

December 22, 1964

CITY HALL

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

DECEMBER 22, 1964

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 Joe E. Hutchison, Commissioners R. H. Carswell, Luther Leavins and Frank Dama. Absent: Commissioner Henry Kirkland.

Mayor Hutchison presided and Rev. Richard L. Scoggins of the Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church delivered the opening prayer. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Leavins. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without being read.

The following City employees appeared before the Commission and expressed their appreciation for the salary increases which the City employees had received during the past year and the very good cooperation which they had received from the City Commission: Ballard Anderson, Laborer in the Water Department; Grady Jackson, Fire Chief; Cecil Koon, Accountant in the Tax Department; John Mitchell, Painter in the Public Works Department; and Gus Chancey, Foreman in the Sanitary Department. The City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney and the City Clerk also expressed their appreciation for the wonderful cooperation they had received from the Commission and stated that it had been a pleasure to serve them. The Commission thanked the employees for their expression of appreciation and wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mayor Hutchison read a letter addressed to Mr. Leon Mathis, City Manager, from Gardner E. Dickinson, Executive Director of the Panama City Housing Authority, stating that the audit report covering non-federal funds of the Authority, as of September 30, 1964, was enclosed and submitted under provisions of Chapter 421 Florida Statutes. Mayor Hutchison stated that this audit report of Panama City Housing Authority as submitted would be placed on file in the City Clerk's office for anyone desiring to see it.

Mayor Hutchison read a resolution which was adopted by the Bay County Board of County Commissioners at their meeting held on December 22, 1964, urging the Florida State Road Department to give immediate consideration to four-laning U. S. Highway 231 from Campbellton, Florida, to Fifteenth Street in Panama City, Bay County, Florida. Without objection, the City Clerk was instructed to have a similar resolution prepared for adoption by the City Commission.

Mayor Hutchison read a letter from John Robert Middlemas of Black Insurance Agency praising the Panama City Fire Department for their excellent work during the fire at the Van Horn warehouse on December 15.

Mayor Hutchison read a letter from Harmon Shields, Chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Panama City-Bay County Chamber of Commerce, expressing the gratitude of the Chamber of Commerce and the entire community for the time, energy and diligent attention the City Commission has given in making the Airport Facility the valuable asset it is today.

Mayor Hutchison read a letter from Leo C. Jones of Jones & Jones, Attorneys At Law, stating that he was representing Mr. and Mrs. John D. Martin wherein Mrs. Martin was injured in a fall upon leaving Gilberg's Incorporated on Harrison Avenue, through the rear door, on November 17, 1964, and thereby placing the City on notice of her claim of damages as may be liable. Without objection, this letter was given to Mr. Mercer Spear, City Attorney, for handling.

Mayor Hutchison read a resolution adopted by the Millville Dads Club asking the City Commission to pass a resolution naming the clubhouse located in Bob George Park "Bud Hardin Memorial Clubhouse". Commissioner Dama moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a resolution complying with the request of the Millville Dads Club to name the clubhouse located in Bob George Park "Bud Hardin Memorial Clubhouse". Commissioner Leavins seconded this motion and on a roll call vote Commissioners Carswell, Leavins, Dama and Mayor-Commissioner Hutchison voted "YEA." NAYS: None. Absent: Commissioner Henry Kirkland. The Clerk then certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

The City Manager presented a recommendation from the Leases Committee to lease Space No. 8 at the Panama City Marina to U. S. Government, Bureau of Fisheries, which would be a supplement to their Lease No. 10081. Mr. Mathis further stated that he recommended this supplement to their lease which would be at the rate of \$.25 per square foot or \$83.33 per month, effective January 15, 1965. Thereupon Commissioner Leavins moved that Space No. 8 at the Panama City Marina be leased to the U. S. Government, as a supplement to their lease no. 10081, at the rate of \$.25 per square foot or \$83.33 per month, effective January 15, 1965, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute this document on behalf of the City. Commissioner Dama seconded this motion and on a roll call vote Commissioners Carswell, Leavins, Dama and Mayor-Commissioner Hutchison voted "YEA." NAYS: None. Absent: Commissioner Henry Kirkland. The Clerk then certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

The City Manager presented a recommendation from the Leases Committee to lease Space No. 5 at the St. Andrews Marina to Neptune Coin Company for a one-year period, with the option to renew for a four-year period at the rate of \$54.70 per month. Commissioner Dama moved that Space No. 5 at the St. Andrews Marina be leased to Neptune Coin Company for a one-year period, with option to renew for a four-year period, at the rate of \$54.70 per month, commencing on January 1, 1965, as recommended by the Leases Committee, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute lease on behalf of the City. Commissioner Leavins seconded this motion and on a roll call vote Commissioners Carswell, Leavins, Dama and Mayor-Commissioner Hutchison voted "YEA." NAYS: None. Absent: Commissioner Henry Kirkland. The Clerk then certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

During the discussion of the City Manager's biweekly activities report, Commissioner Leavins noted with interest that there would be 13 additional teams participating in the City basketball league this season over last year. Commissioner Dama stated that he was very proud of the ceramic group at Truesdell Clubhouse and believed that if the City Manager could have some additional benches available more people would attend.

The City Clerk presented a letter from Mr. John A. Lee requesting retirement pension and stated that the Board of Trustees for the Employees Pension Plan had met on December 21, with reference to this request, and after a study of the Employee Pension Law, Ordinance No. 692, Section 94, Part 5, which states: "An employee who has fifteen years of continuous service and has attained his sixtieth birthday may make application for early retirement", and in view of the

fact that Mr. Lee did not have fifteen years of continuous service, they could not approve his pension request. The City Manager stated that Mr. Lee had served more than ten years with the City and had become disabled and that he recommended a \$40.00 pension be given to Mr. Lee with the money to be taken from Account No. 200.30. Thereupon Commissioner Leavins moved that Mr. John A. Lee be paid \$40.00 per month pension, with the funds to come from Account No. 200.30, subject to the City Attorney's opinion of the legality of same. Commissioner Carswell seconded this motion and on a roll call vote Commissioners Carswell, Leavins, Dama and Mayor-Commissioner Hutchison voted "YEA." NAYS: None. Absent: Commissioner Henry Kirkland. The Clerk then certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

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

/s/ Joe E. Hutchison  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Frank W. Mize  
City Clerk