TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU
COUNCIL AS COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 1986

Mayor Perry called the Council as Committee Meeting to order at at 5:00 PM.

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry
Councilwoman Balsley
Councilman Gage
Councilman Laginess
Councilman Plaster

Absent: Councilman Davis

Also Present: Attorney McInnis, Pat Laginess, Sadie Robblee, Steve Rushing, Clerk Borchik, Abbie Tyner, Josie Jackson, Robert Hook

MINUTES - Mayor Perry asked the Council to review the minutes for the September meetings for approval at next week's meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mayor Perry asked the Council to review the financial report for September, 1986 for approval at next week's meeting

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. AMSEC PATROL - Attorney McInnis informed the Council that he had met with Mr. Hook, AMSEC, and discussed the present contract with AMSEC and their insurance with regard to the use of armed guards for the nightly patrol. He indicated that AMSEC's insurance does not cover the Town, only AMSEC. As a result, Mr. McInnis recommended that the Council continue the contract requirement that AMSEC use only unarmed guards for the Town's nightly patrol.

2. KSD Statement - On October 6, 1986, the Mayor received a letter from Mr. Kendrick, KSD, explaining his reasoning for proceeding with the planning for the Town Hall Addition and requesting payment of $ 4,425.00 for work completed todate. The Council discussed this project at length with Councilwoman Balsley recommending that the Town's residents be offered an opportunity to present their input, Councilman Laginess suggested a referendum, Councilman Gage stated that he believed several open areas needed to be looked at and Councilman Plaster suggested that a new site for the Town Hall be considered. Councilwoman Balsley asked for the Council's support for the construction of the planned facility and when the Council did not respond, Councilwoman Balsley stated that she would stop her efforts and leave the entire matter to the newly elected officials.

PUBLIC REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committees

1. Streets & Sidewalks, Councilman Davis - Absent
2. Parks, Councilman Gage - No Report
3. Finance & Budget, Councilwoman Balsley - No Report
4. Waterfront & Boatdock, Councilman Laginess - No Report
5. Civil Defense, Councilman Plaster - No Report
6. Neighborhood Watch, Councilman Laginess - No Report

Special Committees

1. Bicycle Path, Councilwoman Balsley - No Report
2. Building Codes, Councilman Plaster - No Report
3. Comprehensive Plan, Councilman Gage - No Report
4. Code of Ordinances, Councilmen Gage & Laginess, No Report
5. Sign Ordinance, Councilman Laginess - No Report
6. Building, Councilwoman Balsley - See Regular Business, #2

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Attorney McInnis advised the Council that he had contacted the Attorney for the Ocean City/Wright Fire Control District reference the new contract and he will prepare the contract for the Mayor's signature and deliver it to their Attorney. The terms of the contract will be the same as the previous contract. Clerk advised the Council of the 4% discount allowed for early payment. The Council agreed to place this item on the agenda for next weeks meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CLERK'S REPORT

1. The Greater Ft Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce is presently planning the Christmas Parade for Saturday, December 6, and is considering a change is the route that will take the parade from First Street along Eglin Parkway to South Avenue. A formal request will be made to the Town for approval when the plans are completed.
2. The signs for the parks are being painted stating the new rules for the use of the parks and as soon as they are received, they will be placed and the Sheriff asked to enforce the park ordinance.
3 The Okaloosa County League of Cities Dinner will be on Thursday, December 18 and planning the dinner should begin soon. Following a short discussion, Councilman Plaster was appointed Chairman.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk

NOTE: A mechanical recording had been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part and is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

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C. J. Kendrick, III, AIA
James R. Stokes, AIA
Don W. David, Jr. AIA
James R. Dowling, AIA
Margaret S. Espy, PSMA

October 3, 1986

Mayor Charles R. Laginess
Town of Cinco Bayou
35 Kelly Avenue
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

The more I have reflected on the proposed addition to the City Hall I realize that my initial shock and disappointment with Council's action has completely overridden some facts in the situation that I feel the records should reflect.

Initially I was contacted and invited to discuss the proposed project with the Council, its feasibility and potential professional fees. These were openly discussed and the Council formed a Committee to proceed.

Schematic studies and initial budget estimates were presented to the Committee and the professional services were not to exceed an amount of $5,000.00. Consequently, the statement for our services to date is enclosed.

The Council, well aware of the sequence of events, accepted the studies and gave every indication of their serious intention to make the project a viable one. The Architect was instructed to submit his contract for execution.

Under these circumstances I certainly proceeded accordingly, never realizing the negative final action would be forthcoming. The only delay in the acutal formal acceptance and signing of a contract was due to illness of the Committee Chairman and Council's failure to meet due to other meetings and lack of quorum.

In the meantime, I proceeded with the Contract Documents under the assumption that the Council was eager to press on with the project.

I am perfectly aware that early discussion did take place in regard to whether the town's citizens actually wanted the project. The comments and decision on this further resulted in open discussion and general publicity on the nature of the project. Since no one came forth publicly or by written communication to object, the project did not received any adverse comment.

I personally feel that the public had more than adequate knowledge of the project. It is extremely unfortunate that the Council action was the result of a heresay remark. Again, nothing in writing or in a personal appearance. I would think a governmental decision would be based on serving a majority of its constituents - not controlled by one or two unrecorded opinions!

It is unfortunate that the following facts were not stressed:

1. The project was financially a possibility without any strain on budgets or creating monetary problems, additional taxes, etc.

2. Serve a crying need for indoor recreational space, as well as a more appropriate and functioning City Hall.

3. Meet requirements for Handicap Codes which the present building violates.

4. Disaster Center for unseen emergencies and hurricane refuge.

5. Center reflecting that the town is growing.

6. Present cost will continue to increase with time and result in a more costly future structure.

As a long-time resident and a property owner faced with substantial tax bills, I would welcome the addition regardless of my present situation.

I feel the action was extremely shortsighted and hope that a more positive approach can be resumed in the near future - one that will reflect a healthy and progressive image Cinco Bayou has always been proud of upholding in our area.

Respectfully,

Jim Kendrick III

Jim Kendrick, III, A.I.A.

CJK:dlk
cc: Mr. Al Borchik
Council Members

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ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATES, INC.

Town of Cinco Bayou
35 Kelly Avenue
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

STATEMENT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

DATE: October 1, 1986
RE: Additions to Town Hall

JOB NO: 8624

CURRENT FEES	$ 4,425.00
PREVIOUS BALANCE	$ -0-
NEW BALANCE	$ 4,425.00

Status of Project: Construction Documents - 90% Complete

Design Phase: 100% Complete x 30% x $5,000 (Fee) = $1,500.00

Constr. Doc.: 90% Complete x 65% x $5,000 (Fee) = 2,925.00

Total Due + $4,425.00

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