 City Council 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

There was consensus among Council that Council President Moore preside as chair.

DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Brief discussion took place with Council Executive Kraher explaining public input normally takes place at the end of discussion of each item.

DISCUSSION

1. [21-00368](#) SIDEWALK BUDGET AND SCHOOL SAFETY

Council Member Myers (sponsor) made comments addressing how problematic it is for students to navigate on foot or bicycle to school. She then introduced Rob Doss, former Transportation Director for Escambia County School District who addressed Council. He spoke of the **necessity for local entities to collaborate in identifying sidewalk priorities and needs to address safe pathways, and stressed the importance of formalizing such efforts through interlocal agreements.** He also indicated grant opportunities are limited. He then responded accordingly to questions from Council Members.

2. [21-00367](#) MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE - CONTRACTS, HISTORY, AWARDS

Council Member Wiggins (sponsor) requested input from City staff. Finance Director Lovoy addressed Council referencing a memorandum provided at Council places (on file with background materials) with attached reporting of the City's Minority and Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) program. Mayor Robinson made follow-up remarks. Finance Director Lovoy clarified the information provided relates only to construction projects and therefore it does not account for other services provided by M/WBE vendors. She then responded accordingly to questions from Council Members.

During discussion it was relayed the City's target for M/WBE participation is five percent (5%) and references to the Covenant with the Community. Some Council Members indicated the target should be increased. It was also requested that information such as annual reporting and a listing of vendors be placed on the City's website.

Public input was heard from Tony McCray.

DISCUSSION (CONT'D.)**3. [21-00366](#) PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD - ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

Council Member Myers (sponsor) addressed Council referencing current City Code Section 6-2-3 (hardcopies at Council's places and on file with background materials) which provides for the duties of the Parks and Recreation Board, but also referenced previous code regulations (also provided) outlining the Board historically had a broader scope. She indicated she does not think the duties provide adequate involvement of the Board. Mayor Robinson referenced hardcopies at Council's places of email correspondence from Rand Hicks, Chairman relaying what he believes the board could undertake as an expansion of duties.

Some discussion took place among Council. **Council Member Myers suggested it would be appropriate to consider an ordinance expanding the roles, responsibilities, and duties and that she would like to bring such action before Council (hopefully) at the May 13th Council meeting.**

Council Member Brahier informed Council Hitzman-Optimist Park, currently under construction improvements, is a mess with flooding issues.

ADJOURNMENT

6:34 P.M.