



**MINUTES
CITY OF PANAMA CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
840 WEST 11TH STREET
JANUARY 27, 2026, 4:30 P.M.**

1. Opening Prayer with Rev. Randy John, Pastor, Heritage Bible Church.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Roll Call and approval of Minutes for the January 13, 2026, Commission Meeting.

City Clerk-Treasurer Janette Smith called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Allan Branch, Commissioners Janice Lucas and Robbie Hughes. Absent: Commissioners Brian Grainger and Josh Street. Also present: City Manager Jonathan Hayes, City Attorney Nevin Zimmerman and Assistant City Managers Jared Jones and Brandy Waldron.

Commissioner Lucas moved to approve the minutes for the January 13, 2026, Commission Meeting. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

4. Additions, Deletions and Modifications.

City Clerk Janette Smith requested item 9.e., Consideration to approve the Membership and Rental Fee Schedule for the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, be discussed after audience participation.

Commissioner Lucas motioned to approve the modification to relocate item 9.e. to be discussed after audience participation. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

5. Community Announcements.

City Manager Jonathan Hayes read the City of Panama City Community Announcements during a video slide presentation.

6. Audience Participation (Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes).

John Holdnak, 1421 Discovery Loop North, Panama City; Valarie Wetzberger, 1421 Discovery Loop, Panama City; Kenneth Bostick, 614 Harvard Blvd., Lynn Haven; Brenda Lewis-Williams, 2748 Oak Hammock Dr. , Panama City; Walter P Henry, 614 Maple Ave., Panama City; Jonathan Walker, 1503 Dunnett Court, Lynn Haven; Gregory Dossie, PO Box 35894, Panama City; Patti Sunday, 1115 Fairland Ave., Panama City; Dr. Rufus Wood, 1911 E. 10th St., Panama City; addressed the Commission.

Location Modification – 9.e. Consideration to approve the Membership and Rental Fee Schedule for the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center.

Commissioner Lucas moved for approval to table Membership and Rental Fee Schedule for the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

7. Consent Agenda

- 7.a. Consideration to approve the Special Event Permit for Florida Luxe Arts Festival (FLLUXE) from March 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., through March 8, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Center for the Arts, sponsored by Bay Arts Alliance and the City of Panama City. (Road closure on Harrison Avenue from East 4th Street to East 5th Street and on East 4th Street from Harrison Avenue to Luverne Avenue)
- 7.b. Consideration to approve the Special Event Permit for Irish You Were In the Drew's event on March 14, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., at 1118 Bayview Avenue, sponsored by The Dive. (Road closure on Bayview Avenue from 11th Street to 11th Court)
- 7.c. Consideration to approve the Special Event Permit for 29th Annual Blessing of the Fleet on May 2, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Downtown Marina, sponsored by Second Chance of NWFL.
- 7.d. Consideration to ratify the Panama City Police Department's acceptance of a K-9 purchase agreement with the DeFuniak Springs Police Department.
- 7.e. Consideration of approval of Change Order 2 to Royal American Construction for PC25-030 SRF Area D-15 Infrastructure Improvements for additions essential to successful project completion \$73,471.80.

- 7.f. Consideration of approval of Change Order 3 to Mainline Construction for PC25-033 SRF Area D-14 Infrastructure Improvements for additions essential to project completion totaling \$180,079.14.
- 7.g. Consideration to approve revising the name of the westernmost portion of Discovery Loop within the SweetBay Development.
- 7.h. Consideration to award bid PC26-005 Project Hometown Revitalization – Greg Abrams to Anderson Construction Company and approval to execute a contract in the amount of \$140,774.00.
- 7.i. Consideration for approval and authorization to execute a three-year renewal contract with Pelleria for data backup, restoration and professional support services, totaling \$108,099.79.

Commissioner Hughes moved for approval of the consent agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

8. City Clerk

- 8.a. Notice of Term Expiration on the Board of Trustees for the Retirement Plan and Trust for the General Employees of the City of Panama City.

Commissioner Hughes motioned to reappoint Priscilla Hagler to the Board of Trustees for the Retirement Plan and Trust for the General Employees for a two-year term that expires on January 25, 2028. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

- 8.b. Notice of Term Expiration on the Infrastructure Surtax Citizens’ Committee.

Commissioner Lucas motioned to appoint Dr. John Haley to the Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Committee for a two year term that expires on January 11, 2028. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Grainger arrived at the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

- 8.c. Third Amendment to the Triumph Gulf Coast Grant Award.

Commissioner Hughes moved for approval of the Third Amendment to the Triumph Gulf Coast Grant Award. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Brian Grainger, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted “YEA”. “NAYS” - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

9. City Manager

- 9.a. Consideration, approval and authorization to execute the Second Amendment to the Joint Participation Agreement ASZ65 between State of Florida Department of Transportation and City of Panama City, Florida and consideration to approve Budget Amendment Resolution 20260127.2.

Commissioner Lucas moved for approval of authorization to execute the Second Amendment to the Joint Participation Agreement ASZ65 between State of Florida Department of Transportation and City of Panama City, Florida and consideration to approve Budget Amendment Resolution 20260127.2. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Brian Grainger, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION NO. 20260127.2

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS RECEIVED FROM AN AMENDMENT TO FDOT JPA ASZ65.

- 9.b. Consideration of approval of Resolution 20260127.3 in support of the City's grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency's Florida Boating Improvement Program.

Commissioner Hughes moved for approval of Resolution 20260127.3 in support of the City's grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency's Florida Boating Improvement Program. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Brian Grainger, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION NO. 20260127.3

RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT CONCERNING THE BOAT RAMP.

- 9.c. Consideration to approve Resolution 20260127.5 to provide support for pedestrian improvements by the Florida Department of Transportation on Harrison Avenue between 12th and 13th Street adjacent to Bay High School in Panama City.

Commissioner Hughes moved for approval of Resolution 20260127.5 to provide support for pedestrian improvements by the Florida Department of Transportation on Harrison Avenue between 12th and 13th Street adjacent to Bay High School in Panama City. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Brian Grainger, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION NO. 20260127.5

RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT CONCERNING THE SAFE ROAD
TO SCHOOL GRANT

- 9.d. Consideration to approve five-year leases with The Bancorp for four (4) new vehicles, to be used by the Panama City Police Department.

Commissioner Grainger moved for approval of five-year leases with The Bancorp for four (4) new vehicles, to be used by the Panama City Police Department. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Brian Grainger, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

- 9.e. Consideration to approve the Membership and Rental Fee Schedule for the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center.

This item was tabled.

- 9.f. Report on options for Cross Connection Control and update on the consent orders.

City Manager Jonathan Hayes reported on Cross Connection Control and the consent orders.

10. Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Grainger motioned to adjourn. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Janice Lucas, Brian Grainger, Robbie Hughes and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.