



**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH
APRIL 13, 2015 7:00 PM.**

City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Samuels called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Samuels, Vice Mayor O'Brien, Commissioner George, Commissioner Snodgrass, Commissioner England

Also Present: City Manager Royle, Police Chief Hardwick, City Attorney Burnett, City Clerk Benson, Chief Financial Officer Burns, Building Official Larson, and Public Works Director Howell.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015 AND THE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2015

Commissioner Snodgrass moved, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve the Minutes of the City Commission meetings of February 3, 2015 and March 2, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OF THE AGENDA

The Consensus of the City Commission was to continue agenda item # 11 to the May meeting and to remove item # 12 from the agenda.

VI. CHANGES TO ORDER OF TOPICS ON THE AGENDA

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of Plaque to Mr. Glenn Brown, Building Inspector, for 10 Years of Employment with the City

Mayor Samuels presented a plaque to Mr. Brown.

- B. Presentation of Request by Ms. Danielle Anderson, President of Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway for \$5,000 Contribution for Printing of Scenic Highway Map

Ms. Anderson asked the Commission to contribute \$5,000 for their map which is placed at tourist centers throughout the two counties.

Commissioner Snodgrass moved, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve Resolution 15-06 to provide \$5,000 to the Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway for advertising on their map. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner George opposed.

Mayor Samuels asked Ms. Anderson to send the ad to the City Manager for approval before publishing.

- C. Presentation by Mr. R. Phillip Ramming, Asset Manager for Sabal Financial, on the Proposed Development of the Remaining 4.5 Acres of the Maratea Subdivision

Mr. Delahanty, representing Mr. Ramming, said the previous development approval by the City should remain in force and he would return in May to present his case to the Commission. Mayor Samuels asked that the City Attorney provide information regarding the details mentioned by Mr. Delahanty. Mr. Burnett said the City should be given a written proposal with Mr. Delahanty's position in time for staff to review and respond prior to the next Commission meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue Hedrick, ABATE Florida, said her group educates the public on motorcycle safety. She thanked the Commission for the coming proclamation and urged the driving public to look twice for motorcycles.

Steve Mitherz, 17 Sea Oaks Drive, asked about the plans for the site of the City building that was recently demolished.

Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Boulevard, asked the Commission to install parking meters to help pay for a recreation program for children. He recommended the police get automatic license plate readers and check those cars in hotel parking lots for violators.

Ann Palmquist, 213 10th Street, asked for more advertisement of the upcoming Arbor Day event.

Bob Kahler, 29 Sunfish Drive, commended Commissioner George for her vote on the \$5,000 map funding. He said the Commissioners do not follow their rules of procedure.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

X. CONSENT

1. Proclamations:

- A. To Declare April 17, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City

B. To Declare May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Vice Mayor O'Brien moved to accept the Proclamations, seconded by Commissioner George. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 15-06: to Declare as Surplus One 1996 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup Truck and to Authorize Its Disposal

Public Works Director Howell said the truck would be listed for sale on an auction site.

Commissioner Snodgrass moved, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Brien, to approve Resolution 15-06. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget Resolutions:

- A. Resolution 15-02 to Amend the FY 15 Budget to Appropriate \$150,000 for Street Paving
- B. Resolution 15-03 to Amend the FY 15 Budget for the Road & Streets Department
- C. Resolution 15-04 to Amend the FY 2015 General Fund Budget for the Parks & Recreation Department for the Versaggi Beach Walkover Project

Commissioner Snodgrass moved, seconded by Commissioner George, to approve Resolutions 15-02 and 15-03, subject to correction of scrivener's errors. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Snodgrass moved, seconded by Commissioner George, to approve Resolution 15-04. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution 15-07: to Adopt the Position Description for the City Clerk

Vice Mayor O'Brien moved, seconded by Commissioner Snodgrass, to approve Resolution 15-07. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

5. Ocean Walk Subdivision:

- A. Update Report by Chief Hardwick on Speed Limit Enforcement on Lee Drive
- B. Consideration of Ordinance to Lower Speed Limit on Lee Drive from 20 MPH to 15 MPH

Police Chief Hardwick reported on traffic monitoring in recent weeks. The average speed was just over 15 mph. City Manager Royle read a petition presented earlier requesting no change in speed limit and no speed humps or bumps on Lee Drive.

Thomas Curry, 36 Lee Drive and Travis Tabor, 15 Lee Drive, said in the petition, 80% of the Lee Drive residences opposed any change to the road. Joe Abdulghani, 40 Lee Drive, and Damie Miedel, 42 Lee Drive, agreed with Mr. Curry.

Richard Backlund, 17 Lee Drive, thanked the police for their recent efforts to reduce speeding in the neighborhood. He asked for a lower speed limit and/or speed tables on Lee Drive. Gerald Galloway, 58 Lee Drive, asked for traffic calming to protect the children. Commissioner England said the City should establish policies and procedures to address traffic calming.

Commissioner Snodgrass asked that the Police Chief write about the speeding to vendors frequently in the neighborhood and for continued police monitoring of Lee Drive.

6. 11th Street Sidewalk Project:

A. Award of Bid to Stillwater Construction of Malabar, Florida, for \$32,750.00

B. Budget Resolution 15-05, to Appropriate Additional Funds for the Project

Commissioner George moved, seconded by Commissioner Snodgrass, to award the bid to Stillwater Construction for \$32,750. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor O'Brien moved, seconded by Commissioner Snodgrass, to approve Budget Resolution 15-05. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Strategic Plan: Adoption of It and Discussion of Next Steps Concerning Its Implementation

The consensus of the Commission was to have staff review the portions of the City Code that affects their departments and make recommendations. Commissioner England asked to prioritize the zoning and overlay districts along A1A Beach Boulevard. Mayor Samuels asked the Police Department to look at codes regarding the speed limits. The Commission agreed to schedule a workshop in July.

Commissioner Snodgrass moved, seconded by Mayor Samuels, to adopt the Strategic Plan Report as submitted and to adopt the Tier 1 priorities. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Snodgrass asked for monthly reports on the status of the priorities.

8. Payment to the City for Vacating 6th Street Right-of-Way: Discussion of Possible Uses of Remaining \$410,000

Bob Kahler, 29 Sunfish Drive, said the funds should be kept in savings. City Manager Royle read a letter from a resident who also recommended saving the money at this time.

Mayor Samuels asked for a list of priorities for road paving and improvements. Mr. Howell said using the micro-surfacing technique on the city hall parking lot and Deanna Drive would save money rather than holding off paving and using a more expensive technique.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

9. Unopened Section of 8th Street between A1A Beach Boulevard and 2nd Avenue:

- A. Approval of Amendment #23 to Contract between Stone Engineering and the City for Engineering Services
- B. Request to City Attorney to Draft Two Agreements between Four Lot Owners and the City
 - For Lot Owners to Pay Complete Cost of Water/Sewer Utilities
 - For Lot Owners and the City to Share the Cost of Paving 8th Street
- C. Request for Commission to Approve Not Connecting 8th Street East of 2nd Avenue with the Section Already Built West of 2nd Avenue

Mr. Howell said the affected property owners agreed to participate in the costs. The residents on the opened portion of 8th Street did not want the street to connect through to the newly opened portion.

Mr. Royle noted that the County would not pay to put in the utilities, so the City would have to take the role of a developer in this case and have the owners reimburse the cost. For paving the road, the City would use Road Impact Fees that can only be used for new roads.

The Commission asked the City Attorney to draft agreements with the lot owners for approval before they will approve any expenditures.

The consensus of the City Commission was to not connect 8th Street East to the existing section of 8th Street west of 2nd Avenue.

10. Pedestrian Safety on A1A Beach Boulevard: Review of Proposal for Improvements

Mayor Samuels said she talked County Commission Chair Bennett regarding the traffic signal at Pope Road.

Jon Hazel, 125 Spanish Oaks Lane, represented a citizens committee for improving safety at crosswalks. He recommended additional flags at crosswalks and uniformly painting the crosswalks on A1A Beach Boulevard.

Ann Palmquist, 218 10th Street, asked for bike safety features on the road.

Mayor Samuels pointed out that it was a County road and anything done to it would be subject to County approval.

The consensus of the City Commission was to have staff contact the County to discuss the options for the road, projected repaving date, and the costs involved. Mr. Howell will research the process to have the traffic signal at Pope Road changed to a fully operational signal.

11. Processing of Public Records: Continued to May meeting.
12. County's Sexual Offender Ordinances: Removed from agenda.
13. Roadway and Transportation Alternatives for County: Review of Projects

Commissioner England reported that the Transportation Planning Organization will be doing a study and requests would follow the study.

XIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

City Manager Royle said he received letters complimenting the City for improvements. He reminded the public that Arbor Day will be celebrated April 17, 2015.

Public Works Director Howell said he was working on the sign and landscaping at the intersection of A1A and A1A Beach Boulevard. He is asking the Sea Colony subdivision to extend their maintenance further south.

Building Official Larson reported on construction projects.

Police Chief Hardwick said the Betty Griffin House run would be held on Saturday with about 800 runners.

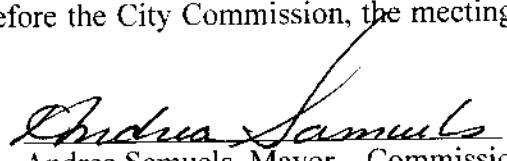
Commissioner England said the North Florida Transportation Committee had a great safety video that she will forward to staff.

Commissioner Snodgrass reported the old oak tree at the site of the new Marriott construction project was not adequately protected and had been damaged. They are making efforts to save the tree. He said he attended an ethics training last week. He said that Undersheriff Joe Bolante will be retiring in May and Commissioner Snodgrass suggested honoring him at the May meeting.

Mayor Samuels reported on her lobbying trip to Tallahassee and her meetings with the Florida Municipal Investment Trust. The City is discussing establishing satellite parking for the Amphitheater.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Andrea Samuels, Mayor – Commissioner

ATTEST:


City Manager

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