

**GULF BREEZE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014 \* 6:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2014, REGULAR MEETING  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2014, COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 17-14**: INCREASING THE MONTHLY STORM WATER  
MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE PER ERU FROM  
\$4.50 TO \$5.07.
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-14**: REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO CLOSE THE  
MEDIAN CROSSING ON HIGHWAY 98  
ADJACENT TO STARBUCK'S
6. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:\***
  - A. Discussion and Action Regarding Development Review Board Recommendations
    1. Steven & Leslie Kronlage, 3 LA Caribe Drive, Pensacola Beach, FL  
Project Location: 312 North Sunset Blvd, Gulf Breeze, FL  
Request to install a vinyl sheet pile seawall fronted with riprap
    2. John & Deborah Roche, 510 James River Rd, Gulf Breeze, FL  
Project Location: 734 Peak's Point Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL  
Request to install a new vinyl sheet pile seawall fronted with riprap
    3. Daniel & Natalie Soloway, 2444 Semur Rd, Pensacola, FL  
Project Location: 1205 Soundview Trail, Gulf Breeze, FL  
Construct a pier and seawall
  - B. Discussion and Action Regarding Inmate Work Crew Contract with the Florida  
Department of Corrections

- C. Discussion and Action Regarding Annual Population Estimate
- D. Discussion and Action Regarding Repair of 4' Thompson Bypass Pump
- E. Discussion and Action Regarding Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force Project Submission

**\*These are items considered routine in nature and will be considered by one motion. If any citizen wishes to voice an opinion on one of the items, you should advise the Council immediately.**

7. **Action Items:**

- A. Discussion and Action Regarding Demolition of the Coe House Located at 417 Fairpoint Drive.
- B. Discussion and Action Regarding Hard Pipe Connection of Small Plantation Hill Pond to the Large Hospital Lake.

8. **New Items:**

- A. Discussion and Action Regarding Designating Councilwoman Cherry Fitch as Alternate Representative for the September 10, 2014, Transportation Planning Organization Meeting.
- B. Discussion and Action Regarding Authorizing Bay Design to Prepare Construction Documents Relocating the Golf Pro Shop to the Front Building.

9. **Open Forum:**

10. **Adjournment:**

**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 ensure 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 the recognition from the Chair.**

Hello citizens of Gulf Breeze,

We are very excited as we begin another school year in our beautiful city. We are very honored and humbled to serve as principals at three of the best schools in the state. We would like to give you some information that will help the community and schools have a safe and successful school year. The safety of our students is our main concern while school is in session. Due to recent events in schools throughout the nation, the safety of our students has greatly increased. With that in mind, we are asking for your cooperation. We have many sidewalks that people use to walk, run, and bike in Gulf Breeze. One of those sidewalks runs behind all three of our schools. Many residents use our schools from that sidewalk as a cut-through to get to different areas of Highway 98. Unfortunately, during school times, this creates a safety problem for our students. We do not know the people that are coming on our campus and we have to be on high alert. We are asking if you could please not use the back entrance as a cut-through to any of the three campuses between 7:00AM – 4:00PM. This will ensure the safety of our students and will prevent any uncomfortable situations between the community and staff. We are so fortunate to live and work in such a great community. Let's work together to ensure the safety of our kids.

Sincerely,

Michael Brandon, GBMS

Warren Stevens, GBES

Jason Weeks, GBHS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA

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The 1,253<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting of the Gulf Breeze City Council, Gulf Breeze, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency meeting was held at Gulf Breeze City Hall on Monday, August 4, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Upon call of the roll the following Councilmembers were present: Councilwoman Cherry Fitch, Councilman David G. Landfair, Councilman Joseph Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem J. B. Schluter, and Mayor Beverly H. Zimmern.

Mayor Zimmern requested that the agenda be taken out of order as representatives of the Northwest Florida League of Cities (Dr. P.C. Wu, Elizabeth Brannon, Kurvin Qualls, and Christy Smith) were there to present a plaque to the City Council in dedication and honor of the late Clay Ford. Mrs. Carol Ford was also present for the dedication.

The City Council then convened as the Local Planning Agency for the purposes of holding a Public Hearing regarding amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

**LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MINUTES (convened at 6:39 p.m.)**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**A. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO TRANSMIT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR REVIEW.**

Curtis Ostrodka and Tyler Johnson with VHB gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed amendments to City's Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments. No comments were made by the public. The City Council then had discussion and asked questions to Mr. Ostrodka.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENE AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A TRANSMITTAL HEARING RELATIVE TO AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING, WE RECOMMEND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY VOTE TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.**

Mayor Pro Tem Schluter made a motion to approve staff's recommendations. Councilman Landfair seconded. The vote for approval was 4 – 1 with Councilman Henderson dissenting.

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*CITY COUNCIL MINUTES (convened at 7:38 p.m.)*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Landfair moved for approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2014. Councilman Henderson seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Councilman Henderson moved for approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting held on July 30, 2014. Councilman Landfair seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**That the City Council approve the following Consent Agenda Items: A through F:**

**A. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF DAVID SCHURGER TO THE STORM WATER TASK FORCE.**

Reference: City Manager memo dated July 25, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT DAVID SCHURGER TO THE STORM WATER TASK FORCE.**

**B. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITY HALL RENOVATION BUDGET.**

Reference: City Clerks memo dated July 24, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE A BUDGET OF UP TO \$50,000 FOR RENOVATING CITY HALL AS LISTED AND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS FOR REPLACEMENT OF CARPET/FLOORING AND PAINTING AS LISTED.**

**C. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PURCHASE OF 60" TELEVISION FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER.**

Reference: City Manager memo dated July 25, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 60" TELEVISION FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND SPLITTER EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$1,222 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE.

**D. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMUNITY SERVICES/FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF VEHICLE.**

Reference: Director of Community Services/Fire Chief memo dated July 25, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARE THE 2000 JEEP CHEROKEE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DISPOSE OF IT THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM

**E. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DONATION OF VACANT LOTS BY QUINT AND RISHY STUDER.**

Reference: City Manager memo dated July 25, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE DONATION OF TWO LOTS ON SOUNDVIEW TRAIL FROM QUINT AND RISHY STUDER SUBJECT TO AN AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

**F. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CHANGE TO RUSS DRIVE/DRACENA WAY DRAINAGE PROJECT.**

Reference: City Manager memo dated July 25, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A CHANGE IN THE PLANS FOR THE CURRENT MAJOR STORM WATER PROJECT TO ELIMINATE THE OUTFALL IN HOFFMAN BAYOU AND THE RUSS DRIVE LIFT STATION AND ADD A 36-42 INCH PIPE AND CATCH BASINS TO CONVEY STORM WATER TO THE SOUTHEAST.

Councilman Landfair moved for approval of Consent Agenda Items A through F. Councilwoman Fitch seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

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**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF BID FOR DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SHORELINE PARK TENNIS COURTS.**

Reference: Director of Parks & Recreation memo dated August 4, 2014 and  
City Manager verbal report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH ROADS, INC., FOR THE REPAIR OF THE TEN SHORELINE PARK TENNIS COURTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,755.75 AND AUTHORIZE WORK TO COMMENCE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 13, 2014.**

Mayor Pro Tem Schluter made a motion that liquidation damages be added to the contract and to accept staff's recommendation. Councilwoman Fitch seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

***PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN***

**B. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY.**

City Manager explained that the Local Planning Agency had recommended transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for review and comment.

The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments. No comments were made by the public.

Councilman Landfair made a motion to transmit the proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Councilwoman Fitch seconded. The vote for approval was 4 – 1 with Councilman Henderson dissenting.

**NEW ITEMS:** None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** None

**OPEN FORUM:** None

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Zimmern adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Stephanie D. Lucas, City Clerk

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Beverly H. Zimmern, Mayor

Councilmembers Present: Joseph Henderson, Cherry Fitch, David G. Landfair, Mayor Pro Tem Schluter. Mayor Beverly Zimmern was not present.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Reference: Development Review Board Minutes August 5, 2014

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Project Location: 312 North Sunset Blvd, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561  
Request to install a vinyl sheet pile seawall fronted with riprap
2. John & Deborah Roche, 510 James River Rd, Gulf Breeze, FL  
Project Location: 734 Peak's Point Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561  
Request to install a new vinyl sheet pile seawall fronted with riprap
3. Daniel & Natalie Soloway, 2444 Semur Rd, Pensacola, FL  
Project Location: 1205 Soundview Trail, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561  
Construct a pier and seawall

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Councilman Landfair made a motion to place staff's recommendations on the August 18, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fitch. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**B. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSURE OF MEDIAN CUT THROUGH IN FRONT OF STARBUCKS ON HWY 98.**

Reference: Chief of Police memo dated July 30, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY PREPARE A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CLOSURE OF THE MEDIAN CUT THROUGH IN FRONT OF STARBUCKS.**

Councilman Landfair made a motion to place staff's recommendations on the August 18, 2014 Regular Council meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fitch. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**C. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DEMOLITION OF COE HOUSE LOCATED AT 417 FAIRPOINT DRIVE.**

Reference: Fire Chief memo dated August 7, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DEEM THE COE HOUSE UNFEASIBLE TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE AND DIRECT STAFF TO SEEK BIDS FOR ITS DEMOLITION.**

Councilman Henderson made a motion to place staff's recommendations on the August 5, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fitch. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**D. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING INMATE WORK CREW CONTRACT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.**

Reference: Assistant City Manager memo dated August 6, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE NEW CONTRACT FOR INMATE CREWS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR AT \$57,497 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT.**

Councilman Landfair made a motion to place staff's recommendation on the August 18, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henderson. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**E. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATE.**

Reference: Assistant City Manager memo dated August 5, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ESTIMATE OF THE CITY'S POPULATION OF 5,823.**

Councilwoman Fitch made a motion to place staff's recommendation on the August 18, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Landfair. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**F. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REPAIR OF 4' THOMPSON BYPASS PUMP.**

Reference: Director of Public Services memo dated August 6, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE DIESEL REBUILD LOCATED IN GULF BREEZE TO REBUILD THE THOMPSON DIESEL ENGINE FOR \$8,650.**

Councilman Henderson made a motion to place staff's recommendation on the August 18, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Landfair. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**G. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY TASK FORCE PROJECT SUBMISSION.**

Reference: Assistant City Manager memo dated August 8, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS ESTABLISHED BY STAFF AND BDI. DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT PROJECT LIST TO THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY TASK FORCE FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM CYCLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE APRIL 2014 FLOODING EVENT.**

Councilman Landfair made a motion to place staff's recommendations on the August 18, 2014, Regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fitch. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**H. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE.**

Reference: City Manager memo dated August 8, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE CITY'S EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT STORM WATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT FEE FROM \$4.50 PER MONTH TO \$4.75 PER MONTH.**

Councilman Henderson made a motion place staff's recommendations on the August 18, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Landfair. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**I. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HARD PIPE CONNECTION OF SMALL PLANTATION HILL POND TO THE LARGE HOSPITAL LAKE.**

Reference: City Manager memo dated August 8, 2014

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER PAYING/SPLITTING THE COST TO INSTALL A HARD PIPE CONNECTION FROM THE SMALL PLANTATION HILL POND TO THE LARGE HOSPITAL LAKE.**

Councilwoman Fitch declared a conflict of interests regarding this issue as she is a resident in Plantation Hill.

Councilman Landfair made a motion place staff's recommendations on the August 18, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henderson. The vote for approval was 3-0-1 (Councilwoman Fitch Recused Herself)

**J. NEW ITEMS:****A. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A DESIGN PLAN TO RELOCATE THE PRO SHOP AT TIGER POINT GOLF CLUB.**

Reference: City Manager verbal report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL PLACE THE ABOVE ITEM ON THE AUGUST 18, 2014 COUNCIL AGENDA.**

Councilman Henderson made a motion place staff's recommendations on the August 18, 2014, Regular Council meeting agenda for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Landfair. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**K. INFORMATION ITEMS:****L. PUBLIC FORUM:**

The following residents attended and spoke during the Council meeting regarding various items on the agenda: Dr. Bernard Atwell, 540 James River Road; John Thomas, 289 Plantation Hill Road; Kathy Kirk, 428 Dolphin; Adriana Rappa, 277 Plantation Hill Road. Jim Cox addressed the Council regarding the City budget presentations.

**M. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Zimmern adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.**

**RESOLUTION 17-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE STORMWATER UTILITY FEE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gulf Breeze operates and maintains storm water treatment and control facilities, as well as jurisdictional control over storm water for new development;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gulf Breeze is required to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for all storm water and construction related activities within the incorporated limits;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the costs for operation, maintenance, and compliance have increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the current operating revenues cannot support the current level of service, even with the cost cutting measures already taken;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The stormwater fee for City of Gulf Breeze customers is hereby increased from \$4.50 to \$5.07 per equivalent residential unit. Said increase will be implemented commencing with the utility bills produced after September 30, 2014.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.**

CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

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Stephanie D. Lucas, City Clerk



# City of Gulf Breeze

## Memorandum

**To** : Mayor and City Council  
**From** :  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager  
**Date** : August 15, 2014  
**Subject** : **Resolution 17- 14, Increasing Storm Water Fee**

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As discussed at the August 13, 2014, Executive Session, Section 19-383(c) of the City's Code of Ordinances provides that the City shall require that adequate revenues are generated to provide a balanced budget for the City's storm water management utility.

The City presently bills \$4.50 per month for each Equivalent Residential Unit as a Stormwater Management Utility Fee. An ERU is equal to the median amount of impervious area for a single family home in the City. It is 4,450 square feet. Commercial entities, for example, are billed in multiples of 4,450 feet depending on the size of the parcel.

We bill for 3,844 ERUs per month. At \$4.50 per ERU, the amount budgeted for the storm water fund is \$207,576. We anticipate spending \$234,000 in fiscal year 2015 for operations and maintenance of the City's storm water system. Increasing the monthly charge per ERU from \$4.50 to \$5.07 will balance the storm water budget for 2015.

The increase in the fee for a single family home will be as follows:

\$4.50 X 12 months = \$54.00  
\$5.07 X 12 months = \$60.84

Some examples of the impact of the proposed increase on agencies billed for multiple ERUs per month are:

	<b>ERU</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>	<b>\$5.07</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Gulf Breeze Hospital	121.8	\$ 548.10	\$ 617.53	\$ 69.43
Gulf Breeze Schools (3)	252.44	\$1,135.98	\$1,279.87	\$143.89
Wal-Mart	28.6	\$ 128.70	\$ 145.00	\$ 16.30

QuietWater Business Park	40.8	\$ 183.60	\$ 206.86	\$ 23.26
Chick-fil-a	3	\$ 13.50	\$ 15.21	\$ 1.71

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-14 INCREASING THE MONTHLY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE PER ERU FROM \$4.50 TO \$5.07.**

**RESOLUTION 18-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CLOSE THE MEDIAN CROSSING ON US HIGHWAY 98 APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTHCLIFF DRIVE AND STUDY THE NEED FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY 98 AS A RESULT OF SAID CLOSURE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gulf Breeze, Florida, has the responsibility to protect and enhance the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, there have been 98 vehicle accidents since 2008 at the median crossing on US Highway 98 located 500 feet east of the intersection with Northcliff Drive in the City of Gulf Breeze; and,

**WHEREAS**, all of these accidents have involved front to side collisions, which are more likely to result in personal injury to the occupants of those vehicles: and

**WHEREAS**, require an inordinate diversion of public safety resources to respond to.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA:**

Section 1: That the Florida Department of Transportation close the median crossing on US Highway 98 located approximately 500 feet east of the intersection with Northcliff Drive at the earliest opportunity in order to promote traffic safety along this section of US Highway 98.

Section 2: That in conjunction with said closure, the Florida Department of Transportation study the impact of this closure and plan for needed improvements to the following locations to accommodate additional traffic movements:

- A. Eastbound Highway 98 at Northcliff Drive
- B. Highway 98 median crossing at Gulf Breeze Middle School
- C. Highway 98 median crossing approximately 630 feet east of the intersection with Andrew Jackson Trail.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.**

CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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

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Leslie A. Guyer, City Clerk



# City of Gulf Breeze

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Curt Carver, Deputy City Manager  
**Date:** 8/15/2014  
**Subject:** Resolution 18-14: Highway 98 Median Closure

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Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) close the median crossing on Highway 98 adjacent to Starbuck's. As Chief Randle previously reported to you, there have been ninety-eight vehicle accidents at this location since 2008. This year alone, eleven accidents have been reported there. All of these accidents involve a front to side accident, which are more likely to result in personal injuries to vehicle occupants. His earlier comments are also enclosed for your further review.

You will note that the resolution also requests that FDOT study the impacts to adjacent intersections and/or crossings and consider additional improvements at those locations to accommodate traffic movements that are re-routed as a result of the closure. These locations include eastbound Highway 98 at Northcliff Drive, Highway 98 median crossing at Gulf Breeze Middle School and Highway 98 median crossing approximately 630 feet east of the intersection with Andrew Jackson Trail. This analysis was requested during the Executive Meeting of August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-14 AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD COPIES OF SAID REOLUTION TO FDOT FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.**

Enclosures



# City of Gulf Breeze

## Police Department

Robert C. Randle  
Chief of Police

Richard Hawthorne  
Deputy Chief of Police

July 30, 2014

To: Edwin Eddy, City Manager  
From:  Robert Randle, Chief of Police  
Re: Starbucks Median Crashes

I have attached the latest stats for the crashes occurring at the median cut through on Hwy. 98 in front of Starbucks. Since the end of 2011 there has been a large increase in the number of crashes at this cut through. Once again, I stress that these are T-Bone accidents which have a higher propensity for injury or death. So far, in 2014, there have been 11 accidents at this location. Since 2008 there have been 98 crashes at this location.

I have also attached a memo I sent in July, 2013 addressing this issue. Since that time FDOT has changed their position to not close the median cut through as they believed the synchronization of the traffic lights would lower the numbers of crashes considerably. As you can see by the stats, this is not the case.

I am requesting that the City Council prepare a resolution to be submitted to the FDOT, supporting the closure of this median cut through.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council prepare a resolution requesting the closure of the median cut through in front of Starbucks.



July 12, 2013

To: Edwin Eddy, City Manager  
From: Robert Randle, Chief of Police  
Re: Median closure in front of Starbucks

I have attached an accident history of the median crossing turning into Starbucks Coffee shop from Hwy. 98. There has been a very significant rise in accidents at this cut through. All of these accidents have been T-bone accidents, the type of accident that is most likely to result in serious injuries. There have been 56 T-Bone accidents at this location since January, 2010, one including a bicyclist that was injured. It is just a matter of time before we have a fatality at this location. Closing this median cut through would cause minimal inconvenience for the motoring public headed to shop or eat in the businesses located there. Safe access to this area can be made via the traffic lights at Northcliff Dr. or Daniel Dr. The DOT is letting the contract this month for the resurfacing project of Hwy. 98. I haven spoken to Jim Devries of the DOT. He has indicated that the closing of this cut through could possibly be incorporated into this project and that it could be done with little effort. He strongly supports the closing of this cut through. He and his project manager will be surveying the area on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the resurfacing project.

Based on the crash statistics we have I highly recommend that we close this median cut through.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council gives approval to initiate closure of this cut through with the DOT.

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

300 BLOCK EASTBOUND LEFT TURN INTO STARBUCKS

JAN 2014 TO DEC 2014

Number	Date		Block	Type	Local	Guest	Notes
	Jan						None
1	Feb 20	PM	300	2	X		
2	Feb 22	AM	300	2		X	
3	Mar 16	PM	300	2	X		
4	Mar 31	PM	300	2		X	
	Apr		300	2		X	None
5	May 3	PM	300	2	X		
6	May 7	PM	300	2		X	
7	May 22	AM	300	2	X		
8	May 27	AM	300	2	X		
9	Jun 12	AM	300	2		X	
10	Jun 13	AM	300	2		X	
11	Jul 22	PM	300	2		X	

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ACCIDENT ANALYZE

300 BLOCK EASTBOUND LEFT TURN INTO STARBUCKS

JAN 2013 TO DEC 2013

Number	Date	Block	Type	Local	Guest	Notes
1	Jan 2	AM	300	2	X	
2	Jan 10	AM	300	2	X	
3	Jan 16	PM	300	2	X	
4	Jan 18	PM	300	2	X	
5	Jan 31	AM	300	2	X	
6	Feb 1	PM	300	2	X	
7	Mar 1	AM	300	2	X	
8	Mar 4	AM	300	2		Hit & Run
	Mar 4	PM	300	2	X	Driver of Hit & Run-Found
9	Apr 16	AM	300	2	X	
10	Apr 28	AM	300	2	X	
11	May 13	PM	300	2		X
12	May 22	AM	300	2	X	
13	Jun 1	PM	300	2	X	
14	Jun 11	AM	300	2		X
15	Jun 29	PM	300	2		X
	Jul					Zero Accidents
	Aug					Zero Accidents
16	Sept 5	AM	300	2		X
17	Sept 13	AM	300	2		X
18	Oct 2	PM			X	
19	Oct 14	AM	300	2		X
20	Oct 21	PM	300	2		X
21	Oct 29	PM	300	2		X
22	Nov 15	PM	300	2	X	
23	Dev 7	PM	300	2	X	
TOTAL FOR 2013				23	15	7

Type 2 is a front to side T-bone.

40	07-19-11	300	2	
41	08-04-11	300	2	
42	09-01-11	300	2	
43	11-10-11	300	2	
44	12-20-11	300	2	
Total for 2011		12		
45	01-06-12	300	2	
46	02-08-12	300	2	
47	02-06-12	300	2	
48	04-23-12	300	2	
49	05-09-12	300	2	
50	06-02-12	300	2	
51	06-20-12	300	2	
52	06-28-12	300	2	
53	07-10-12	300	2	
54	07-21-12	300	2	
55	08-11-12	300	2	
56	08-25-12	300	2	
57	09-01-12	300	2	
58	10-07-12	300	2	
59	10-30-12	300	2	
60	11-20-12	300	2	
61	11-23-12	300	2	
62	12-02-12	300	2	Truck hit Bike. In Rt. Lane
63	12-09-12	300	2	
64	12-21-12	300	2	
Total for 2012		20		
Type 2 is a front to side hit T-Bone				

ACCIDENT ANALYZE 300 BLOCK				JAN 2008 TO DEC 2012
Number	Date	Location	Type	
1	02-14-08	300	2	
2		300	2	
3	03-07-08	300	2	
4	05-24-08	300	2	
5	06-19-08	300	2	
6	08-30-08	300	2	
7	10-22-08	300	2	
8	10-20-08	300	2	PM
9	10-20-08	300	2	AM
10	11-06-08	300	2	
Total for 2008		10		
11	03-06-09	300	2	
12	03-13-09	300	2	
13	03-21-09	300	2	
14	03-27-09	300	2	
15	05-13-09	300	2	
16	05-18-09	300	2	
17	07-17-09	300	2	
18	08-07-09	300	2	
19	08-19-09	300	2	
20	10-02-09	300	2	
21	11-05-09	300	2	
22	11-18-09	300	2	
23	12-22-09	300	2	
24	12-31-09	300	2	
Total for 2009		14		
25	01-27-11	300	2	
26	02-23-10	300	2	
27	05-05-10	300	2	
28	06-04-10	300	2	
29	06-29-10	300	2	
30	09-08-10	300	2	
31	09-27-10	300	2	
32	10-21-10	300	2	
Total for 2010		8		
	02-01-11	Andrew Jackson intersection closed		
33	02-23-11	300	2	
34	03-03-11	300	2	
35	04-01-11	300	2	
36	04-15-11	300	2	
37	05-02-11	300	2	
38	05-20-11	300	2	
39	07-06-11	300	2	



# City of Gulf Breeze

## Memorandum

**To** : Mayor and City Council

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

**Date** : August 15, 2014

**Subject** : **Designating Councilwoman Cherry Fitch as Alternate Representative for September TPO Meeting**

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Mayor Zimmern is the City's designated TPO member. Mayor Pro-Tem Schluter is officially designated as her alternate. Neither Mayor Zimmern nor Mayor Pro Tem Schluter are able to attend the September 10, 2014, meeting of the local Transportation Planning Organization. Councilman Henderson is also unable to attend. Councilwoman Fitch has agreed to attend and represent the City.

Staff for the TPO have indicated that an official designation of an alternate is necessary for Councilmember Fitch to serve in place of current member and alternate.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATE COUNCILWOMAN CHERRY FITCH AS THE CITY COUNCIL'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**



# City of Gulf Breeze

## Memorandum

**To** : Mayor and City Council  
**From** :  Edwin A. Eddy, City Manager  
**Date** : August 15, 2014  
**Subject** : **Private Drainage Systems**

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The City Council asked for a list of the private drainage systems in the City. The following are private drainage systems in the City:

Peakes Point  
Chanteclair  
Colley Cove  
Deer Point Cove  
Eventide  
The Soundings  
Sunchase  
Harbortown  
Bahama Bay  
Breeze Apartments  
Bay Bridge  
All Commercial Locations