

**GULF BREEZE CITY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MARCH 31, 2010  
WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**REMINDER: THERE WILL BE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP  
HELD AT THE RECREATION CENTER AT 5:00 P.M. -  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Discussion and Action Regarding Comprehensive Plan Update
- B. Discussion and Action Regarding Continued Improvements- Fairpoint Triangle & Highway 98 Medians
- C. Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution Regarding Funding Formula for Schools
- D. Discussion and Action Regarding Gulf Breeze Hospital Water Supply
- E. Discussion and Action Regarding Interlocal Agreement with Escambia County Re: Large Area Artificial Reef Site
- F. Discussion and Action Regarding Front Yard Fences
- G. Discussion and Action Regarding Tuition Reimbursement, Fire Fighters
- H. Information Items

**If any person decides to appeal any decisions made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or public hearing, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.**

**The public is invited to comment on matters before the City Council upon seeking and receiving recognition from the Chair.**

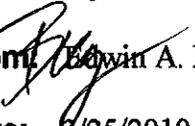


# *City of Gulf Breeze*

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:**  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager

**Date:** 9/25/2010

**Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update**

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The City adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 1990 in accordance with Florida Statutes. Attached is a copy of the 1990 Comp Plan along with two articles that provide background on comprehensive planning in the state and the laws that mandate such planning. A succinct summary of the process is as follows:

“The legislature intended that the local comprehensive plans be instrumental in local government decisions regarding land development patterns and the allocation of local government resources. The plans must be adhered to when the local governments consider applications for land development. To assure that these purposes are attained, the state planning legislation makes each local government comprehensive plan a legally binding document. Every ordinance and land use decision the local government makes must be consistent with the plan. Otherwise they are invalid.”

Comp plans were set up to be a guide for the future development of the state. The 67 counties and all the cities in the state were to make sure that “levels of service” for existing services and governmental activities such as water, sewer, parks and traffic would be met in new development. The process becomes more challenging as the legislature adds issues such as “urban sprawl”, or “environmental protection” to the list of requirements. Even a small city that is essentially built out has to address these issues.

Given the requirement that cities meet comp planning mandates and the desire to remain responsive to changing conditions, and given the fact that Gulf Breeze is built out, we believe the best way to conduct comprehensive planning in the City is to keep the process and the wording more general in nature. We want to meet the State mandates and provide the basis in the plan for actions the City may wish to take to protect the City’s economic future. (For example.)

We scheduled and advertised Public Hearings for March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> as required in order to present the public with a draft update of the Comp Plan soon after the Evaluation and Appraisal Report was completed while the issues were fresh and in order to complete the update and get it transmitted to the State Department of Community Affairs (DCA) before the budget review season begins. Once DCA reviews and offers comments on the updated plan, another public review process is required.

There are nine (9) elements to our Comp Plan. In addition a tenth element, Public School Facilities, is required to be jointly prepared by the City and the School Board.

In each draft element, you will find new language prepared by our consultant and staff designed to meet state mandates and implement the City's vision for the future. We have also attempted to be general enough to allow the plan to be responsive to changing needs.

A workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 at 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. We plan to review each section as follows:

- Future Land Use Element
- Transportation Element
- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Conservation
- Coastal Management
- Recreation and Open Space
- Intergovernmental Coordination
- Capital Improvements
- Public Schools

Once the draft is in a form acceptable to the Council, it should be transmitted to DCA for review.



# City of Gulf Breeze

TO: Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager

FROM: Ron Pulley, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Continued Improvements - Fairpoint Triangle & Highway 98 Medians

DATE: March 24, 2010

As requested by Councilman Schluter, we have determined the cost of installing and maintaining small seasonal flower beds at the ends of each of the new beds, recently created in the Highway 98 medians. These beds will be populated with plants of the same varieties as those located at the "*Gulf Breeze*" signs.

The City will purchase the plants and materials at a cost of \$570.00. Hepworth Lawn Care will prepare the beds and install the plants for \$345.00. This project will involve the creation of 182 square feet of seasonal flower beds. In accord with our current maintenance contract, the annual cost increase to maintain these new beds will be \$1,200.00.

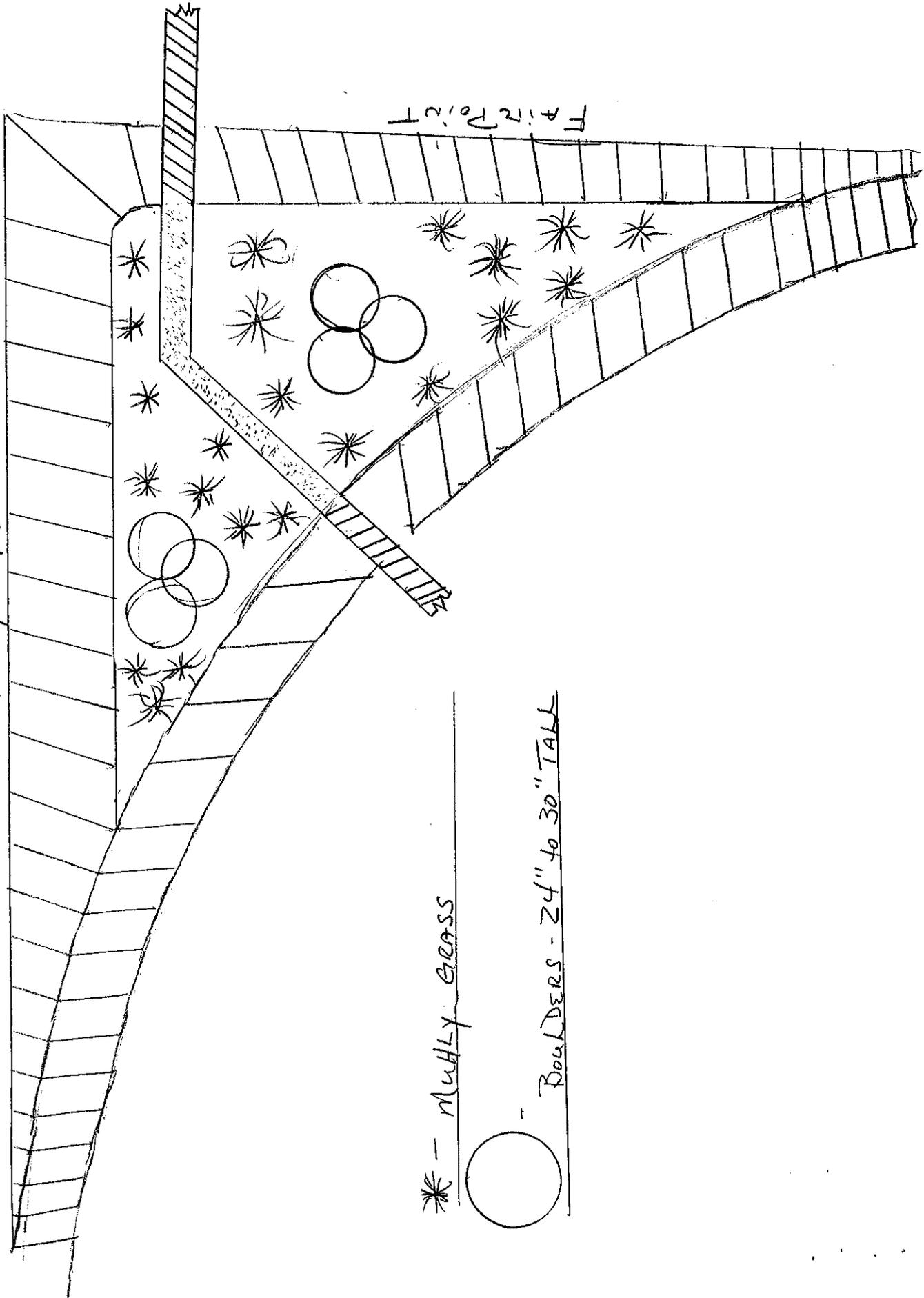
Hepworth Lawn Care has also recommended a plan for the beautification of the triangle at the Fairpoint - Highway 98 intersection. This property presents a unique challenge in that it contains no irrigation and it is prohibitively expensive to do so. Hepworth's plan involves the installation of Muhly Grass randomly throughout the island. This plants thrive without direct irrigation and provide a variety of colors during their flowering periods. Centrally located within these plants will be landscape boulders, in groups of 2 or 3, located in 2 areas, one in each half of the island. Each group will be 4 to 5 feet in diameter and not greater than 30" tall.

We believe the combination of colors provided by the rocks, grasses and pecan shell mulch will be pleasing to the eye and provide a relatively maintenance free site. The City's cost for materials to accomplish this will be \$650.00. Installation by Hepworth Lawn Care will be \$375.00.

## **Recommendation**

**That Council authorize staff to utilize CRA funds and proceed with the installation and maintenance of the new beds and the improvement plan for the Fairpoint Triangle, as described.**

Hwy 98



\* - MUDLY GRASS

○ - BOULDERS - 24" to 30" TALL

small boulder



Boulders to be used in  
middle ~ grouped together  
in center

Soil: Dry, sandy, slightly acid to alkaline soils. Will tolerate some drought and flooding. Salt tolerant.

Exposure: Full sun.

Water: Well-drained, moist conditions are best. More robust and taller when irrigated.

Hardiness Zones: 5 to 11.

Life Span: Perennial; self-sown seeds will maintain populations for many years.

#### BEST FEATURES

General hardiness; requires little care. Showy flowering and fruiting periods, producing a stunning display of pinkish to purplish inflorescences.

#### COMPANION PLANTS

Broomsedges and bluestems (*Andropogon* spp.), wiregrass

(*Aristida stricta* var. *berychiana*), lopsided Indiangrass

(*Sorghastrum secundum*), St. John's-worts (*Hypericum* spp.),

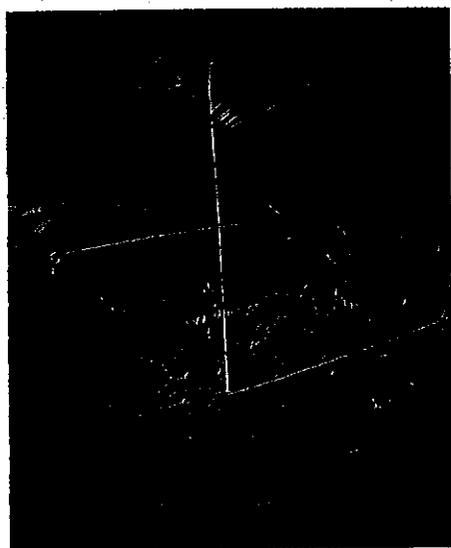
lowbush and highbush blueberries (*Vaccinium* spp.), cocoplum

(*Chrysobalanus icaco*), longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*), dahoon

(*Ilex cassine*), gopher apple (*Licania michauxii*).

#### SIMILAR AND RELATED SPECIES

Gulf muhly (*M. capillaris* var. *filipes*), which is also sometimes listed as a separate species rather than a variety, is nearly identical in appearance and use. Both Elliott and purple lovegrass (*Eragrostis eliottii*, *E. spectabilis*) are similar.





# *City of Gulf Breeze*

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

From:  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager

Date: 3/25/2010

**Subject: Resolution Regarding Funding Formula for Schools**

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Attached is a letter to Mayor Zimmern on the above noted subject. Staff discussed this matter with School Board member Ed Gray. The School Board of Santa Rosa County would benefit from a Resolution requesting the State Legislature to review the state formula for funding for local school which results in Santa Rosa County Schools receiving funding ranking 66 of Florida's 67 counties.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO MODIFY THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULAS.**

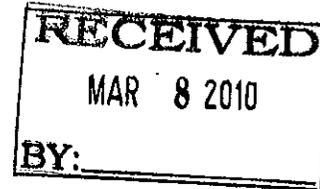


# City of Milton

Office of the Mayor

March 4, 2010

Mayor Beverly Zimmern  
1070 Shoreline Drive  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32562



Dear Mayor Zimmern:

*Beverly*

As elected officials we represent the people of Santa Rosa County on a wide variety of issues. None of which are more important than the future of our children. However, our children are being, "short changed" (see attachment). Funding for education in Santa Rosa County public schools by some measures is as close to dead last as it can be. Of the 67 counties in the state we are 66. As a back drop to that inauspicious ranking the state is 50<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending for education as a percentage of income, 66th out of 67 and 50<sup>th</sup>. This just isn't fair to our children and we need to change the formula used to determine educational funding levels that creates this disparity. To that end I would like all of us to consider passing a resolution supporting a change to the formula. Further, I would like to get together with all of you to sit down and discuss this matter possibly with representatives of the other groups active in calling attention to this important subject.

City staff will be contacting you soon to identify a date and time. I hope all can attend.

Sincerely,

Guy Thompson,  
Mayor

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# CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## DISTRICT FUNDING POSITION PAPER

**Funding Florida's schools: City seeks fair share, the City of Milton's Schools feel slighted over their share of education money**

There's not a school district in Florida that doesn't feel shortchanged by the Legislature, with teacher salaries virtually frozen and per-pupil spending continuing to slide. But some including this community are feeling even more put-upon -- mostly because we believe the formula Florida uses to dole out money to the 67 districts is unfair. We believe the Legislature should change that formula.

**So, you may ask what's the beef?**

We believe we are penalized because of the various assumptions built into the state's funding formula, especially the ones that focus on cost-of-living differences and advalorem tax formula. The result is a calculation that distributes sometimes widely different amounts to each district in the state. And the disparity is even more pronounced today because previous funding cuts have impacted districts differently.

**Are there examples of these differences?**

Let's start with the state's per-pupil spending, which this year is \$6,877 on average. Some districts get more than others. Some, less.

**How much of a difference can there really be?**

Quite a big one. For instance, tiny Franklin County in the Panhandle receives \$7,680 for every child who enters its public schools this year, but Orange County, one of the state's biggest districts, collects \$6,890. What about the students in Milton one asks? Read on.

**Are these isolated examples?**

No. Per-pupil funding can vary by as much as \$1,900 from district to district, according to a recent financial report from the Florida Department of Education. Santa Rosa County, receives second from the lowest funding — \$6,477 for each student (as of the second calculation for 2009-2010). Out of sixty seven school districts, we are sixty sixth in funding per student.

**What are some of the most common complaints?**

Leadership in the City serviced by the second lowest funded district per pupil in the State, say they're unfairly penalized by part of the formula that considers the cost of living and also local ad valorem tax differences. Under the state's logic, teachers will be willing to work for less money to live here in part due to the cost of living. We believe that needs to change. Combining the effects of the State funding formula for education, there is a difference in funding per student across the State of 33%. We acknowledge differences in funding should be a part of the formula, we simply feel the differences are just too extreme.

**How does Florida's system compare with other states?**

Last year, the well-respected *Education Week* magazine gave Florida low marks for education spending. One doesn't have to look far to find the reason why, Florida ranks 50<sup>th</sup> in dollars spent on education in relation to our incomes. Florida's tax burden is one of the lowest in the nation, with \$20 billion in cuts by our legislature over the last 10 years. So let's think about this. Last in the state that's last. Does anyone see a problem here?

## **What does the state consider when determining per-pupil spending for each county?**

These are some of the key factors:

Special-education programs. It costs a lot more money to offer programs for children who are severely disabled or way behind academically. So the state spends more money on these kids.

Students who don't speak English. Programs serving these children are pricier, too, which means a child who's learning to speak English will draw more money to a district than one who already knows English.

Cost of living. The state determines this based on the cost of numerous goods and services in each area. It also analyzes wages.

## **Is there an overriding complaint?**

Yes. Our schools need more money, period. But we are especially sore about the cost-of-living formula and inequities in the local property tax funding formula. A few years ago, a handful of districts, sued the state to change the cost of living adjustment in the formula. But a state appeals court dismissed the case, saying the Legislature has the discretion to decide how funding is calculated.

## **How likely is it that lawmakers will change the funding formula?**

Sen. Stephen Wise of Jacksonville, who heads the Senate's Committee on Education Pre-K-12 Appropriations says it doesn't make much sense to make changes right now because the economy is in flux. Also, the issue is so divisive that lawmakers would spend too much time debating it instead of dealing with more critical issues, such as figuring out how to help government agencies statewide make ends meet.

While we understand the politics of the time, last in the state that's last is unacceptable.

## **Did You Know?**

Florida's education budget ranks 41st in the nation in per-student spending. Between 1994-2004, Florida was the second worst at increasing its K-12 per-pupil funding, after adjusting for inflation. Alaska's grew the least. Starting this school year, Florida school districts will no longer get Florida Lottery discretionary funds--only money earmarked for high-performing schools. This county receives \$399.72 less per student than the average for counties. Our neighboring counties receive more dollars per student than we do. Why?

## **What can you do?**

During November's Education Month Gov. Charlie Crist's proclaimed, "Research shows that family and parental involvement in a child's learning is vital for student academic success."

Florida Education Commissioner Eric J. Smith echoed that in a prepared statement. "The most powerful force in a child's education is the love, caring, inspiration and guidance they receive from their parents and family on a daily basis."

## **So what can parents do, besides planning and appearing at School Board meetings?**

Get involved. Get involved with your student and get involved in the issues.

It has been said that those that show up make all the decisions. With that in mind we are calling on you to show up. Soon the City working in conjunction with others is going to hold a Town Hall Meeting with area legislators who we will call upon to make change. Change that will result in the District no longer being last in the state that's last.

## Additional Information/ Questions

- Santa Rosa County's cost of living impacts our educational funding?
- SRC received an increase of only one dollar per child for this school year.
- In spite of lack of funding, our kids consistently score among the top five counties in the state (can't find source)
- In 2009, every grade performed better than the state average in every subject tested.
- Some of our high school kids are working after school to support their families.
- We need more resources to help challenged kids perform consistent with their abilities.
- Milton High School's dual enrollment program helps our kids get a college education.
- SRC kids received \$3.7 million in scholarship monies
- Combined teaching experience of MHS faculty is over 1,000 years.
- Census numbers equal federal dollars for our community and our schools.
- SRC has historically underreported during Census years – let's increase our reporting to increase federal funding through grants to our community.



# City of Gulf Breeze

TO: Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager  
FROM: Thomas E. Lambert, Assistant Director of Public Services  
DATE: March 10, 2010  
RE: Gulf Breeze Hospital Water Supply

Over the past few months, we have been investigating low pressure complaints at the Gulf Breeze Hospital. The specific problem is related to sterilization equipment that requires a minimum of 40 psi to operate. The City is required to maintain a minimum pressure of 20 psi in all parts of the water system, but we would prefer a minimum of 40 psi throughout, with a target of 50 psi average.

Staff placed our portable pressure recording device at several places around the hospital. The results indicate two problems both related to the Hospital's close proximity to the City's water pumping facility. The Hospital has only one main connection to our water system, and it lies on the other side of the pumping facility from the elevated tank. This does two things, restricts flow to the hospital when the water pumps are off and creates a large pressure swing when the 50 HP pumps are turning on or off.

In order to alleviate the restricted flow problem, staff is recommending at least one additional water line connection, potentially two. As a courtesy, staff solicited costs for permitting as well as quotes for construction. Staff has recommended to the Hospital that they permit both connections and have installed at least one immediately, with the option to install the second within the five year limit of the permit.

The Hospital has asked that the City split the costs with the Hospital for the first interconnection. The request letter is attached. The advantages to the City include supporting our largest customer and increasing the water pressure and fire protection in the area.

The total project cost would be \$7,675.00 including engineering, permitting and construction.

**RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve \$3,837.50 to reimburse the Gulf Breeze Hospital for ½ the cost of installing an additional interconnect to the water system.**



1110 Gulf Breeze Parkway  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561  
Phone (850) 934-2000

Mr. Vernon Prather  
Director of Public Works  
City Of Gulf Breeze  
1070 Shoreline Drive  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

March 4, 2010

RE: Water Pressure

Dear Mr. Prather,

In a consolidated effort to improve the water pressure at Gulf Breeze Hospital and provide a true secondary water main tie-in, we propose the following:

The City of Gulf Breeze and Gulf Breeze Hospital proceed with the proposed east water main tie-in (Attachment 1).

The engineering and permitting proposal provided by Jehle-Halstead, Inc. be accepted for a total of \$2,450.00 (Attachment 2).

The proposal presented by Warrington Utility & Excavating be modified and accepted to only include the mobilization and east tie-in amount of \$5,225.00 (Attachment 3).

Finally, that the total project cost of \$7,675.00 be equally split by the City of Gulf Breeze and Gulf Breeze Hospital.

Through our partnership with this initiative we will ensure a safer patient, staff and visitor environment at Gulf Breeze Hospital. Your collaboration in this initiative is greatly appreciated.

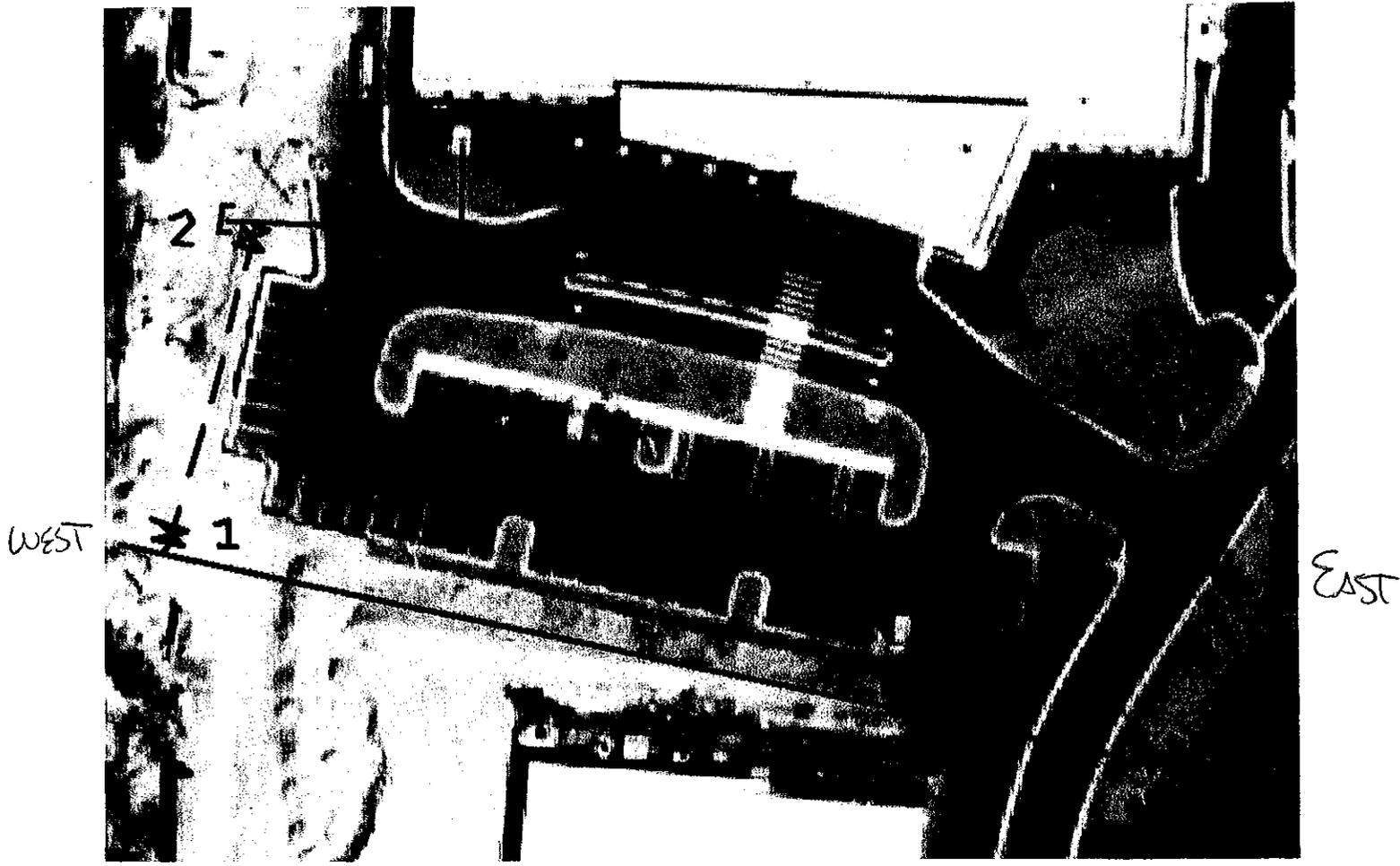
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Harriman', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Robert J. Harriman  
Administrator, Gulf Breeze Hospital  
Sr. Vice President, Baptist Health Care

Att: (3)

cc: John Porter  
Vice President, Baptist Health Care



Attachment 1

February 25, 2010  
VIA EMAIL [vprather@ci.gulf-breeze.fl.us](mailto:vprather@ci.gulf-breeze.fl.us)

Mr. Vernon Prather  
City of Gulf Breeze  
1070 Shoreline Drive  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

RE: Gulf Breeze Hospital  
Watermain Loop - Engineering and Permitting

Dear Vernon:

Per your email of February 19, 2010 and our subsequent conversation, we present this proposal for your use:

1. Prepare engineering drawing for watermain loop per your sketch. Provide details of construction.
2. Prepare FDEP General Permit application and submittal.
3. Certify Completion of Construction with as-built drawing.

Our fee for the above services is \$1,800.00. The permit application fee to FDEP is \$650.00. Therefore, the total would be \$2,450.00.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information at this time. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Glenn P. Halstead, P.E.  
Vice President

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ATTACHMENT 2



8401 Untreiner Ave.  
 Pensacola, FL 32534  
 CU C057198  
 FM 01352

**Bid Name: Gulf Breeze Baptist Hospital Water Line**

1/28/2010

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
	<b>Mobilization</b>	1	ls	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00
	<b>West Tie-in</b>				
1	6" wet tap	1	ea	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2	8" x 6" wet tap	1	ea	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
3	6" PVC pipe	135	lf	\$ 13.00	\$ 1,755.00
4	Sod	225	sq. yds.	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,125.00
5	Concrete walk	1	ls	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
6	Testing	1	ls	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	<b>Total West Tie-in</b>				\$ 9,530.00
	<b>East Tie-in</b>				
1	6" wet tap	1	ea	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
2	Tie-into valve	1	ea	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
3	Pine straw (no replacing evergreen shrubs/trees)	1	ls	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
4	Testing	1	ls	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	<b>Total East Tie-in</b>				\$ 4,350.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>				\$ 14,755.00

**Please note price does not include the following:**

- \*\* Any de-watering
- \*\* Any removal and/or replacing of unsuitable materials
- \*\* Any fee's (i.e. permits, tie-in, impact, etc.)

**Please note the following:**

- \*\* Anything not specifically stated in this proposal is excluded
- \*\* All utilities stop 5' from building and tie-in by others
- \*\* Price will be held for 30 days
- \*\* We are not responsible for utilities damaged by other companies/contractors (i.e. utilities already approved/installed)
- \*\* If project start or finish is delayed due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to modify our prices for any labor, equipment or material price increases
- \*\* Price subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstance, or any utilities encountered not stated on plans
- \*\* All installed piping and tie-in's were estimated to be 3' +/- deep

Attachment 3



# *City of Gulf Breeze*

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:**  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager

**Date:** 3/25/2010

**Subject: Interlocal Agreement with Escambia County Re: Large Area Artificial Reef Site**

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The attached agreement was developed by staff from Escambia County and the City to memorialize the understanding between the City and Escambia County regarding disposal of debris from the demolition of the fishing bridge on a County Reef site.

The City will be responsible for compliance with applicable rules and for the cost of hauling the material to the site. (The City would pay a much higher cost if this option was not available.)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR ZIMMERN TO SIGN IT.**

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO ESCAMBIA COUNTY'S  
LARGE AREA ARTIFICIAL REEF SITE**

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") made and entered into by and between the City of Gulf Breeze, a City in the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as the "City") with administrative offices located at 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32562, and Escambia County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as the "County") with administrative offices located at 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida 32502 (each at times also being referred to as "Party" or collectively as "Parties").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, maintaining Escambia County's existing Large Area Artificial Reef Sites (LAARS) (East or West) and including any other allowed and permitted reef sites managed by the County (herein referred to as "LAARS") serves to benefit the natural environment by promoting marine life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to contribute appropriate reef materials to enhance the County's LAARS; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose and intent of this Agreement, the parties hereto, and the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, as amended and codified as Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, to permit the County and City to make the most efficient use of their respective powers, resources and capabilities by enabling them to cooperate on the basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide certain services under this Agreement in the manner that will best accord with the resources available to each; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and City have determined it is in the best interest of the citizens to enter into this Agreement to allow the City to contribute appropriate reef materials to the County's existing LAARS as defined by the LAARS permit from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**Purpose**

- 1.1 The recitals contained in the preamble of this Agreement are declared to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions by which the City may contribute appropriate reef materials to the County's existing LAARS as defined by the LAARS permit from the FWCC and the ACOE.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**Responsibilities of the Parties**

2.1 Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the County agrees to allow the City to contribute appropriate reef materials obtained from the demolition of the Gulf Breeze Fishing Pier (hereinafter the "Project") to the County's existing LAARS as defined by the LAARS permit from the FWCC and the ACOE.

2.2 City agrees that the ACOE, FWCC, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, National Marine Fisheries Commission, US Coast Guard, Escambia County Neighborhood and Community Services Bureau, and other agencies with jurisdiction/authority over the waterways will regulate the activities associated with the Project as set forth herein.

2.3 City agrees to comply and to instruct its contractors and agents to comply with all guidelines and procure all permits required by any federal, state, or local government or governmental agencies necessary for the Project.

2.4 City agrees to compensate, or to cause to be compensated, the County's Neighborhood and Community Services Bureau (NCSB) for services of NCSB personnel (or designates) for providing compliance guidance and monitoring of the City and its contractors or agents relating to LAARS disposal activities. No disposal into a LAARS location may take place without NCSB personnel approval and opportunity to monitor such disposal. NCSB personnel shall also provide requested support to the City's pre-bid and contract planning meeting(s) as may be requested and mutually convenient. The daily fee, for any day or portion thereof, for any and all personnel deployed shall be a total of \$1,000 per day covering all costs and personnel. NCSB may waive the daily fee, solely at NCSB discretion, for any day in which NCSB activity is rescheduled, incidental or "de minimis". In no event will daily fees total in excess of \$75,000 for the Project.

2.5 City agrees to bear all expenses incurred during the course of said Project, including, but not limited to, any necessary permitting fees.

2.6 City agrees that all contractors, subcontractors, or others with whom it contracts to perform work in connection with the project shall be required to carry, at a minimum, commercial general liability insurance with \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and Escambia County and the Board of County Commissioners shall be an "additional insured" on all liability policies (except any professional liability policy).

2.7 City agrees to bear complete financial responsibility for any fines for permitting violations that may occur during the course of said Project that are related to or result from the activity of the City, its contractors or subcontractors or agents.

2.8 This Agreement shall become effective when filed in the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Court of Escambia County and Santa Rosa County. The County shall be responsible for such filings.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**General Provisions**

3.1 Termination: This Agreement may be terminated for convenience or cause by either Party after giving the other no less than thirty (30) days written notice.

3.2 Indemnification: To the extent permitted by law and subject to any claim of sovereign immunity provided by Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City agrees to indemnify and hold the County, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, servants, harmless against any and all claims that may arise out of the performance of this Agreement.

The Parties also understand and agree that each Party to this Agreement shall be fully liable for the acts and omissions of its respective employees and agents in the performance of this Agreement.

3.3 Records: The parties acknowledge that this Agreement and any related financial records, audits, reports, plans, correspondence, and other documents may be subject to disclosure to members of the public pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as amended. In the event a party fails to abide by the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the other party may, without prejudice to any right or remedy and after giving that party, seven (7) days written notice, during which period the party fails to allow access to such documents, terminate this Agreement.

3.4 Assignment: This Agreement or any interest herein shall not be assigned, transferred, or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances, by the parties, without the prior written consent of the other party.

3.5 All Prior Agreements Superseded:

(a) This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein, and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or Agreements whether oral or written.

(b) It is further agreed that no modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms and conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

3.6 Headings: Headings and subtitles used throughout this Agreement are for the purpose of convenience only, and no heading or subtitle shall modify or be used to interpret the text of any section.

3.7 Survival: All other provisions, which by their inherent character, sense, and context are intended to survive termination of this Agreement, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.8 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and the parties stipulate that venue, for any matter, which is the subject of this Agreement shall be in the County of Escambia.

3.9 Interpretation: For the purpose of this Agreement, the singular includes the plural and the plural shall include the singular. References to statutes or regulations shall include all statutory or regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, or replacing the statute or regulation referred to. Words not otherwise defined that have well-known technical or industry meanings, are used in accordance with such recognized meanings. References to persons include their respective permitted successors and assigns and, in the case of governmental persons, persons succeeding to their respective functions and capacities.

- (a) If the either Party discovers any material discrepancy, deficiency, ambiguity, error, or omission in this Agreement, or is otherwise in doubt as to the meaning of any provision of the Agreement, it shall immediately notify the other Party and request clarification of the its interpretation of this Agreement.
- (b) This Agreement shall not be more strictly construed against either Party hereto by reason of the fact that one Party may have drafted or prepared any or all of the terms and provisions hereof.

3.10 Severability: The invalidity or non-enforceability of any portion or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision. Any invalid or unenforceable portion or provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the balance hereof shall be construed to be enforced as if this Agreement did not contain such invalid or unenforceable portion of provision.

3.11 Further Documents: The parties shall execute and deliver all documents and perform further actions that may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement.

3.12 Notices: All notices required or made pursuant to this Agreement by either party to the other shall be in writing and delivered by hand or by United States Postal Service, first class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the following:

**TO THE COUNTY:**

Larry M. Newsom  
Interim County Administrator  
221 Palafox Place  
Post Office Box 1591  
Pensacola, FL 32597

**TO THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE:**

Edwin A. Eddy  
City Manager  
City of Gulf Breeze  
1070 Shoreline Drive  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Either party may change its above noted address by giving written notice to the other party in accordance with the requirements of this section.

3.13 No Waiver: The failure of a party to insist upon the strict performance of the terms and conditions hereof shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any other provision or of either party's right to thereafter enforce the same in accordance with this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates, under each signature: Escambia County through its Board of County Commissioners, signing by and through its Chairman, authorized to execute same by Board action on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010, and the City of Gulf Breeze, by and through its City Manager, duly authorized to execute same by the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

This document approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By: [Signature]  
Title: [Signature]  
Date: 2/25/10

**COUNTY:**  
**ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida acting by and through its duly authorized Board of County Commissioners.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grover C. Robinson, IV, Chairman

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

**ATTEST:** Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)

BCC APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

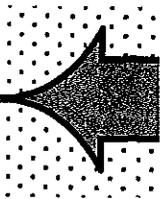
**CITY:**  
**THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE**, a City in the State of Florida, acting by and through its duly authorized City Manager.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beverly Zimmern, Mayor

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

**ATTEST:**

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





# City of Gulf Breeze

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

From:  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager

Date: 3/25/2010

Subject: **Front Yard Fences**

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Attached please find a copy of Ordinance 02-10 which established guidelines for installation of fences forward of the front of a house on the sides and across the front yard as long as certain conditions were met. An individual interested in installing a fence in the front yard would present the matter to the Board of Adjustment for a determination if the fence would be allowed.

It has been suggested that this section of the Code be modified slightly to allow staff to make the determination if the criteria have been met. If an individual disagreed with staff's finding, the Board of Adjustment could be the venue for an appeal.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-72 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW STAFF TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION IF THE CRITERIA REGARDING FRONT YARD FENCES HAVE BEEN MET.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 21-72 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO FENCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council enacted certain rules and regulations regarding the design and placement of fences on residential lots; and,

**WHEREAS**, these rules and regulations currently preclude the placement of a fence forward of the front of a primary structure on a residential lot; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend these rules and regulations to allow the placement of fence forward of the front of a primary structure in certain instances and when certain design criteria are met.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Gulf Breeze, as follows:

**SECTION 1: Section 21-72, Fence Requirements is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 21-72. Fence requirements.**

- (a) No fence of any description shall be erected nearer to the front lot line than the front of the house on the lot or, in the case of a vacant lot, nearer to the front lot line than that point on the lot where a house could be located when and if built, except as follows: in the case where a house is built closer to the setback limit than a house immediately abutting, then the house further away from the front street may extend the side yard fence to a point equal to the extent of the abutting front yard fence which extends further toward the street. In no case can a side yard fence extend closer to the right-of-way than the setback limit. In the case of a corner lot no fence shall be erected nearer to the side street line than the side street setback line for that particular lot. In those instances on a corner lot in which the front of the house faces the side street lot line, then the section of fence that faces the front lot line shall not be located any closer to the front lot line than 15 feet. The maximum height of such fence shall be eight feet, except that on a corner lot, the height of such fence that protrudes beyond the side of the house facing the side street where the fence joins the house, and that portion of the fence that runs parallel with the side street side of the lot, shall not exceed 6 feet in height. All other sections of a fence located on the lot shall not exceed the maximum height of eight feet.
- (b) Special exceptions.

Fences meeting the following criteria may be located forward of the front of the house but not forward of the front lot line. The Board of Adjustment will determine if the

criteria listed below have been met in accordance with Section 20-108 of the Code of Ordinances.

1. The fence shall be decorative or ornamental in design and match the overall architectural style of the principal structure. No chain link, wire, wooden panel or picket fence shall qualify for a special exception. The design of the fence must be brick, stone or stucco columns joined by metal panels. The metal panels must be less than thirty-three percent (33%) opaque.
2. Landscaping must be installed on the street side of the fence in such a manner as to shield the metal panels from view within three (3) years from the date of construction. Plant material must consist of ornamental shrubs which grow to a height of five (5) to six (6) feet under normal conditions (Recommended species are included in Table 1. Other species with similar attributes may be utilized).
3. The maximum height of the fence panels shall not exceed six (6) feet in height; however, columns may be up to ten (10) feet high. The height measurement will be taken from grade.
4. The minimum distance between columns shall be eight (8) feet. The maximum distance between columns shall be fifteen (15) feet.
5. The property owner must demonstrate the existence of a public safety concern, such as trespassing that frequently occurs about his property which would be significantly mitigated by construction or erection of a fence contemplated in this subsection (b).
6. Any fence that utilizes a gate or similar device to restrict access to the driveway shall be equipped with a rapid entry system as specified in Section 21-265.

## **SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY**

It is not the intent of this Ordinance to supersede or conflict with any law, rule, or regulation that has been reserved to or is preempted by laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Florida. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. Further, in the event that any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Gulf Breeze4 City Council that this Ordinance be construed to the fullest extent possible in a manner that is valid and constitutional and excepting only such portions of this Ordinance that are necessary in order for the remaining portions hereof to be valid and lawful.

**SECTION 3: CONFLICT**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to control and prevail over any ordinance or portion thereof in conflict with the terms herein.

**SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Gulf Breeze.

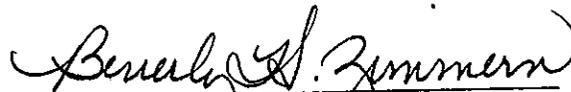
PASSED ON FIRST READING ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

PUBLISHED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

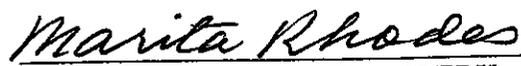
PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND READING ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF

February, 2010.

CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA

  
BEVERLY H. ZIMMERN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
MARITA RHODES, CITY CLERK



# City of Gulf Breeze

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:**  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager

**Date:** 3/25/2010

**Subject: Tuition Reimbursement, Fire Fighters**

In recent years, our description of the "average" Gulf Breeze Firefighter has evolved to a younger person that is working and attending college classes with an interest in a career in firefighting or law enforcement. These individuals are certified firefighters after taking the required state training classes.

In some cases, they wish to sit for further training such as the Firefighter II classes or Emergency Medical Technician classes or they may be interested in a college degree in a field such as Fire Science.

Regardless of the field of study, the fact that these individuals are willing to respond to fire calls while in training or college is a tremendous benefit to the City.

Based on direction from Mayor Zimmern, staff has developed the attached policy with regard to tuition reimbursement for Firefighters. This policy would only be in effect if it was funded by the City Council and would cease in a given year if the funding was exhausted. This program mirrors our tuition reimbursement program for City staff.

From time to time, individuals that have contact with the fire department ask about ways to express gratitude to our firefighters. These individuals could donate to a fund for tuition reimbursement to sustain the program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF A FIREFIGHTER TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AND DIRECT STAFF TO FINALIZE THE POLICY.**

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

### **PURPOSE**

The City of Gulf Breeze has designed the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for the purpose of recruiting and retaining members of Gulf Breeze Fire-Rescue (GBFR). The City of Gulf Breeze is committed to supporting GBFR members in their career development by providing tuition assistance. This policy provides for a systematic approach to requesting course approval and tuition assistance for all educational endeavors. All Tuition Assistance is based on funding from the City of Gulf Breeze and is dependent on the availability of annual funding, which may or may not be available.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

All GBFR Personnel in accordance with the Tuition Assistance Agreement, (TAA) are entitled to tuition assistance up to eight credit hours a semester for successful completion of courses. This program is for tuition only. All other expenses will not be covered by the program (books, lab fees etc...). This guideline defines the procedure for obtaining course approval and tuition assistance.

### **PROCEDURE/GUIDELINE**

Prior to enrolling in any class, all GBFR members who meet all requirements (listed below) must complete and submit the Course Attendance Approval form to the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall forward the request to the Fire Board for consideration and approval at their next regular scheduled meeting.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Two consecutive years of service with GBFR (including time served as an Explorer)
- Hold a valid State of Florida Firefighter I Certification, Firefighter II Certification, EMT Certification or Paramedic Certification
- Must be approved by the Fire Board to enter the TAP
- Must have declared a major
- Must meet all requirements set forth in the Stipend Policy while attending the approved courses

### **TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

Upon completion of the course or training, proof of satisfactory completion (certificate, diploma, transcript or etc.) and/or a passing final grade must be submitted to

the Fire Chief within 30 days of course completion. If proof of successful completion is not received, an administrative notice will be issued requesting this information. In the event that proof of successful completion is not received within 14 days after the administrative notice is issued, the Fire Chief will notify the Fire Board and no reimbursement shall be paid. Any member whose request exceeds the allotted amount of eight credit hours in a semester will be responsible for any amount over the eight credit hours.

#### **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND CONSIDERATIONS**

- The TAP is a recruitment and retention tool and therefore the institutions that the member attends should be local. Online courses, correspondence courses or any courses located outside of Escambia or Santa Rosa Counties shall be considered on an individual basis and may or may not be approved.
- The TAP is based on funding from the City of Gulf Breeze and is dependent on the availability of annual funding, which may or may not be available in any given year.
- Based on the level of participation, the amount of reimbursement may be changed to match available funding. Any change in the amount of reimbursement will be established when the member submits the Course Attendance Approval form. Once formally approved by the Fire Board, no changes in the level of reimbursement will be made.
- The TAP is not limited to any particular field or program of study.
- The TAP program is targeted to undergraduate courses. Graduate courses may be considered; however, depending on costs, the level of reimbursement may be subject to limitation. The terms, conditions, requirements and reimbursement will be negotiated on a case by case basis and occur when the member submits the Course Attendance Approval form.

For more information,  
contact Mark Derowitsch,  
Public Relations Manager, at  
[mderowitsch@arborday.org](mailto:mderowitsch@arborday.org)  
or call 888-448-7337.



# News from **Arbor Day Foundation**<sup>™</sup>

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## **Gulf Breeze Named Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation**

Gulf Breeze, FL has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry.

It is the twentieth year Gulf Breeze has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Gulf Breeze has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Communities that receive Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet these four standards, they recognize that:

- Trees promote healthier communities. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Trees moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife.
- Trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings.
- Properly placed trees can increase property values, and buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly and tenants stay longer.

"A community, its elected officials and its citizens that provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and they also provide environmental and economical benefits. Cities that are recognized with a Tree City USA designation go to great lengths to plant and care for the community forest."

More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

### **About the Arbor Day Foundation**

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental, an education organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

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February 8, 2010

The Honorable Beverly Zimmern  
Mayor of the City of Gulf Breeze  
1070 Shoreline Drive  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Dear Mayor Beverly,

We congratulate Gulf Breeze on having achieved Tree City USA® status for 2009—an accomplishment that assures all your citizens of greater opportunities than they may yet realize!

As you already know, trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in cities and towns, providing environmental and economical benefits. Trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings. Properly placed trees can increase property values. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.

We have prepared the enclosed press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact local media outlets to share this commendable achievement with the public. We hope you are excited to share the significance of this accomplishment with the media. If you wish to receive this press release in electronic form, please email [mdrowitsch@arborday.org](mailto:mdrowitsch@arborday.org). We will send it to you within one work day.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward your awards to Shirley Frazier in your state forester's office. They will be coordinating the presentation with you. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your diligence in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Gulf Breeze and thank you for creating a healthier, more sustainable world for us all.

Best regards,

John Rosenow  
Chief Executive

cc: Ron Pulley

Enclosure

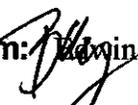


# *City of Gulf Breeze*

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:**  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager

**Date:** 3/25/2010

**Subject:** Recent Arts Festival

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Attached is a letter of commendation for our staff that was involved in the recent "Gulf Breeze Celebrates the Arts" Festival. In addition to the comments made in the letter, I want to call your attention to comments that were made that indicated the support by the Police Department and Mark Gipson, and the Parks staff are much appreciated by the artists. They are typically not provided extra help especially when conditions like the weather complicates matters.

# ~ Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc. ~

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March 21, 2010

Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager  
City of Gulf Breeze  
P.O. Box 640  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32562

Dear Buzz,

On behalf of Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc., thank you so much for taking such good care of us during the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival, *Celebrate the Arts*. It was truly a community effort. Marita Rhodes, Dave Szymanski, Ron Pulley and Mark Gipson and his staff in particular were very helpful. They helped the festival run smoothly by anticipating just what needed to happen and making it happen. It's the movers and shakers in the background that are so important to a successful event. Marita kept me on course and her experience with the show made my job easy. Dave Szymanski worked his magic, especially with the insurance folks and I certainly thank him for that.

You have a great staff and we couldn't do the festival without all of your help. I've so much enjoyed working with you, and look forward to continuing this partnership with the city and Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc. in the coming years.

Sincerely,



Sue Warner  
Director

Email: [gulfbreezearts@aol.com](mailto:gulfbreezearts@aol.com) • [www.gulfbreezearts.com](http://www.gulfbreezearts.com)



March 17, 2010

Dear Government Official:

Mediacom would like to share important news with you regarding your channel line-up.

Effective April 15, 2010 WALA-FOX and WFNA-CW may be removed from your Mediacom lineup. Please be advised you will not have any interruption in service at this time and you do not need to take any action. Mediacom is actively engaged in a process to ensure that these channels will continue to be available to our customers. We are confident you will not experience any loss of these broadcast stations.

The channels are:

WALA-FOX-channel 10  
WALA-FOX.HD -channel 706  
WFNA-CW-Channel 7  
WFNA-CW HD-channel 807

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

*Barbara S. Bonowicz*

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Government Relations

Milton Master/Brewton/Atmore/E. Brewton/Escambia County, AL



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March 12, 2010

Chief Peter Paulding  
Gulf Breeze Police Department  
311 Fairpoint Drive  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

Dear Chief Paulding:

I am writing you to commend Lieutenant Rick Hawthorne for the outstanding job he did as Assessor for the comparative compliance assessment of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Lieutenant Hawthorne was part of a team of assessors May 12 through May 13, 2009 that reviewed files, conducted interviews, observed procedures, engaged in ride-alongs, and ultimately provided a thorough assessment of the agency's compliance with the Commission's standards.

Lieutenant Hawthorne has been a participating member of the Commission's assessor pool since November 2006. We are so grateful and appreciative of his service to the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation and our staff.

We recognize that the only way we can sustain our superior pool of assessors is with the cooperation and generosity of CEOs like you. Your commitment and support of Florida's accreditation programs enables this Commission to succeed and remain the number one state accreditation program in the country.

Thank you for allowing Lieutenant Hawthorne and other members of your agency to participate in Florida's accreditation process as assessors. We could not survive without them.

Sincerely,

Peg Gant  
Executive Director