



# City Hall

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Quincy, Florida 32351

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## Regular City Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chamber

City Commissioners

Mayor Freida Bass-Prieto – District IV

Mayor Pro-Tem Angela G. Sapp – District II

Commissioner Dr. Robin Wood – District I

Commissioner Ronte R. Harris – District III

Commissioner Dr. Beverly A. Nash – District V

*"An All-American City in the Heart of Florida's Future"*



City Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
6: 00 PM  
City Hall  
Commission Chamber  
**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

Sis. Mary Bush Smith, First Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, Quincy, FL

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Proclamation**

**Special Presentation**

1. Honoring Breast Cancer Month Survivors Testimonies
  - Sandra Goldwire, District 1
  - Gaye Lashley, District 4
  - Whitney Sampson, District 4
2. Sheriff Morris A. Young Presents: Youth Night Out
  - Captain Anglie Holmes, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office
  - Pastor Clarence Jackson, Reentry Coordinator, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office
3. Oikos Development Corporation, Voluntary Annexation and Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment
  - Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Raymond Greer, Oikos Development Corp.
4. Gen Land Corporation, Voluntary Annexation and Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment

- Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Clint West, Gen Land Corp.
5. Rebecca R Shaw Revocable Trust and El Dorado Farm Properties LLC, Comprehensive Plan Amendment to amend Future Land Use Map
- Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Brad Parker, Rebecca R Shaw Revocable Trust, and El Dorado Farm Properties LLC

#### **Items for Consent by the Commission**

6. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting of September 26, 2023
- Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk
7. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting of October 10, 2023
- Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (3 Minute Limit)**

#### **Public Hearings and Ordinances as Scheduled or Agendaed**

#### **Public Opportunity to Speak on Commission Propositions – (Pursuant to Sec. 286.0114, Florida Statute and subject to the limitations of Sec. 286.0114(3)(a), Florida Statute)**

#### **Resolutions**

8. Resolution 1448-2023 – Approval from Quincy Main Street for the Temporary Road Closure for the Blues, Brews, & BBQ Event
- Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - LT. Carlos Hill, City of Quincy Police Department
9. Resolution 1449-2023 – Approval for the Temporary Road Closure for the City of Quincy Trunks of Treats Event
- Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - LT. Carlos Hill, City of Quincy Police Department

#### **Reports, Requests, and Communications by the City Manager**

10. Approval of a Contract with GCU for the Inspection and Cleaning of Mini System E
- Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Richard Ash, Utilities Director
11. Approval to Transfer \$215,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Grant to the Utilities Fund (sewer) for the upgrade at the Virginia Street Lift Station as stated in the Consent order OGC 18-0059B
- Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Richard Ash, Utilities Director

**Reports by Boards and Committees**  
**Other Items Requested to be Agendaed by Commission Member(s), the City**  
**Manager and Other City Officials**

**Comments**

- City Manager
- City Clerk
- City Attorney
- Commission Members

**Adjournment**

Title XIX: PUBLIC BUSINESS - Chapter 286 - PUBLIC BUSINESS: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS -  
**SECTION 0105 - Notices of meetings and hearings must advise that a record is required to appeal.**

286.0105 - Notices of meetings and hearings must advise that a record is required to appeal. Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing if notice of the meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing.

# Special Presentations

# Honoring Breast Cancer Month

Survivors Testimonies

Sheriff Morris A. Young  
Presents: Youth Night Out

Oikos Development Corp.  
Voluntary Annexation and  
Small-Scale  
Comprehensive Plan  
Amendment



Gen Land Corporation-  
Voluntary Annexation and  
Small-Scale  
Comprehensive Plan  
Amendment

Rebecca R Shaw  
Revocable Trust and El  
Dorado Farm Properties  
LLC- Comprehensive Plan  
Amendment to amend  
Future Land Use Map

# Items for Consent by the Commission

Approval of the Regular  
Commission Meeting of  
September 26, 2023

**CITY COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**  
**6:05 P.M. (Eastern)**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**QUINCY, FLORIDA 32351**

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The City of Quincy City Commission met in a regular in-person meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, with **Mayor Freida Bass-Prieto** opening the meeting up and the following Commissioners present:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Angela G. Sapp
- Commissioner Dr. Robin Wood
- Commissioner Ronte R. Harris
- Commissioner Dr. Beverly A. Nash

City Staff and Guests:

- Robert Nixon, City Manager
- Gary A. Roberts, City Attorney
- Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk
- Amanda Matthews, Senior Accountant
- Reginald Bell, Public Works Director
- Richard Ash, Utility Director
- Anthony Baker, Fire Chief
- Timothy Ashley, Police Chief
- LaTrenda Gainous Carroll, Customer Service Supervisor
- Juanita Brunson, Purchasing Agent
- Stephen Gauss, IT Contractor
- Jim Southerland Sr., WQTN-13 Administrator

The regular in-person meeting was recorded and held in accordance with Florida Sunshine Law. (Note: Digital formatted documents/media are public records.)

**Called to Order**

Mayor Bass-Prieto called the Regular Commission meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Jimmy Salters, Chaplain for Gadsden County Sheriff’s Office, provided an invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Bass-Prieto requested a roll call.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp offered a motion to approve the agenda as printed.

Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes

Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

**Proclamations**

Mayor’s Proclamation

1. Honoring National Hispanic Heritage Month
  - Freida Bass-Prieto, Mayor

**Summary of the Discussion by Staff and the Commission**

Mayor Bass-Prieto read the mayor’s proclamation supporting and proclaiming September 15, 2023 – October 15, 2023, National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Quincy.

**Special Presentation**

None

**Items for Consent by the Commission**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Denise Pouncey Hannah, no address given, provided the following comments.

- Stated the Sunnyvale Cemetery has become untidy.
- Stated that flowers and ornaments being dropped off where their loved one is buried and left too long.
- Stated that citizens should be reminded that a cemetery is sacred and should not look unkept.
- Stated that she has picked up items blown on her loved one’s grave that don’t belong to her.
- Asked if the cemetery will be expanded.

City Manager Nixon stated that Public Works Director Bell has been working on addressing the issue of cleanliness of the cemetery and this effort will involve everyone.

- Stated there should be a timeframe on how long flowers should stay on an individual’s grave.
- Stated how important it is to honor and respect the dead.
- Stated that toys and other items are being placed on graves.
- Stated that the cemetery is a beautiful resting place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that she too has received calls and concerns about the number of items being left on graves at Sunnyvale.

- Stated that the staff has been awesome about cleaning up the cemetery.

Commissioner Harris stated that there are some policies that must be but in place to avoid having the cemetery look uncared for.

Emanuel Sapp, 821 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that he is providing vouchers to the homeless interested in receiving counseling.
- Stated that he is providing food weekly for ten families at no cost.
- Stated that he would like to see chess, checkers and other activities be offered to the homeless at Tanyard Creek Park within the rules.
- Stated that communities provided help for their homeless.
- Stated that the police department is doing their job.
- Stated that unfortunately a young person from our community went to Tallahassee and committed a crime against the police.
- Stated how important it is to stick to the rules.
- Stated that there will be a youth rally held on Thursday.
- Stated that rules and regulations are important.
- Stated that the commission and city manager are doing a good job.
- Stated that Commissioner's Harris and Wood will help others.
- Stated that he assists children and only requires them to bring him their report card.
- Stated that we must help city employees making less than \$31,000 yearly.

Derrick Elias, 233 Cheeseborough Ave, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that Mrs. Hannah brought up an issue concerning him on the other side of the spectrum.
- Stated that his family planted a rose bush near the grave of his grandmother 15 years ago.
- Stated that the rose bush scared his family, and someone cut it down.
- Stated that there are some items that should not be allowed in the cemetery.
- Stated that we should be mindful of sentimental items.

Paula Phillips, 816 Sunset Dr., Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Thanked everyone for the hard work on the budget.
- Stated how upset she is about employees not getting a raise.
- Stated that the city employees work hard, and the cost of living is increasing.
- Stated that the city is lucky to have its employees.
- Stated that she would like to have seen the employee wages come first and not what the commission wanted for their districts.
- Stated that she hopes that the employees can get raises before next year.

Tracey Stallworth, 770 Selman Road, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that he does a lot of community work.
- Stated how tired he is with seeing black men drugged out.
- Stated that he listens to these men and hear their story.
- Stated that many men feels that there are not many resources available in Gadsden County.
- Stated that these are some good-hearted people, that got caught up on drugs and need help getting off drugs.
- Stated that he hopes that the commission will allocate funds in the budget to assist mental health and addictions.
- Stated that we must empower individuals not to use drugs.
- Stated that he does not want to see any young person die from violence.
- Stated that he would like to see more town hall meetings.
- Stated that he's willing to help wherever needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated there is a problem with drug use and hanging out on Key and Clark Street that concerns her.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that she has witnessed individuals walking back and forth panhandling.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that there is a family living on Key Street afraid to allow her children to play in the yard because of the drug use and homeless hanging around Clark Street.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that this is a community problem and it's going to take the community to pull together to solve this problem.

- Stated that on Saturday's local pastors walked the neighborhood and provided meals to the homeless.
- Stated that there are many black men who are struggling and broken.

Michael Clary stated that there are resources available for mental health and drug counseling such as Apalachee, and Gateway located in Tallahassee.

Michael Clary stated that the city would partner with these non-profit organizations.

Michael Clary stated that he's available and a retired mental health counselor.

### **Public Hearings and Ordinances as Scheduled or Agendaed**

2. Ordinance 1143-2023 – Adoption of the 2023-24 Millage Rate – Second Reading
  - Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Amanda Matthews, Sr. Accountant
3. Ordinance 1144-2023 – Adoption of FY 2023-24 Budget – Second Reading
  - Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Amanda Matthews, Sr. Accountant



**Summary of the Discussion by Staff and the Commission**

Agenda Item #2 Ordinance 1143-2023 - Adoption of the 2023-24 Millage Rate – Second Reading

Mayor Bass-Prieto requested a motion to read by title only Ordinance 1143-2023.

Commissioner Harris offered a motion to read by title only Ordinance 1143-2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp seconded the motion.

Mayor Bass-Prieto requested the city clerk to poll the commission.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

City Clerk Shackelford Clemons read by title only Ordinance 1143-2023.

City Manager Nixon stated that staff recommends a rolled back rate of 6.4037.

City Manager Nixon stated that this is the same rate from fiscal year 2022-2023.

City Manager Nixon stated that citizens would not feel a financial impact due to the rate staying the same.

City Manager Nixon stated that at some point the millage rate will need to increase revenue.

Mayor Bass-Prieto opened the floor for public comments on Ordinance 1143-2023.

Derrick Elias requested the amount of revenue expected in the new fiscal year.

Mayor Bass-Prieto stated that \$35,710,198 are the total appropriated revenues.

Mayor Bass-Prieto stated that property tax will not increase.

Mayor Bass-Prieto stated that the county millage rate remained at 9.000.

Commissioner Wood stated that even though the millage did not increase, the need to find revenue is a must.

Commissioner Wood stated how pleased she is that keeping the millage rate the same did not hurt citizens.

Commissioner Wood stated that there will come a time when it will be necessary to raise the millage rate to keep the city afloat.

Commissioner Wood stated that utilities are a great source of revenue, other revenue strings need consideration.

Mayor Bass-Prieto closed the public hearing and turned over Ordinance 1143-2023 to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Harris offered a motion to adopt Ordinance 1143-2023 on second reading.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp seconded the motion.

Mayor Bass-Prieto directed the city clerk to poll the Commission.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

Agenda Item #3 Ordinance 1144-2023 – Adoption of FY 2023-24 Budget – Second Reading

Mayor Bass-Prieto requested a motion to read by title only Ordinance 1144-2023.

Commissioner Harris offered a motion to read by title only Ordinance 1144-2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp seconded the motion.

Mayor Bass-Prieto requested the city clerk to poll the commission.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

City Clerk Shackelford Clemons read by title only Ordinance 1144-2023.

Amanda Matthews Sr. Accountant provided an overview of Ordinance 1144-2023.

General	\$11,259,360
CRA	\$1,033,366
Business Activity	\$567,803
Sewer	\$2,183,954
Electric	\$14,956,757
Water	\$2,027,288
Gas	\$1,678,458
Refuse	\$1,561,345
Landfill	\$132,236
Telecom Utility	\$0
Internal Service	\$309,631
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,710,198</b>

City Manager Nixon thanked staff and Ms. Matthews for diligently working on providing a balanced budget.

City Manager Nixon stated that the budget process will continue after tonight.

City Manager Nixon stated that the rate study is almost completed, and staff will offer the commission recommendations based on the study.

Mayor Bass-Prieto opened the floor for public comments on Ordinance 1144-2023.

Denise Hannah stated that the ordinance she received is not the same ordinance read into the record.

Mayor Bass-Prieto stated that prior to the regular commission meeting the commission held a budget workshop and that's when the changes occurred.

City Manager Nixon stated that the budget will be available on the website.

Derrick Elias noted that FY 2022-23, the city spent less than what was budgeted.

Mayor Bass-Prieto stated that the actual amount of how much the city spent will be determined in the upcoming audit.

Derrick Elias asked were there any capital projects that were realized in the 2022-2023 budget.

Derrick Elias asked if there are any capital projects realized in the 2023-2024 budget.

City Manager Nixon stated that a copy of the city's annual report is coming and will reflect the prior year's capital projects.

City Manager Nixon stated that there are several sidewalk projects in this year's budget.

Public Works Director Reggie Bell stated that the city is also working on a few drainage projects and repairs to a holding pond on GF & A Drive.

Public Works Director Reggie Bell stated that the city will start a project on MLK Blvd.

Public Works Director Reggie Bell reiterated that there are several sidewalk projects.

Utilities Director Richard Ash stated that projects being worked on are the trunk line and continue repairs of the wastewater treatment plant.

City Manager Nixon stated that the city and FDOT are working identifying road improvements.

Police Chief Ashley stated that there is one frozen position and no loss of police officers in FY 2023-2024 budget.

Police Chief Ashley stated that there are 29 police officers.

Police Chief Ashley stated that the department is on track.

Derrick Elias stated that with the proper planning employees need to get an increase in pay.

Derrick Elias stated that he witnessed the anguish on the look of commission faces during the budget process.

Derrick Elias stated that he feels that parks and rec. is too top heavy for the number of programs provided.

City Manager Nixon reminded the commission that there are major affordable housing developments that are being built that will provide the city with more utility customers on the books.

Mayor Bass-Prieto stated that there are many improvements being made in the city.

Rolanda Jackson stated that providing a budget on the day off a meeting makes it difficult for the public to give input.

Rolanda Jackson requested that the commission not adopt the budget.

Rolanda Jackson stated that she speaks for the 152 city employees.

Rolanda Jackson stated that she doesn't understand how it was created that employees are scared and afraid to say anything.

Rolanda Jackson stated that she's had 16 different city employees to call her, and she's spoken to everyone on the dais except the mayor.

Rolanda Jackson stated that some employees received a raise on September 29, 2023.

Rolanda Jackson stated that one employee received an 18% raise.

Rolanda Jackson stated that raises are being eased in towards the end of the budget process for a few employees.

Rolanda Jackson stated what happens to the other employees who are scared to speak for fear of retaliation.

Rolanda Jackson stated that she stands by everything she says and will not lie.

Rolanda Jackson asked where the money will come from, and we are dealing with a budget that we will be in trouble with.

Rolanda Jackson stated that for the 148 employees that did not get a raise, talk with your commissioner, because a few employees just received raises.

Rolanda Jackson stated that this is unfair.

Rolanda Jackson stated that employees are the go to people that make it happen.

Rolanda Jackson stated that we pick and choose who we give a raise to.

Rolanda Jackson stated that we give raises to the same three people which kills the morale among the other employees.

Rolanda Jackson reiterated that for the employees who called her, she has delivered the message.

Rolanda Jackson stated that the city manager works for the commission.

City Manager Nixon stated that all employees hired received salaries based on their qualifications and skills.

City Manager Nixon asked how Mrs. Jackson received the information on salaries because there had not been a public record request nor was the information made public.

City Manager Nixon stated how concerned about how that information left city hall.

City Manager Nixon stated that it is inappropriate for a citizen to obtain information without going through the proper channels.

City Manager Nixon reiterated that he would address his concern with staff.

City Manager Nixon agrees that every employee deserves a raise.

City Manager Nixon stated that due to budgetary restraints raises will be considered later.

City Manager Nixon stated that all employees understand that there he has an open-door policy when it comes to communicating.

City Manager Nixon stated that employees are aware that they can speak openly to their immediate supervisor and human resources.

City Manager Nixon stated that he appreciates the citizenry, however cautioned when it comes to giving incomplete or false information.

City Manager Nixon stated that he would allow Police Chief Ashley to speak if he desires to on the employee who received raises.

Michael Clary stated that he understands that you must have money to give raises.

Rolanda Jackson stated that this is the people money and that she did not receive her information from anyone at city hall.

Mayor Bass-Prieto closed the public hearing and turned over Ordinance 1144-2023 to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Harris offered a motion to adopt Ordinance 1144-2023 on second reading.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp seconded the motion.

Mayor Bass-Prieto directed the city clerk to poll the commission.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	No
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	No

**The Motion Carried 3 to 2.**

Commissioner Wood stated that she voted not to adopt the budget because the public had not received or had time to review the proposed budget.

**Public Opportunity to Speak on Commission Propositions – (Pursuant to Sec. 286.0114, Fla. Stat. and subject to the limitations of Sec. 286.0114(3)(a), Fla. Stat)**

**Resolutions**

4. Resolution 1446-2023 - Approval of Road Closure for the Gadsden County High School Homecoming Parade
  - Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - LT. Carlos Hill, Quincy Police Department
  
5. Resolution 1447-2023 - Approval of Road Closure for the Gadsden County Bicentennial Mega Reunion
  - Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - LT. Carlos Hill, Quincy Police Department

**Summary of the Discussion by Staff and the Commission**

Agenda item # 4 - Approval of Road Closure for the Gadsden County High School Homecoming Parade

LT Hill stated that the request seeks approval to temporary close streets needed to accommodate the homecoming parade.

LT Hill stated that the homecoming parade is scheduled for Friday, October 6 with the road closings 3 pm – 6 pm.

Commissioner Nash noted that a map was not included in the request.

Commissioner Wood stated that she likes the visual of looking at a map.

Mayor Bass-Prieto stated that her only concern is that clean up begin as soon as the parade is over due to the parade route being in a residential area.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp offered a motion to adopt Resolution 1446-2023.

Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

Agenda item # 5 - Approval of Road Closure for the Gadsden County Bicentennial Mega Reunion

LT Hill stated that Gadsden County High School, formerly East Gadsden, is having its first mega reunion on September 30, 2023.

LT Hill stated that road closures will be from 3 pm – 9 pm.

LT Hill stated that the purpose for the road closure is to eliminate traffic jam on to Corry Field area.

Parks and Rec. Director Fagg stated that vehicles will not be parked on the field.

Parks and Rec. Director Fagg stated that the use of spikes used to secure pitching tents is not permitted on the field.

Parks and Rec. Director Fagg stated that the use of sandbags is permitted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp offered a motion to adopt Resolution 1447-2023.

Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

**Reports, Requests, and Communications by the City Manager**

- 6. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Provided Low Quote for the Rehab of Virginia Street Lift Station
  - Robert Nixon, City Manager
  - Richard Ash, Utilities Director

**Summary of the Discussion by Staff and the Commission**

Utilities Director Ash stated that the staff had diligently searched for a company to complete the 2018 consent order for the upgrade at the Virginia Street Lift Station.

Utilities Director Ash stated that alternative plan for using a standby pump was developed to allow for time until the bids came in.

FDEP agreed to the alternative plan.

Utilities Director Ash stated that Solomon Construction was the lowest bidder coming in at \$215,000.

Utilities Director Ash stated that the funds would be removed from the American Rescue monies.

Commissioner Nash stated that she appreciates the detail of the summary that was provided.

Commissioner Wood requested the balance left the American Rescue and a breakdown of how monies were used from the American Rescue.



Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp offered a motion to approve the low quotation from Solomon Constructions of Quincy in the amount of \$215,000 for the upgrade at the Virginia Street Life Station Upgrade, using the monies from the American Rescue.

Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

**Reports by Boards and Committees**

None

**Other Items Requested to Be Agendaed by Commission Member(s), the City Manager, and Other City Officials**

None

**Comments**

City Manager, Robert Nixon

- Announced the Quincy Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Open House is scheduled for October 10, 6 pm – 8 pm at wards lot.
- Announced that the commission’s Thanksgiving baskets to needy family’s deadline to submit names is November 13.
- Announced that Gadsden County Dept of Elderly Affairs Wills on Wheels event taken place on October 5 at 10 am.

City Clerk, Janice Shackelford Clemons

- No comments.

City Attorney Gary Roberts

- No comments

**Commission**

Commissioner Nash

- Stated that citizens are asking about the city's rehab program for housing repairs.
- Stated that the budget is a zero balanced budget. Asked that citizens review the budget and if you see something say something.
- Stated that she's concerned with the focus of the budget.
- Stated that the budget focuses little on the citizens and what matters to them.
- Stated that the auditor cautioned about money the flow going into this fiscal year and she's concerned about personnel agendas.

#### Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp

- Stated that she received a call from Ms. Tawanna Murray regarding an event on Pat Thomas called Jazz in the Park.
- Stated that Ms. Murray acknowledged receiving permission to host the event.
- Stated that she couldn't vision this event taken place on Pat Thomas.

City Manager Nixon stated that he's aware of the event and it does not require the city's approval due to it being on private property.

- Stated that she was told by Ms. Murray that she had spoken with the neighbor.
- Stated that there is more than one neighbor living in this area.

City Manager Nixon stated that he would forward information to the city attorney about the event.

#### Commissioner Wood

- Brought greetings from district 1 commissioner.
- Acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month and Freedom Week.
- Stated that she is proud that the millage rate remains the same so that the levy on property tax would not increase.
- Stated that this was done this fiscal year and next year may require an increase.
- Thanked the police department and LT Hill for keeping the city safe during events.
- Wished Gadsden High School much success during its homecoming parade as well as East Gadsden High School on its upcoming mega reunion.
- Stated that she is concerned about the need to increase revenue.
- Stated that the budget must be balanced, and it cannot be just by placing numbers anywhere.
- Stated that spending must be prioritized.
- Stated that balancing a budget requires careful and strategic planning, analysis and decision making by the commission.
- Stated that the transfer of funds to balance a budget creates certain consequences and should not be a common practice.
- Stated that just because transferring funds is a practice in the city does not mean that it will be a future practice.
- Stated that she supports raises if the money is there.

- Stated that she is pleased that mayor Pro-Tem Sapp requested the employees' salaries and would like to request the formula used in establishing salaries.
- Stated that raises should be given across the board or not at all.
- Thanked the city manager and department heads for placing some items in the budget to improve infrastructure.
- Stated that she's looking forward to the smart grid and making our government digital.
- Stated that a look at housing and resources needs should be a priority.
- Stated increasing fees is a part of increasing revenue.
- Stated that citizens need help and as commissioners it is up to us to give it to them.
- Stated that the commission should focus on economic growth, and bringing commercial businesses to the city is the challenge the commission must undertake.
- Stated we don't want to get to the point where every reserve is used to rob Peter and to pay Paul.
- Stated that she's very proud of the work the city manager and directors have done with the budget based on the commission's comments and appreciates staff listening.
- Stated that during the budget process she has struggled with the lack of respect on the dais.
- Stated that everyone has an opinion which may be different.
- Stated that everyone's voice should be heard.
- Stated that she has very little confidence in the current leadership.
- Suggested that the commission look at choosing another mayor so that opinions are recognized and respected.

Commissioner Dr. Wood offered a motion to change the leadership on the dais to include a new mayor.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion.

Mayor Bass-Prieto asked the city attorney what the charter said on how a mayor is chosen.

City Attorney Roberts stated that the city's charter provides that a vote can be rescinded by motion under sec. 2-62.

City Attorney Roberts read into the record sec. 2.62 (b) A commission member seeking rescission of a previous action shall place a motion to consider rescission on the agenda of a regular commission meeting. If a majority of the full membership of the commission approves the motion to consider rescission, the motion to rescind shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular commission meeting. If less than a majority of the full membership vote in favor of the motion to consider rescission, no motion to rescind the previous action shall be considered by the commission.

City Attorney Roberts stated that a motion to consider rescinding the mayorship must be made and placed on the next regular scheduled commission meeting agenda.

Mayor Bass-Prieto asked will there be another reorganization meeting if she is removed.

City Attorney Roberts stated that this is a two-part process.

Commissioner Wood withdrew the previous motion.

Commissioner Nash withdrew the second.

Commissioner Wood offered a motion to rescind Commissioner Harris' motion to nominate Commission Bass-Prieto as the mayor at the reorganization meeting and to be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion.

Mayor Bass-Prieto requested a roll call by the city clerk.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	No
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	No
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 3 to 2.**

Commissioner Harris

- No comments.

Mayor Bass-Prieto

- No comments.

The adjournment was motioned by Mayor Bass-Prieto and seconded by Commissioner Nash at 9:05 pm.

**Please Note:** The City Commission places the official copies of Commission Meeting Minutes on file with the City Clerk's Office upon approval.

Submitted by Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Freida Bass-Prieto, Mayor, and  
Presiding Officer of the City  
Commission and of the City of  
Quincy, Florida

**ATTEST:**

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Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk per  
Clerk of the of Quincy, Florida  
Clerk of the City Commission thereof

Approval of the Regular  
Commission Meeting of  
October 10, 2023

**CITY COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**  
**6:07 P.M. (Eastern)**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**QUINCY, FLORIDA 32351**

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The City of Quincy City Commission met in a regular in-person meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, with **Mayor Freida Bass-Prieto** opening the meeting up and the following Commissioners present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angela G. Sapp  
Commissioner Dr. Robin Wood  
Commissioner Ronte R. Harris  
Commissioner Dr. Beverly A. Nash

City Staff and Guests:

Robert Nixon, City Manager  
Gary A. Roberts, City Attorney  
Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk  
Amanda Matthews, Senior Accountant  
Stacey Hannigon, Human Resources and Risk Management Director  
Jim Southerland Sr., WQTN-13 Administrator

The regular in-person meeting was recorded and held in accordance with Florida Sunshine Law. (Note: Digital formatted documents/media are public records.)

**Called to Order**

Mayor Bass-Prieto called the Regular Commission meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Elder Vivian Howard, for Greater Elizabeth MB Church, Lloyd, FL, provided the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Bass-Prieto requested a roll call.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp offered a motion to approve the agenda as printed.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

**Proclamations**

Mayor’s Proclamation

- 1. Honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month
  - Freida Bass-Prieto, Mayor

**Summary of the Discussion by Staff and the Commission**

Mayor Bass-Prieto read the mayor’s proclamation honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Stacey Hannigon.

**Special Presentation**

None

**Items for Consent by the Commission**

- 2. Approval of minutes from the September 14, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting

**Summary of the Discussion by Staff and the Commission**

Commissioner Harris offered a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp seconded the motion.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	Yes

**The Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

JL Gaymon Jr., 238 Bradley Street, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that he is a member of the Shaw Quarter Community.
- Stated that he is in support of current Mayor Bass-Prieto.
- Stated that Mayor Bass-Prieto has been an astronomical support of Shaw Quarters and the Quincy Community.
- Stated that the more should be done to rectify the needs of the community instead of showing division.
- Reiterated that the Shaw Quarter Community stands behind Mayor Bass-Prieto.
- Invited the public to the Annual Shaw Quarter Community Day on October 21, 2023.



Richard Massey, 604 W. Washington Street, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that Mayor Bass-Prieto is doing a wonderful job.
- Stated that Mayor Bass-Prieto understands the city's budget.
- Stated that the new commissioners have a lot to learn.
- Stated that the commission has had ups and downs.
- Stated that he believed that the change in commissioners would bring more unity.
- Requested the reasoning behind the consideration to rescind Freida Bass-Prieto as mayor.

City Attorney Roberts stated that the public will be able to comment when the agenda item is presented.

Sherrie Taylor, 217 W. Clark Street, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated she served 19 years as a commissioner, 7 years as a city commissioner.
- Stated that normally when an agenda item is being discussed, the public is allowed to make comments.
- Stated that she wanted to hear from Commissioner Wood before making her comments.
- input when the item is brought his family planted a rose bush near the grave of his grandmother 15 years ago.
- Stated that Commissioner Wood has a team present in support of her.
- Stated that some of the things Commissioner Wood described she has never experienced as a city commissioner, such as aggressiveness.
- Stated that she understood that a recent workshop, two commissioners had to be separated.
- Stated that it is unheard of to call meetings within 24-hour notice.
- Stated that the mayor is only ceremonial.
- Stated that the mayor's only responsibility is to preside over the meetings, and sign board approved documents.
- Stated that the ordinance does not allow the mayor to call meetings.
- Stated that there are many issues here.
- Stated that there is an 80-year woman living on Thomas Alley that has been waiting 20 years for home repairs.
- Stated that you look for leadership for help and guidance.
- Asked when leadership fails, where does one go for help?
- Stated Commissioner Wood made the motion to get attention to these issues.
- Stated that there was a 3-2 vote on a budget that changes were made the same day.
- Stated that no one knows what is in the budget.
- Stated that the budget should be on tonight's agenda, to discuss what was voting on.
- Stated that was enough money in the budget for public safety, public works among other things.

- Stated that you should never cut across someone when they're speaking.
- Stated that Commissioner Wood suggested to cut the budget across the board by 10 percent.
- Stated that Commissioner Wood had been made as if she was a child, even though having a Doctor of Philosophy.
- Stated that Commissioner Wood has skill.
- Stated that it was her that knocked on her front door.
- Stated that she may look at things differently having all the attention.
- was 3-2 on there are some items that should not be allowed in the cemetery.
- Stated that she is in support of Commissioner Wood on whatever decision she makes.
- Thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp and Commissioner Nash for standing with Commissioner Wood.

Commissioner Harris stated that there be a point of order.

Commissioner Harris stated that he did not want citizens walking away from the meeting unformed.

Commissioner Harris stated that the mayor according to charter can call a meeting.

Commissioner Harris stated that changes can be made to a budget up until the final vote.

Commissioner Harris stated that his desire was to inform the public that no rules had been violated.

- Stated that Commissioner Harris is right, that on second reading the budget can be changed.
- Reiterated that a final product should have been presented at this meeting to receive community input.
- Stated that she's only pointing out the information Commissioner Wood read to her.
- Stated that some consideration should be given when a new commissioner cannot make a meeting.
- Stated that there are two sides to every story and share why Commissioner Wood made the decision that she did.

Paula Phillips, 816 Sunset Dr., Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that Commissioner Wood's first action for the betterment of the city was to request consideration of rescinding the current mayor mayorship.
- Stated that Commissioner's Sapp and Nash are going along with it.
- Stated that she thought about many things that the current mayor did which led Commissioner Wood to make her decision.
  - Did the ethics commission find probable cause of a conflicting relationship with the former city manager by accepting a personal loan from him. No

- Did Mayor Bass-Prieto use the city's p-card for personal use and had to pay it back to the city. No
- Did Mayor Bass-Prieto hoard FEMA donations to use for her reelection campaign. No
- Does Mayor Bass-Prieto make smart comments and giggle while other commissioners speak. No
- Has Mayor Bass-Prieto ever asked that a vote be rescinded because she was celebrating. No
- Has Mayor Bass-Prieto ever been fired from the city. No
- Has mayor Bass-Prieto ever requested funds to be placed in the budget to entertain her constituents. No
- Stated she had gone through a list of things that the current mayor might have done and can only conclude because she is the only white person on the commission.
- Stated that her district has not had a mayor since 2008.
- Stated that her term runs out in 6 months.
- Stated that as a citizen of Gadsden County and a Christian woman, she is saddened by this behavior.
- Stated that she is embarrassed for you and the city.
- Stated that how would this behavior be welcoming for individuals who would like to live, do business, and visit this city.
- Stated that she's has been coming to the commission meetings for a while and has seen the good, bad, and ugly.
- Stated that she'd hoped for good to prevail and only can see the ugly.
- Stated that she is very sorry and disappointed.

Clarence Tennell, 722 W. King Street 70 Selman Road, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that he wanted to speak on item 3 when it came up.
- Stated that he supports the mayor.
- Stated that he favors a strong mayor.
- Stated how disappointed he is.
- Stated that he would like to see a united commission.

Derrick Elias, 233 Cheeseborough Ave, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated he stands before the Commission speaking in support of the mayor.
- Stated that he had seen the mayor fight many battles.
- Stated that the mayor speaks her mind, and some people cannot take that.
- Stated that you must have stuff skin to sit on this commission.
- Stated the he asked Commissioner Wood (the maker of the motion) why and was told that the mayor is condescending.
- Stated that if that was the only reason, he would have been removed a long time ago, including Commissioner Harris.
- Stated that over the years everyone who has been on the dais has talked across each other, this is nothing new.

- Stated that he is asking his commissioner not to consider being mayor and to vote no on this ridiculous matter.

Michael Clary, 1004 Brumby Street, Quincy FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that he has heard some interesting comments.
- Stated that he has served on the commission as mayor and mayor pro-tem, some 40 years ago.
- Stated that he held three political offices at the age of 25 and it was ruff.
- Stated that he heard through the street committee about the removal of the mayor.
- Stated as a concerned citizen he needed to act.
- Stated that he went to the laws on cause to remove an elected official.
- Stated that he drafted a petition in support of Mayor Frieda Bass-Prieto.

Michael Clary submitted the petition with signatures to the city clerk.

Marilyn Wood, 1747 Inlet Street, Quincy, FL, provided the following comments.

- Stated that Mayor Bass-Prieto is an awesome commissioner.
- Stated that a great leader must be able to listen.
- Questioned how the city can move forward and put things back together.
- Stated that she has been coming to the commission meeting for a while and has seen things she didn't like.
- Stated that be fair and get back on the right track.
- Stated that race is not an issue for Commissioner Wood.
- Stated that the right decision must be made and shouldn't be placed inside of a bowl.
- Stated that the city needs to resolve this issue and move on.
- Stated that citizens need help.

**Public Hearings and Ordinances as Scheduled or Agendaed**

None

**Public Opportunity to Speak on Commission Propositions – (Pursuant to Sec. 286.0114, Fla. Stat. and subject to the limitations of Sec. 286.0114(3)(a), Fla. Stat)**

**Resolutions**

None

**Reports, Requests, and Communications by the City Manager**

None

**Reports by Boards and Committees**

None

**Other Items Requested to Be Agendaed by Commission Member(s), the City Manager, and Other City Officials**

3. A Motion to Consider Rescission Mayorship
  - Commissioner Dr. Robin Wood, District One
  - Gary A. Roberts, City Attorney

**Summary of the Discussion by Staff and the Commission**

City Attorney Gary Roberts provided details of the process.

Commissioner Wood gave the following comments.

- Stated that she appreciated individuals who tried to speak for her.
- Stated that she would speak for herself.
- Clarified that her first action as a commissioner was reducing the commission's salary.
- Stated that in no means did race play a part in her decision and is not in her character.
- Stated that she would never make a statement that the mayor is condescending.
- Suggested that if anyone feels the need to tell her story, be truthful.
- Stated that making any difficult decision may cause dissension.
- Stated that the commission has worked hard to achieve reach goals in the last few months, and it wasn't easy.
- Thanked everyone for their conversation, emails, and phone calls since making the recommendation two weeks ago.
- Stated that she considers herself to be honorable.
- Stated that her decisions may not be popular and are based on what she feels is in the best interest of the city and to move the city forward.
- Serving on the commission is not personal service, but public service.
- Stated how important it is to her that procedures are followed based on the city's ordinances and charter.
- Stated that it is important that everyone on the dais has a voice.
- Provided the rules of debate as stated in Sec. 2.60 in the city charter.
- Listed the duties of the mayor as stated in Sec. 2.49 in the city charter.
- Stated that her reason as stated in Sec. 2.49 (Duties of the Mayor) for bringing the recommendation to the dais is that decorum has not been followed.
- Stated that this is not a personal attack against the mayor.
- Reiterated that she desires to see decorum kept and followed.
- Stated that the commission serves as one, but with different voices.
- Stated that she understands that everyone deserves a change and when taking on a job that had never been done before, it is important that the person holding the position learns the job.
- Stated that what may not be an issue to some, may be an issue to her.

- Stated that she's asking for respect, decorum, and to follow the city charter while conducting the city business.
- Stated that she's asking that the mayor, herself, and colleagues set the example.
- Stated that while sitting on dais she should not witness individuals coming to blows, the mayor coming behind another commission voicing her opinion.
- Reiterated again that this is about respecting others' opinions, decorum, not cutting anyone off while they are speaking, allowing everyone to speak and to follow the charter.
- Stated that she believes Mayor Bass-Prieto is very knowledgeable.
- Stated that she wants the commission to understand that there are some things that need correcting.
- Stated that she's a new commissioner and has seen things warrant correcting.
- Asked her colleagues what we can do to move forward.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that she is the senior member on the dais.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that there was not any ill intent meant from her seat to cause a riff.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that her decision for voting was that decorum had not been set in place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that it is no secret that she and the mayor had to be separated.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated the incident she felt was due to disrespect from the mayor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that she does not like it when the mayor gives her own interpretation to someone else's comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp noted that many of her constituents are present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp stated that she would be shooting herself in the foot if she did not listen to her constituents.

Commissioner Nash stated that this is not her first rodeo dealing with Mayor Bass-Prieto.

Commissioner Nash stated that she has been a part of the city for several years.

Commissioner Nash stated that being fired from the city is a badge of honor.

Commissioner Nash stated that everyone has gotten fired before.

Commissioner Nash stated that being fired does not mean that you did not do your job but told the truth while others were on the other side.

Commissioner Nash stated that she's been fired multiple times.

Commissioner Nash stated that she could provide a list of companies and vendors she had been fired from.

Commissioner Nash stated that she has very concrete reasons.

Commissioner Nash stated that she and Mayor Bass-Prieto had interactions that were neither positive nor productive.

Commissioner Nash stated that for her to do the best job for her constituents in district 5, it was necessary for her to vote the way she did.

Commissioner Nash stated that she had spoken with a few of her constituents and will listen to them.

Commissioner Nash stated that her constituents support her with decisions made on the dais.

Commissioner Nash stated that she's about the betterment of the city.

Commissioner Nash stated that she has an impeccable reputation that has been demonstrated in her work, community involvement and travels around the City of Quincy.

Commissioner Nash stated that her decisions are based on facts, analysis, and critical thinking.

Commissioner Nash stated that the mayor is not the only one capable of reading and understanding the budget.

Commissioner Nash stated that she is comfortable with her vote and will not change her vote.

Commissioner Harris stated that it is rare that he's at a loss for words.

Commissioner Harris stated that Commissioner Wood raised valid concerns.

Commissioner Harris stated that there is no right or wrong in this situation.

Commissioner Harris stated that he would like to see the commission take a different approach with addressing Commissioner Wood concerns.

Commissioner Harris stated that he believes that we should move on.

Commissioner Harris stated that he is guilty of interrupting his fellow colleagues while they speak.

Commissioner Harris stated that every one of the commissioners is guilty of not following decorum.

Commissioner Harris reminded the commission where they should be.

Commissioner Harris thanked Commissioner Wood for reminding the commission about decorum and respect.

Commissioner Harris stated that he stands by his decision that the commission should allow the mayor to see her mayorship through.

Commissioner Harris stated that having served as mayor can be challenging.

Commissioner Harris stated that we all Commissioner Wood made it clear that decorum must be followed and respecting of others' opinions.

Commissioner Harris offered a motion to remove the motion to Consider Rescission of Mayor Freida Bass-Prieto's mayorship and that we commit to workshops on professional development and review of the city's charter.

Mayor Bass-Prieto seconded the motion.

Mayor Bass-Prieto directed the city clerk to poll the commission.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mayor Bass-Prieto	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp	Yes
Commissioner Wood	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Nash	No

**The Motion Carried 4 to 1.**

**Comments**

City Manager, Robert Nixon

- Addressed the weekend's power outage.
- Thanked the utilities department for responding quickly to the power outage.
- Acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Thanked staff for their hard work while working under pressure.
- Announced Shaw Quarter Community Event taking place on October 21, noon-4 pm.
- Announced Trunk or Treats Events scheduled for October 31, beginning at 6 pm on Wards Lot.

City Clerk, Janice Shackelford Clemons

- Announced that there is still time to visit the Quincy Fire Department open house after the meeting.

City Attorney Gary Roberts

- No comments.



## **Commission**

### Commissioner Nash

- Thanked the Gadsden County Senior Center for allowing her to participate in a listening session.
- Stated that the seniors and the center director had several issues concerning speeding and car racing on BW Roberts, S. Shelfer, and Cone Streets. The recommendation is a speed hump on cone street.
- Stated that the other concern the citizens would like addressed is the roundabout. Stated that the roundabout is the entry way into district 5 and the citizens are concerned that attention is needed.
- Stated that citizens are concerned about the plan for the area.
- Announced that the Girl Scout meeting will be held at the Gadsden County Library on October 11, at 3:30 pm.
- Stated that please stop acting like you don't know what you know or see what you see. Stated that every time this is done, we go against right.
- Stated that when they go low, you go high. True leadership about doing the right thing.
- Stated that for those choosing to call strong educated black women girls, note that using the word girl for adult women is sexist, racist and offensive.
- Stated that language and words matter.
- Stated that the word girl used in slavery was to keep women submissive.
- Stated that sexism and racism is not what an All American should be.
- Stated that she is disappointed and saddened about the city office and seeks a resolution with a process that is fair and just.
- Stated that there is a lack of transparency, follow-through, professionalism, leadership fall out, attempts at defunding the police department, raises to certain individuals, a budget that she voted against and wrong for citizens, low employee morale and workplace bullying.
- Stated that she has received all sorts of information, complaints and allegations damaged
- Stated that wisdom tells her that where there is smoke there is fire.

### Mayor Pro-Tem Sapp

- Thanked the mayor for acknowledging October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Stated that black women die at an alarming rate of breast cancer. Urged women and men to schedule their mammogram.
- Stated that district two's community meeting was successful and thanked those that came out.

### Commissioner Wood

- Thanked Elder Vivian Howard for providing tonight's invocation.
- Stated that Elder Howard is district 1 advisory council president.

- Thanked those that came out to support her and those that did not support her.
- Thanked the commission for listening to her.
- Stated that some things are stuff to hear, and she would want someone to tell her if she wasn't doing things correctly.
- Stated that her profession as a teacher is the only way she knows, and she corrects students all the time because she doesn't want them to make mistakes.
- Thanked the city manager for always making himself available.
- Thanked the city attorney for his guidance.
- Stated that district 1 advisory council meets the first Thursday of every month.
- Stated that the advisory council is moving forward with getting things accomplished.
- Thanked Director Bell for his hard work.
- Thanked the utilities department for getting lights restored timely.
- Sent prayers for those individuals that were involved in the automobile crash.
- Pleaded for drivers to slow down while on the road.
- Acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Acknowledged October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Encouraged everyone to go and get regular mammograms.
- Stated that she is still working in a park for district 1.
- Stated that she looks forward to moving the city forward.

#### Commissioner Harris

- Stated that he would like the city manager to follow up on Commissioner Nash's comments about racing and speeding on BW Roberts.
- Stated that he has not been informed about the racing or speeding.
- Announced that he will be sponsoring an event in hillside on October 29.
- Thanked the volunteers for showing up at the Farm Share giveaway in district 3.
- Stated that tonight is a wake up and we will move forward.
- Stated to Commissioner Wood has a newly elected commissioner, you're doing what needed to be done.
- Stated that he is committed to making the city proud.

#### Mayor Bass-Prieto

- Invited everyone to the farmers market on Thursday.
- Announced Shaw Quarter Day on October 21.
- Stated that there is a serious problem with speeding.
- Acknowledged that she did call a last-minute workshop, because of prior workshops cancellations.
- Stated that sometimes it is necessary to call workshops last minute to keep on schedule.

- Stated that it is not her intent to be condescending and does not want to offend anyone. Apologize if she offended anyone.
- Stated by working together and seeing the city is one, we can move forward.
- Stated that she sees employee morale better.
- Stated that she is outspoken.
- Love where you live and live where you love. Please don't litter.

The adjournment was motioned by Mayor Bass-Prieto and seconded by Commissioner Harris at 8:28 pm.

**Please Note:** The City Commission places the official copies of Commission Meeting Minutes on file with the City Clerk's Office upon approval.

Submitted by Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Freida Bass-Prieto, Mayor, and  
Presiding Officer of the City  
Commission and of the City of  
Quincy, Florida

**ATTEST:**

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Janice Shackelford Clemons, City Clerk per  
Clerk of the of Quincy, Florida  
Clerk of the City Commission thereof

# Resolutions

Resolution 1448-2023 –  
Approval from Quincy  
Main Street for the  
Temporary Road Closure  
for the Blues, Brews, &  
BBQ Event

# RESOLUTION No.1448-2023

## A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE REQUEST OF THE QUINCY MAIN STREET THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSING FOR THE BLUES, BREWS, & BBQ

**WHEREAS** the Quincy Main Street has requested the closing of certain roads for its Blue, Brew, & BBQ to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

**WHEREAS**, the Quincy Main Street has determined that said road closings are necessary for the Blue, Brews, & BBQ to take place as planned and that such use will not interfere with the safe and efficient movement of traffic or cause danger to the public.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Quincy, Florida, in lawful session assembled, that the city of Quincy does hereby authorize and permit the temporary closing of the following State Roads: The intersection of W Washington Street and Adams Street, The intersection of W Washington Street and Madison Street, W Washington Street and Duval Street and Madison Street and Jefferson Street, to for the Blues, Brews & BBQ to begin on Saturday November 4, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**PASSED** in open session of the City Commission of the City of Quincy, Florida on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer of the City Commission of the  
City of Quincy, Florida

ATTEST:

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Janice Shackelford-Clemons  
Clerk of City of Quincy and  
Clerk of the City Commission thereof



N Duval St

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Washington St

Madison St

Jefferson St

Washington St

N Adams St

The Quincy Music Theater

Affordable Insurance of Quincy, Quintero Yesenia

Reynolds Donut Shop  
Maine Attraction

Bantam Bay and Company American  
Gadsden Arts Center & Museum

Bell & Bates Home Center Hardware store

What-A-Blessing Thrift store  
Stitch And Sew Women's clothing store

Police Department

CJ's Kitchen & Catering

Superior Hair Design

Capital City Bank  
Proforma Multimedia Solutions Print shop

Gadsden County Clerk of Courts Courthouse

Environmental Health Department

H&R Block

Kavannah's Sweet Boutique  
FIT Studio

Gadsden County Building Inspection

State Attorney

Fashions

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Resolution 1449-2023 –  
Approval for the  
Temporary Road Closure  
for the City of Quincy  
Trunks of Treats Event



# RESOLUTION No. 1449-2023

## A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF QUINCY THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSING FOR THE 2023 TRUNK OF TREATS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Quincy has requested the closing of certain roads for its 2023 Trunk of Treats to be held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023: and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Quincy has determined that said road closings are necessary in order for the Trunk of Treats to take place as planned and that such use will not interfere with the safe and efficient movement of traffic or cause danger to the public.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Quincy, Florida, in lawful session assembled, that the city of Quincy does hereby authorize and permit the temporary closing of the following State/County and City Roads; North Stewart Street and W Franklin Street, North Ward Street and W Franklin Street, Washington Street Ward Street, and Washington Street and N Stewart Street, for the 2023 Trunk of Treats event to begin on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

**PASSED** in open session of the City Commission of the City of Quincy, Florida on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, A.O., 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer of the City Commission of the  
City of Quincy, Florida

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of City of Quincy and  
Clerk of the City Commission thereof



Parking Area

Chamber Of Commerce

W King St

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N Ward St

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W Franklin St

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N Ward St

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Calhoun St

Ward Lot A

Washington St

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Ward St

Calhoun St

Quincy Fire Department - Station #1

North Florida Therapy Services

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# Reports, Requests, and Communications by the City Manager

Approval of a Contract  
with GCU for the  
Inspection and Cleaning  
of Mini System E

**CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION  
AGENDA REQUEST**

**Date of Meeting:** October 16, 2023

**Date Submitted:** October 24, 2023

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

**From:** Rob Nixon, City Manager  
Richard Ash, Utilities Director

**Subject:** Approval of a Contract with GCU for the Inspection and Cleaning of Mini System E

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**Statement of Issue/Justification:** The City of Quincy entered into a modified consent order with the FDEP back in June 2023 due to infiltration of storm runoff into our sanitary sewer collection system resulting in overflows from the system into freshwater tributaries. This order had several goals to be obtained by the city and timetables in which the goals were to be accomplished by the city.

One of the goals of the consent order was the rehab of mini sewer system E to stop infiltration of storm runoff into our sanitary sewer. The project is defined as the rehabilitation (primarily through lining) of approximately 22,498 linear feet of vitrified clay sewer line, cleaning of approximately 8,507 linear feet of PVC sewer line, and rehabilitation (lining) of approximately 715 vertical feet sewer manholes. The project will also include pre-construction cleaning and pre/post construction CCTV of approximately 31,005 LF of sewer line. Additionally, there is an option to remove and replace the manhole steps in about 111 manholes as well as re-establish and line sewer service laterals totaling about 10,175 LF with each lateral extending 25 feet from the main sewer line.

The project was initially bid on July 5, 2023; but we did not receive any bids. It was rebid on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and we only received one bid from GCU in the amount of \$1,200,000. After staff discussed our options to bring the price of the project down, it was decided that we needed to clean and TV the sewer line first. The reason is that portions of the sewer line are made up of both vitrified clay and PVC. The PVC should not have to be lined in the system, so this will reduce the cost. Working with GCU we were able to break out the cleaning and TVing of the GCU proposal. That Price comes to \$128,670.75.

**Conclusion/Background/Recommendations:** After staff review, utilities staff believe the price for inspection and cleaning is fair. Further, this will allow utilities staff to determine which portions of the mini system E is PVC so that we can only line the portions of the sewer line needed which will bring down the cost.

**General Recommendations:** Staff recommends approval of a contract with GCU for the inspection and cleaning of mini system E in the amount of \$128,670.75.

**Options:**

Option 1: Vote to approve a contract with GCU for the inspection and cleaning of mini system E in the amount of \$128,670.75.

Option 2. Advise staff how to move forward.

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Option 1**

**Attachment(s):** GCU proposal



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Date: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Re: City of Quincy, FL  
 Mini-System E CCTV and Cleaning  
 ATTN: Justin Ford  
 Dewberry

We propose to furnish the Cleaning and CCTV in accordance with industry standards and following NASSCO guidelines for problem characterization:

#	Item Description	Unit Qty	U.O.M	Unit Price	Extended Price
1.02	8" Pipe to be Inspected and Cleaned	31,005.00	LF	\$ 4.15	\$ 128,670.75
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 128,670.75</b>

BOND AND SALES TAX IS EXCLUDED (ADD 2% IF BOND IS REQUIRED). QUANTITIES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY. PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE FOR THE ACTUAL WORK PERFORMED AT THE SPECIFIED UNIT PRICES. **PRICING IS BASED ON GCU BEING CONTRACTED FOR ALL WORK QUOTED**

**Proposal Inclusions for the Cleaning and CCTV:**

1. All labor, material, and equipment required to clean and televise the above referenced lines.
2. NASSCO certified reports and data collection.
3. One mobilization.
4. Worker's compensation insurance and employer's liability insurance
5. Certificate of Insurance within normal limits

**For the Cleaning and CCTV, the following is to be provided to GCU at no charge:**

1. Supply water, hydrant meter, backflow preventer and hose protection ramps (as required).
2. This service does not include the removal of additional debris caused by a collapse in the pipe.
3. This service does not include the removal of non typical sewer hazardous material that can not be disposed of at a WWTP or landfill location. Any special permitting costs shall be incurred by the customer.
4. In the event that there is tuberculation, objects that are 6 inches in diameter or greater, large diameter rock and/or a buildup of chemical material (polymer, wax, fat, grease, etc.) or minerals (calcium, etc.) on the interior of the pipeline that require removal to industry standards, such removal of material is NOT included in the service cost unless specifically included in the proposal as noted above. This service does NOT include the removal of fixed debris or materials, like cement or concrete, from the pipeline. Specialty cleaning items including, but not limited to, those aforementioned will be billed at \$450/Hr.
5. Ingress and egress access to manholes and the site work area(s) adequate for set up, operation, maintenance, and removal of equipment and related site restoration, if any. Equipment shall be capable of accessing manholes **under it's own power**. NOTE: If manholes are not located, accessible and uncovered prior to GCU arrival, time spent to prepare the manhole for access will be billed at the rate listed above. Equipment shall include one 12CY Vac truck and one camera van, neither of which are 4x4 or off-road capable.
6. Plugging and Bypass pumping, if required.
7. Traffic Control (signage, flaggers, etc), if required. GCU will **only** provide cones to go around our vehicles.
8. Spill containments shall be provided if required.
9. Laydown or storage yard for equipment for weekends and nights.

**Other terms:**

1. Payment due within **thirty (30)** days of our invoice.
2. Stated prices are in effect for thirty days from the date of this proposal.
3. A service charge of 1-1/2% per month, which is an annual rate of 18%, will be added for all past due accounts.



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4. GCU will not be responsible for liability, loss or expense (including damage caused by the backup of basement sewers) where the primary cause of the claim or damage is pre-existing conditions including faulty, inadequate or defective design, construction, maintenance or repair of property or contamination of the subsurface where the condition existed prior to the start of GCU's work. Customer is responsible for loss of service equipment caused by the pre-existing conditions at the job site.
5. The customer and GCU will each indemnify the other in proportion to relative fault for liability, loss and expense incurred by the other part resulting from a negligent act or omission in performance of work under this agreement.

ACCEPTED:

**Robert Lindley, CPE, CCM**  
**Cell # 251.550.0354**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Approval to Transfer  
\$215,000 from the  
American Rescue Plan Act  
Grant to the Utilities  
Fund (sewer) for the  
upgrade at the Virginia  
Street Lift Station as  
stated in the Consent  
order OGC 18-0059B

**CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION  
AGENDA REQUEST**

**Date of Meeting:** October 24, 2023

**Date Submitted:** October 19, 2023

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

**From:** Rob Nixon, City Manager  
Richard Ash, Utilities Director

**Subject:** Approval to Transfer \$215,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Grant to the Utilities Fund (Sewer) for the upgrade at the Virginia Street Lift Station as stated in Consent Order OGC 18-0059B

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**Statement of Issue/Justification:** The City of Quincy has been placed under enforcement by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection since 2018 under Consent Order OGC 18-0059 for the reasons of inflow/Infiltration/and sewage spills associated with our sewage collection system. One of the principal issues is the Virginia Street Lift Station losing power and causing sewage spills in and around the South Virginia Street area. Within the Order, a backup system was deemed necessary to correct the problem.

During the September 26, 2023, regular commission meeting, the city commission voted 5-0 to approve the low quotation from Solomon Constructions of Quincy in the amount of \$215,000 for the upgrade at the Virginia Street Life Station, using the monies from the American Rescue.

**General Recommendation:** Staff recommends transferring \$215,000 from GL 001-430-541-80833 American Rescue Plan Act Grant to GL 402-540-535-80833, Virginia Street Lift Station Project (sewer).

**Options:**

Option 1: Vote to approve transferring \$215,000 from GL 001-430-541-80833 American Rescue Plan Act Grant to GL 402-540-535-80833, for the upgrade at the Virginia Street Life Station (sewer).

Option 2. Advise staff how to move forward.

**Staff Recommendation: Option 1**