



**AGENDA
GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2023
9:00 AM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 February Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 WGA Member Representation
 - 6.2 MGA Member Representation
- 7. WGA UPDATE**
- 8. MGA UPDATE**
- 9. STAFF COMMENTS**
- 10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at (904) 310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired). All interested parties may appear at said meeting and be heard as to the advisability of any action, which may be considered with respect to such matter. For information regarding this matter, please contact the Golf Course Manager.

MINUTES

GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

City Hall Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM
2. ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Chairperson Pelican called the meeting to order and called the roll: Present: Member John Pelican; FBMGA Member Fenton Markevich; and Member Lynn Sikorski. Member Rauschenberger was absent.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Member Pelican led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the Board meetings in December, 2022 and January 2023 were approved.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: No requests were made in advance or at the time to speak so the meeting proceeded to the next item without any comments.
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - 6.1 Golf Course Top Ten Priorities. Parks and Recreation Director Catherine Vorrasi summarized the upcoming budget process for the City in and that stated that developing a top 10 priority list for the Golf Course would be part of the process for filling out the proposed budget for the Golf Course. Director Vorrasi went through the tentative list and asked for comments/questions/input from Board members. In response to a question from Chairperson Pelican, she indicated that the tentative plan for golf carts is to be a lease (as opposed to a purchase) and electric (as opposed to gas) carts. In response to a question as to the item for sod, General Manager DeMay referenced sod being for many different areas including tee boxes, sides of greens, fairways and framing bunkers. In response to a question from Chairperson Pelican regarding the main irrigation pump and the driving range, Director Vorasi referenced that the City was in the process of renewing its consumptive use permit with St. John's Water

Management and that they needed an alternate source to pump water and that the irrigation pump was involved in that process and subject to adjustment. Regarding the driving range, both Director Vorrasi and General Manager DeMay indicated that adding a kitchen and restrooms to the driving range were more long-term plans than matters for the upcoming budget. Member Markevich referenced the number of people driving carts near the greens was unacceptably high and suggested that rangers driving the course could address that. General Manager DeMay stated that among the golf positions that he was currently looking to be filled was a ranger position. The Advisory Board Members that the list was a good reference point for moving forward.

6.2 Meeting Days and Times. Discussion followed as to possible changes in meeting days and times to address any concerns that Board Members may have as to the current meeting schedule. Member Sikorski indicated that due to the women's golf schedule on Wednesdays, it may be difficult to get FBWGA members to attend. A suggestion was made that Thursdays might be better. It was determined to table the item until the next meeting.

7. FRIENDS OF FERNANDINA BEACH GOLF COURSE UPDATE: Lee Murray, President of Friends of the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, Inc. (the "Friends") was recognized and gave an update on Friends' activities, including his meeting with General Manager DeMay and the signs added to the Golf Course locations by Ron Ferrell. Mr. Murray also referenced the desire to expand the Friends' board to 7 or more members and solicited volunteers/candidates to come forward.

8. MGA UPDATE: Member Markevich referenced an upcoming tournament and positive comments from members to improvements at the course.

9. WGA UPDATE: Member Sikorski referenced an upcoming 9 hole tournament and similarly positive comments from members to improvements at the course.

10. STAFF COMMENTS: Director Vorrasi indicated that representation of the MGA and WGA was being solicited for the Board going forward, particularly as the WGA Board position was vacant. General Manager DeMay summarized a monthly newsletter being distributed and becoming a regular communication

from the Golf Course both with the monthly newsletter and through email blasts. Mr. DeMay referenced more signage being added in the future to direct people coming to the course. 5 open positions. Mr. DeMay summarized maintenance on course including 1,8 and 9 fairways and redirecting play from South on heavy play days, overseeding of putting green and gathering proposals to renovate the putting green. All 80 carts are now up and running. Mr. DeMay noted that the driving range netting repair still needs additional work and that City engineers have assessed driving range drainage issues and the two drainage pipes were being worked on.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Chairperson Pelican commented that he was impressed with progress made on the Golf Course and was pleased to see a positive energy and atmosphere.

12. ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

Submitted by Jim Rauschenberger, GCAB Secretary

Lee Murray, Chairperson

Jim Rauschenberger, Secretary