

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - WORKSHOP

MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2015

9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor (arrived at 9:50 a.m.)
Terri Finnerty, Vice Mayor
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Gregory Premer, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

1. Presentation

- a. University of Florida, Levin College of Law – City's regulation of its beaches

The following representatives from the Levin College of Law were in attendance and gave a presentation:

Thomas T. Ankersen, J.D., Director
W. Thomas Hawkins, J.D., Adjunct Faculty
Melissa Fedenko, Student Associate
Jennifer Lomberg, Student Associate

The following items were reviewed:

- Community context including the large resort district, the boutique hotel/condo district, mixed residential district, Pass-A-Grille Beach district and the jurisdiction over Gulf of Mexico
- Challenges including public safety, commercial vending, structures, alcohol, dogs, wildlife and attractions
- Beach ownership and control including the mean-high-water line, sand and sediment deposits, and sudden loss/addition to waterfront land

- Beach nourishment
- On-water activities and boating safety
- Public access
- Coastal construction, including control line and zone protection
- Alcohol consumption
- Maintenance and Florida litter law
- Public Safety, including commercial business and private property
- Local beach management
- Structures, including temporary, semi-permanent and permanent
- Glass and the impact on humans, the environment and wildlife health and safety
- Beach access points, including camping or alcohol in access areas
- Animals and wildlife including pets, service animals, feeding wild birds and live shelling
- Turtles, including lighting and mechanical beach cleaning during nesting season
- Beach maintenance, including litter

Mayor Lowe's top priorities are: ordinance clarity, better beach practices and maintenance/protection of beach areas.

Vice Mayor Finnerty's top priorities are: public access, alcohol consumption, glass and dogs on the beach.

Commissioner Falkenstein's top priorities are: public safety, public access and swim zones.

Commissioner Premer's top priorities are: public access and trash.

Commissioner Pletcher's top priorities are: coastal erosion, lateral and perpendicular jurisdiction and public access.

The representatives will conduct an informal meeting today with the public in the second floor conference room from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to answer questions.

2. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

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