

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission Special Meeting
Thursday, April 19, 2018

The City Commission met in formal session Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 8:30 A.M. in the Alcazar Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nancy Shaver, and the following were present:

1. Roll Call:

Nancy Shaver, Mayor/City Commissioner
Todd Neville, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Leanna S. A. Freeman, City Commissioner
Nancy Sikes-Kline, City Commissioner
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner

John Regan, City Manager
Timothy A. Burchfield, Assistant City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
David Birchim, Director, Planning and Building
Jim Piggott, General Services Director
Todd Grant, Deputy Director, Public Works
Mark Litzinger, Director, Financial Services
Meredith Breidenstein, Director, Budget & Performance Management
Paul K. Williamson, Director, Public Affairs
Barry Fox, Police Chief
Robin DiAngelis, Recording Secretary

2. General Public Comments

The Commissioners heard from the following members of the public:

- BJ Kalaidi

4. Discussion pertaining to the mid-year budget analysis

Meredith Breidenstein reviewed the budget by fund and updated Commissioners with year to date activities.

Ms. Breidenstein noted that the Solid Waste Fund spent approximately \$3,000,000 for Hurricane Matthew and Irma and to date had received \$1,500,000 FEMA reimbursements. She said

approximately \$300,000 was expected in the near future; however, the remainder could take a year or more. She noted that the City was working on re-imbursements for the General Fund, Police Department overtime, lift station repairs, and the marina.

5. Resolution 2018-17: Authorization of a taxable capital improvement revenue note not to exceed \$3,500,000 for repair due to Hurricane Irma damages to the Municipal Marina.

Mark Litzinger presented Resolution 2018-17 and reviewed the process. He said it was a fifteen year loan with no pre-payment penalties.

MOTION

Commissioner Neville MOVED to approve Resolution 2018-17. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

3. Strategic Plan Discussion and Update

Mr. Regan introduced the topic and discussion ensued regarding the following:

- The City's increased Standard & Poor's rating
- Infrastructure
- Transportation spending
- Mobility
- Capital Plan
- Water quality
- Resiliency
- Historic preservation
- Livability
- Tourism
- Informational workshops for citizens
- Neighborhood councils
- Multigenerational and affordable living
- Sustainable best practices
- Website transparency
- Resources
- Building Codes¹
- Zoning
- Comprehensive Plan
- Parking
- Short term rentals
- Citizen surveys
- Functional relationships with the University of Florida and Flagler College
- Waterways and storm water
- Bike-share program
- Population and growth
- Tourist Development tax
- Arts and culture
- Citizen enjoyment of the City

Commissioner Sikes-Kline would like the City to develop a park and ride to shuttle people from parking lots outside the City into the City. She wanted to ask the Tourist Development Council to consider a St. Augustine sub-district \$.01 that the City could control. She recommended a joint meeting with the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Neville asked fellow Commissioners to consider a roll back of ad valorem taxes that would affect concepts in the City's strategy and homestead exemption. He suggested asking Directors to reduce their budget by 5 to 10 percent. He proposed a benefits analysis and an employee review.

It was the consensus of the Commission to begin the process suggested by Commissioner Neville.²

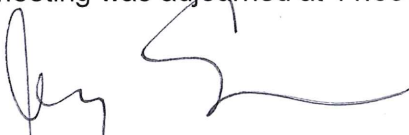
Mr. Regan stated that a compensation study had begun.

Commissioner Freeman felt that the City needed an in house diversity program with rotating members.

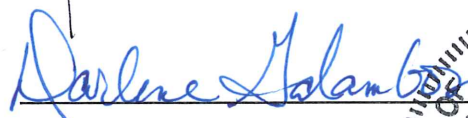
There was a consensus to direct staff to initiate a diversity program.

4. Adjournment

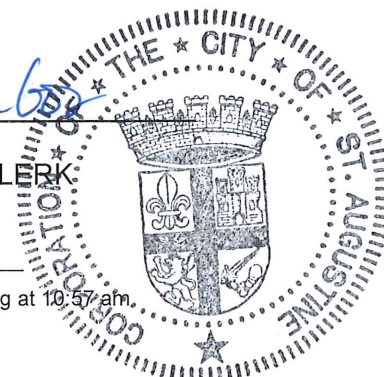
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 A.M.³



Nancy Shaver, MAYOR



Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



² Commissioner Neville left the meeting at 10:57 am.

³ Transcribed by Robin DiAngelis

¹ There was a brief recess from 10:00 to 10:05 am