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CITY HALL

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 12, 1957

The City Commission of the City of Panama City, Florida, met on the above date at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., Commissioners Will C. Hughes, Tom Milam, Frank M. Parker, and James E. Hayes. Absent: None.

The Mayor presided, and minutes of previous meetings were approved without being read.

Mr. H. L. Sudduth appeared before the Commission requesting that consideration be given to the previous application by Mr. L. D. McGill to secure a building permit for rental residential construction on some property adjacent to Redwood Avenue. It was brought out that Mr. McGill had previously appeared before the Commission with the request that he be allowed to build two or three apartments on some unplatted property without complying with the city's requirements regarding curb, gutter, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, etc. The Mayor appointed Commissioner Hughes chairman, Commissioners Parker and Milam, and City Manager Peterson on a committee to further investigate this matter.

Mr. W. R. Sowell, representing the Panama City Airport Authority, appeared before the Commission requesting the City to execute a Grant Agreement in connection with the application by the Panama City Airport Board for Federal aid in the development of Fannin Field. Thereupon, on motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Milam, the following resolution was read in full.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO OBTAIN FEDERAL AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANNIN FIELD.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City of Panama City shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the purpose of obtaining Federal aid in the development of Fannin Field and that such agreement shall be set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. That Frank M. Nelson, Jr., Mayor, and Leon Mathis, City Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Panama City, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal of the City of Panama City and to attest said execution.

SECTION 3. That the Grant Agreement referred to hereinabove shall be as follows:

Project No. 9-08-006-5804, Fannin Field Airport, as submitted October 25, 1957, by the Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Form ACA-1632.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 1957.

/s/ Frank M. Nelson, Jr.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Leon Mathis
CITY CLERK

Commissioner Parker's motion for the passage of the above resolution was seconded by Commissioner Milam, and on a roll call vote, Commissioners Hughes, Milam, Parker, and Hayes, and Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., voted "YEA." NAYS: None.

Mrs. Anthony Patterson of 715 E. 10th Court appeared before the Commission relative to her request for a sewer connection at her residence. The City Manager explained that this had been delayed due to the water table of the land involved but that this connection would be made shortly.

Attorney Phillip Roll appeared before the Commission relative to a claim made by J. R. Lewis and others for the \$1,000 reward offered by the City Commission January 1955 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones. This was discussed at length, during which time the City Attorney stated that he had not had time to investigate this claim. He was told to do so and report back to the Commission.

Mr. M. H. Wilson, representing the Millville Dads' Club, appeared before the Commission requesting the city to furnish the labor for a sidewalk adjacent to the Millville Grammar School. He explained that the County Commissioners agreed to furnish the materials, and on motion by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Parker, the city agreed to furnish the labor, provided the necessary easements were secured. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Hughes, Milam, Parker, and Hayes, and Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., voted "YEA." NAYS: None.

Commissioner Hughes introduced a discussion relative to enforcement of the city's firecracker ordinance. The Chief of Police was instructed to clamp down on violators of this ordinance, and the City Attorney was directed to make a study and prepare an ordinance prohibiting the sale of firecrackers within the city limits.

Ordinance No. 554, shown below, was read in full as a final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 554

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CLOSING THE SOUTH 188.7 FEET OF SHERMAN AVENUE, IN PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the City of Panama City, by its City Commission, passed a resolution on the 8th day of October, 1957, pursuant to the provisions of Section 134 of the City Charter, declaring its intention to vacate and close 188.7 feet off the south end of Sherman Avenue, in Panama City, Florida, and

WHEREAS, notice has been published in the Panama City News-Herald in the issue of October 11, 1957, naming October 22, 1957, at 7:00 o'clock P. M., before the City Commission, on the second floor of the City Hall in Panama City, Florida, for objection to be heard, and copy of said notice was served as a civil summons is served upon the abutting owners of said portion of said Street, to-wit, Atlanta & Saint Andrews Bay Railway Company and The Texas Company, said notice served upon each of them on October 10, 1957 as shown by sheriff's return filed with the City Clerk, and proof of publication of said notice in the Panama City News-Herald aforesaid, filed with the City Clerk, and

WHEREAS, hearing was held before the City Commission at the first reading of this ordinance at the City Hall in Panama City, Florida, on October 22, 1957, to hear objections to the closing of said street, and the City Commission has determined it is for the best interests of the City that said portion of said street be vacated and closed, now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the following portion of Sherman Avenue, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot Three (3), Block Twenty (20), according to the Plat of Holmes Addition to Millville filed in 1908 (presently filed in Plat Book 4, page 42, records of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Bay County, Florida, being a subdivision of the N1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 4 South, Range 14 West), thence South 30 feet to the south side of Second Street, formerly Commerce Street, thence West 30 feet, thence North 188.7 feet, thence East 30 feet, thence South 158.7 feet to the point of beginning; being a strip of land 30 feet wide by 188.7 feet long off the south end of Sherman Avenue,

be and the same is hereby closed and vacated.

Section 2. The City of Panama City hereby reserves easement rights with respect to any and all water lines and sewer lines now existing under or across the portion of said street or avenue above described, with the right to continue to use the same as now established, with right of access for repairs and maintenance.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the City Commission of Panama City, Florida, at its first reading on October 22, 1957 and the second reading on November 12, 1957, at the City Hall at Panama City, Florida.

/s/ Frank M. Nelson, Jr.
Mayor and Commissioner at Large

Attest:

/s/ Leon Mathis
City Clerk

Approved this 12th day of November, 1957.

/s/ Frank M. Nelson, Jr.
MAYOR

The City Manager called the attention of the Commission to the fact that there was a city sewer line on the adjacent property, which conceivably would have to be moved in the event the proposed construction by the Texas Company in connection with the closing of the above named street was done. He stated that an easement should be secured from the railroad company for this existing sewer line before this street was closed. Mr. Thomas Sale, attorney, and Mr. John Bradshaw, representing the Texas Company, were present and assured the Commission that this easement could be secured. Thereupon, on motion by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Milam, the above ordinance was adopted, but the Mayor and the City Clerk were not authorized to sign same until the easement referred to above was secured and in the city's possession. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Hughes, Milam, Parker, and Hayes, and Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., voted "YEA." NAYS: None.

The City Manager reported that the State Road Department had completed a traffic pattern for 15th Street and Harrison Avenue at the railroad crossing that would necessitate the city furnishing two traffic lights (which were already on hand but which would require between \$400 and \$500 to renovate.) On motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Hayes, it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the necessary parts to make these installations. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Hughes, Milam, Parker, and Hayes, and Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., voted "YEA." NAYS: None.

In connection with the above, the Commission advised the Chief of Police to watch this construction very closely with a view to preventing accidents.

The City Manager presented an application from Charles Wallace for a berth at the City Pier. On motion by Commissioner Milam, seconded by Commissioner Parker, this application was approved, subject to be vacated as soon as new construction started on the Waterfront Development. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Hughes, Milam, Parker, and Hayes, and Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., voted "YEA." NAYS: None.

The City Manager introduced a discussion relative to an old building south of 9th Street between Magnolia Avenue and McKenzie Avenue that he recommended to be condemned. The City Manager was instructed to give the property owner 60 days to tear this building down and eliminate the fire and accident hazard.

The City Manager presented the three bids received for the construction of a fence around the City Barn. They were opened by the Commission and were as follows:

	\$3,444.70
Sears, Roebuck & Company	\$2,878.70

John Pilcher

\$3,351.42

On motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Milam, it was agreed to award the contract to the low bidder, namely, Sears, Roebuck & Company. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Hughes, Milam, Parker, and Hayes, and Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., voted "YEA." NAYS: None.

The City Manager presented the only bid received for Policemen's and Firemen's uniforms. It was opened by the Commission and was from the Cogburn Clothing Company in the amount of \$5,952. On motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Milam, it was agreed to accept this bid. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Hughes, Milam, Parker, and Hayes, and Mayor-Commissioner Frank M. Nelson, Jr., voted "YEA." NAYS: None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Frank M. Nelson, Jr.
MAYOR

/s/ Leon Mathis
CITY CLERK