



City of Pensacola

City Council Workshop

Agenda

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

November 5, 2025, 5:30 PM

Hagler-Mason Conference Room, 2nd Floor

The meeting can be watched via live stream at cityofpensacola.com/video.

ROLL CALL

SELECTION OF CHAIR

DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

DISCUSSION

1. 25-1462 REIMAGINE PALAFOX PROJECT

Recommendation: That City Council conduct a workshop, whose topic is the Reimagine Palafox Project.

Sponsors: Council President Jared Moore

Attachments: None

ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

File #: 25-1462

City Council

11/5/2025

DISCUSSION

SPONSOR: Council President Jared Moore

SUBJECT:

REIMAGINE PALAFOX PROJECT

SUMMARY:

Award of this project will advance the City of Pensacola Strategic Plan Goal #2: Safe Streets for All Mobilities as well as Strategic Plan Goal #5: More Walkable, Mixed-Use Districts. The project will also advance the 2025 Urban Core Redevelopment Plan Recommendation #5: Transportation, Streets and Parking and the Hashtag and Waterfront Development Special Demonstration Project.

The South Palafox Street Pedestrian Improvements Project was one of four roads identified for improvement as part of the Hashtag Connector project of the Waterfront Framework Plan from June 2019. This plan is attached to this item.

This project aims to promote friendly sidewalk spaces, resting spots, shade, and active storefronts. Further, it will enhance pedestrian and vehicular circulation in downtown Pensacola, Florida, along South Palafox Street and adjacent areas, while incorporating additional pedestrian safety upgrades. The project focuses on improving the pedestrian experience through thoughtful landscape architecture and engineering services. The design areas include:

- South Palafox Street: From south of Garden Street to north of Main Street.
- Romana Street: Between Baylen Street and Jefferson Street.
- Intendencia Street: Between Baylen Street and Jefferson Street.
- Government Street: Between Baylen Street and Jefferson Street.

The base bid portion of this project focuses on roadway modifications and infrastructure improvements to improve drainage, installation of raised crosswalks, new pavers at intersections and sidewalk areas, lush landscaping and irrigation, ballast stone planter walls, street furniture, litter receptacles, bike racks, and "Palafox Planters".

Further, the base bid approach requires the entirety of S. Palafox between Main and Garden to be completely closed off to vehicular traffic. During this time, the contractor is expected to work 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, including holidays and rain days. Once the work on S.

Palafox is completed, the contractor will shift to performing work on the side streets. Even so, the contractor is responsible for maintaining full pedestrian access and business accessibility throughout all project phases.

Finally, the base bid approach incorporates an early completion financial incentivize of 10% of the base bid for completion of the entirety of S. Palafox between Garden and Main Street by May 24, 2026, and 5% of the base bid for completion of the entirety of S. Palafox between Garden and Main Street by June 13, 2026.

The funding within the 2019 Urban Core Bond Fund and CRA Fund is being requested to be reappropriated from the following line items to complete the project:

\$4,316,956.00	2019 Urban Core Bond Fund - Hashtag Phase 1 Construction
\$123,652.00	2019 Urban Core Bond Fund - Hashtag Phase 1 Engineering Fees
<u>\$539.00</u>	2019 Urban Core Bond Fund - Hashtag
4,441,147.00	SUBTOTAL - 2019 UC BONDS

\$1,493,164.00	CRA Fund - Complete Streets (FY2025)
\$1,011,500.00	CRA Fund - Complete Streets (FY2026)
<u>\$216,087.00</u>	CRA Fund - Acquisition and Redevelopment (FY2026)
2,720,751.00	SUBTOTAL - CRA FUND

Additionally, the City received \$3,046,132 from Florida Power & Light in September 2025. The supplemental budget resolution will appropriate these funds for the South Palafox Pedestrian Improvement Project.

PRIOR ACTION:

July 14, 2025 - The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) authorized staff to place the "New Palafox/South Palafox Pedestrian Improvement Project" out for bids.

FUNDING:

\$3,046,132.00	FP&L Contribution
Budget:	
\$399,193.00	Parking Revenue Fund
\$4,316,956.00	2019 Urban Core Bond Fund - Hashtag Phase 1 Construction
\$123,652.00	2019 Urban Core Bond Fund - Hashtag Phase 1 Engineering Fees
\$539.00	2019 Urban Core Bond Fund - Hashtag
\$157,400.00	CRA Fund - Complete Streets - S Palafox Improvements
\$1,493,164.00	CRA Fund - Complete Streets (from FY25)
\$1,011,500	CRA Fund - Complete Streets (FY26)
<u>\$216,087</u>	CRA Fund - Property Acquisition and Development (FY26)

\$10,764.623.00 TOTAL

Actual: \$7,687,924.50 Contract Base Bid for Construction
\$768,794.25 Required 10% Contingency
\$768,794.25 10% Incentivized Early Completion
\$491,145.18 Design
\$694,303.20 Contracted Project Management, CEI, Marketing Coordinator, and
Archeological Services from Insight Global
\$307,517.70 Project Oversight and Engineering Allocation by City Staff
\$46,125.66 Geotechnical Testing/Miscellaneous
\$10,764,604.74

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Within the Urban Core CRA Fund, a balance of \$65,447.82 remains for the South Palafox Improvements project within Complete Streets. Adoption of the supplemental budget resolution appropriate the donated proceeds from Florida Power and Light and will carry forward Fiscal Year 2025 funding within the 2019 Urban Core Bond Fund, in the amount of \$4,441,147.00 from Hashtag Phase I, as well as, the CRA Fund in the amount of \$1,558,611.00 from Complete Streets, and reallocate funding within Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$1,227,587.00 from Complete Streets and Acquisition and Redevelopment.

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive
Adrienne Walker, Strategic Initiatives Project Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION: No