3/24/2020 - Minutes

1. Opening Prayer with Pastor Homer Hutto of Bayou George House of Prayer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2020 City Commission Meeting and the March 18, 2020 City Commission Special Called Meeting.
   Interim City Clerk-Treasurer Brandy Waldron called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Greg Brudnicki, Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, and Jenna Haligas. Also present: City Manager Mark McQueen and City Attorney Nevin Zimmerman.

   Commissioner Nichols moved to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2020 City Commission Meeting and the March 18, 2020 City Commission Special Called Meeting. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

   Commissioner Nichols moved to add Items 7.h. and 7.i. to the agenda. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

4. Mayor’s Report

4.a. Appointment to the Infrastructure Surtax Committee for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2021.
   Commissioner Nichols moved to appoint Vic Jones to fill a two-year term to expire December 31, 2021. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

4.b. First Notice of Appointment to the Downtown Improvement Board for an unfilled term to expire October 9, 2021.
   Mayor Brudnicki announced an available position on the Downtown Improvement Board for an unfilled term to expire October 9, 2021.

5. Audience Participation
   There was no audience participation at this time.

6. City Attorney

   Commissioner Brown moved to approve Hurricane Michael State of Emergency Declarations No. 74 and No. 75. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

   Commissioner Nichols moved to approve COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration No. 1. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

6.c. Consideration of acceptance of the transfer of certain county roads to the city street system from Bay County.
   Commissioner Nichols moved to accept the transfer of certain county roads to the city street system from Bay County to include related funding. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
7. City Manager

7.a. Consideration of acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award and accompanying Budget Amendment Resolution No. 20200324.1 in the amount of $34,000.00 for Project 25 Compliant Law Enforcement radios.

Commissioner Nichols moved to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award and approve Budget Amendment Resolution No. 20200324.1 in the amount of $34,000.00 for Project 25 Compliant Law Enforcement radios. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION NO. 20200324.1
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROJECT 25 COMPLIANT RADIOS.

7.b. Consideration of Variance for 4211 Northshore Island Drive for requirement Section 9-84 R322.3.5 of Ordinance No. 2608.

Commissioner Nichols moved to approve a Variance for 4211 Northshore Island Drive for requirement Section 9-84 R322.3.5 of Ordinance No. 2608. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

7.c. Consideration to award contract for Design-Build Skate Spot to Newline Skateparks FL, Inc. in the amount of $230,000.00.

Commissioner Haligas moved to award a contract for Design-Build Skate Spot to Newline Skateparks FL, Inc. in the amount of $230,000.00 for City owned property located at 6th Street and Jenks Avenue. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

7.d. Consideration of final payment to L&R Contracting in the amount of $22,041.43 for the Lift Station 41 project.

Commissioner Nichols moved to approve the final payment to L&R Contracting in the amount of $22,041.43 for the Lift Station 41 project. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

7.e. Consideration of Task Order with Mott MacDonald in the amount of $66,000.00 to provide professional engineering services associated with improvements to Pump Station No. 61.

Commissioner Nichols moved to approve a Task Order with Mott MacDonald in the amount of $66,000.00 to provide professional engineering services associated with improvements to Pump Station No. 61. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.


Commissioner Rader moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a purchase price for Independence Village and present for consideration at the April 14, 2020 Commission meeting. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

7.g. Presentation by Police Department on new on-line reporting capability.

Police Chief Scott Ervin presented an overview of the panamacitypolice.org webpage which allows for on-line reporting and access to various other services for citizens.
7.h. Consideration of Resolution 20200324.2 waiving all fees associated with online payments to the city due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Commissioner Nichols moved to approve Resolution 20200324.2 to waive all fees associated with online payments due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION NO. 20200324.2
A RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE WAIVER OF ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH ONLINE PAYMENTS TO THE CITY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

7.i. Consideration of Resolution 20200324.3 authorizing the City Manager to adjust service charges for garbage collection service to certain commercial establishments due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Commissioner Nichols moved to approve Resolution 20200324.3 authorizing the City Manager to adjust service charges for garbage collection service to certain commercial establishments due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. On a roll call vote Commissioners Kenneth E. Brown, Billy Rader, Mike Nichols, Jenna Haligas, and Mayor Brudnicki voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION NO. 20200324.3
A RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST SERVICE CHARGES FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE TO CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

City Manager Mark McQueen reviewed various actions taken by the City to assist citizens related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.