



## MINUTES

### REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M.

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor George called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor George asked to Vice Mayor England lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Mayor George, Vice Mayor England, Commissioner Kostka, and Commissioner Samora.

**Also present:** City Manager Royle, City Attorney Wilson, Police Chief Hardwick, Chief Financial Officer Burns, City Clerk Raddatz, and Building Official Law.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, MARCH 4, 2019, CONTINUATION OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, MARCH 5, 2019 AND SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2019

Mayor George introduced Item IV and asked the Commission if there were any discussion regarding the minutes. Being none, Mayor George asked for a motion.

**Motion:** to approve Regular City Commission meeting minutes on March 4, 2019, Continuation of Regular Commission Meeting, March 5, 2019 and Special Commission meeting March 5, 2019.

**Moved by** Commissioner Samora, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor England. Motion passed unanimously.

#### V. FILLING VACANCY ON THE CITY COMMISSION

##### A. Interview of Candidates to Fill Unexpired Term of Former Commissioner Rich O'Brien

Mayor George introduced Item V and asked City Manager Royle to give the procedures.

City Manager Royle advised that the staff is following the Commission request to do the same procedure for this appointment as when Commissioner Snodgrass resigned.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of time to give the public to speak. The Commission agreed to give the public three minutes to speak regarding this agenda topic.

Mayor George then explained the rules for the candidates and the public. She then called in alphabetical order the candidates as follows:

**1) Tadzia Alexander**

Ms. Alexander, 112 F Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that she provided her resume and letter of interest to the Commission. Explained that she is an Office Manager at Alexander Law Firm for ten years and has a degree in English Literature from Florida State University. She commented that she volunteers for United Way, Rotary, and Pilot International, and held positions at the club level and district levels for those organizations. She remarked that she was the President of Pilot International and raised the most money largely due to the efforts she put into that organization. She advised that she doesn't have a commercial interest and was applying because she was a concerned citizen and would do an excellent job as a Commissioner and would like to help the community.

Commissioner Kostka asked why she would be the best candidate for the Commission.

Ms. Alexander explained that there are a lot of good candidates who applied but feels that her line of work gives her the experience in dealing with people who are very emotional who come before her and she must decide who to help within the restrictions of her budget. She commented that she is thorough and would not make hasty decisions. She advised that she is single and does have time to devote to the Commission.

Commissioner Kostka asked how long she has lived in St. Augustine Beach.

Ms. Alexander advised that she was a life-long resident.

Vice Mayor England asked what type of law Ms. Alexander practices, what type of law firm Alexander Law Firm is, does Ms. Alexander interview clients, and how does Ms. Alexander handle clients.

Ms. Alexander advised that she is the Office Manager, so she does not practice law, but the Alexander Law Firm is a general practice and commented that she is very close with the clients. She explained that the clients come to the firm at the height of their problems and sometimes are very hostile, but she always tells the clients in a kind way what the truth is and how the firm can help them.

Mayor George asked how up-to-date Ms. Alexander was on the Commission issues over the last year.

Ms. Alexander advised she has reviewed all the agendas for the last year. She advised that she hopes to participate on the ongoing issues moving forward.

**2) Rosetta V. Bailey**

Ms. Bailey, 403 A Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, commented that she worked with

PNC National Bank for 26 years as a Regional Manager and had 62 offices reporting to her in three states with a staff of 14. She explained that she wants to talk about what she would do if she became a Commissioner, such as have a two-year audit of the finances to see where the money is being spent and where the City could save money. She remarked that Department Heads should work together to streamline the spending and suggested no additional spending until the finances are under control. She requested policies that would give checks and balances as well as changing meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. She advised that the ADA compliance objective should have been solved on the website without any blackout and asked who is responsible for ADA compliance. She commented that the residents have taken a back seat long enough and wants the City to respect the Constitution, Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence.

Mayor George advised that she knows Ms. Bailey is up-to-date with the City's current issues but asked if she has served on any boards that have governmental procedures.

Ms. Bailey advised that being a Regional Manager in three states would show that she knows government procedures.

Vice Mayor England asked if there was a budget item that she would like to reduce.

Ms. Bailey advised that the Department Heads should be the ones to tell the Commission where they can cut the budget.

### **3) Sylvester (Brud) Helhoski**

Mr. Helhoski, 6 Atlantic Oaks Circle, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that he was a Commissioner for eight years, on the Planning and Zoning Board for two years, and a business owner on the corner of A Street for 25 years. He commented that all the Commissioners know him and how he represented the City during his terms in office. He explained that he has dealt with all the Department Heads and has gotten along with them and when something came up that needed a serious discussion, it got serious. He commented that when the Police Department was in turmoil he stood fast for the City which worked out, even though it was a tough time. He stated that he has experience with the budget cycle, has elected official training, and is up-to-date with the City issues. He remarked that this appointment was a surprise to him, but he was planning to run as a candidate in 2020. He advised that he is the only candidate who has ran in an election and won as a Commissioner. He commented that he believes in term limits and he took time off, so others could run, but he is ready to run for office again.

Commissioner Samora asked Mr. Helhoski what brings him back at this point to serve again.

Mr. Helhoski advised that he enjoyed being on the Commission and remarked that he spoke to his family and friends about running in 2020 and they were very happy about it. He explained that because Mr. O'Brien resigned was the only reason why he was here now instead of running in 2020. He advised that he has a big project coming up, but it has already been passed by the Commission, so he is not doing anything that would be a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Kostka commented that Mr. Helhoski has a lot on his plate and asked how he envisions working on the Commission, doing his business, and time for his personal interest.

Mr. Helhoski advised that he has sold three businesses, his children are older and don't need as much attention, and he explained that he has someone running the kitchen now and has no time restraints to be a Commissioner.

Vice Mayor England asked Mr. Helhoski what he envisions for the City's future.

Mr. Helhoski commented that the City of St. Augustine Beach is amazing and people who come here to visit want to move here. He explained that the reason so many people want to live here is because we take care of the City and the residents are so friendly. He explained his vision is to keep what the City already has and even though there will be growth in the City the Commission can do it responsibly. He commented that if we communicate with the residents that the Commission cannot always stop some changes from the county and state, then they would understand better. He remarked that the Commission has tried to keep this a quaint beach town even though there is a chance for overdevelopment.

#### **4) Jeffrey M. Holleran**

Mr. Holleran, 12 B Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that he is a Flagler College graduate and lived in St. Augustine Beach for 30 years. He remarked that he has been a business owner and sold businesses for the last 25 years, owns Stogies for the last 22 years, and has served on the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board for 3 ½ years, which is a volunteer position. He remarked that he comes from a little coastal town called Spring Lake, New Jersey, so he understands how to run a city, beautify, and keep up a city. He explained that he is up-to-date on all the current issues and City regulations because he is a Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board member. He volunteers for The House of Friendship for two years, which helps place children who do not have any family. He is on the Board for the YMCA and is well versed on getting the community together. He remarked that having children is not a deterrent and he has a lot of free time because his business is self-running.

Commissioner Kostka asked why he did not have his name on the ballot for the last election.

Mr. Holleran advised that several people have asked him to run and thought he would be a good candidate. He likes all the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board members and felt that they get a lot done. He explained that that the final word ends with the Commission, so he would like to participate and help at the Commission level. He explained that he does not have an agenda and loves where he lives and wants to help the community grow.

Commissioner Kostka asked how his experience would help the Commission make better decisions.

Mr. Holleran advised that he sees all the upcoming projects that go in front of the Commission or the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Kostka asked Mr. Holleran how he would make the time for the Commission with so many other priorities.

Mr. Holleran advised that the Commission meetings are only once a month and his business is self-running, so he will have a lot of free time to devote to the Commission.

Commissioner Kostka advised all the candidates that the Commission serves 24 hours, seven day a week.

Mayor George advised that sometimes Commissioners spend over 30 to 40 hours a week devoting to Commission work and helping residents.

Vice Mayor England thanked Mr. Holleran for his service on the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board. She asked Mr. Holleran's opinion on how the Commission did on the Land Development Regulations and if the Commission left anything unfinished.

Mr. Holleran advised that he usually leaves technical questions for staff to answer regarding setbacks and swamp lands, etc. He likes the Land Development Regulations as they were written and has no major objections to them.

Commissioner Samora asked what would be the one issue that is important for him.

Mr. Holleran advised that he is concerned regarding paid parking and hears the residents and business owners' concerns. He explained he would like to know the impact and financial revenues that would come from paid parking and understands that the City is a business.

##### **5) Hester Longstreet**

Ms. Longstreet, 11 13<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that she is a native Floridian and moved to St. Augustine Beach in June of 1994. She explained that she has a vested interest in the community because she raised four young boys here and will hope to raise grandchildren in the City. She commented that she has a business in the City of St. Augustine and worked in the educational system in St. Johns County. She advised that she has worked on the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board, the Beautification Advisory Committee / Tree Board, and the Code Enforcement Board and feels that she has a handle on what is going on in the City. She remarked that she has no conflicts or agendas and feels that her job would be to work for the best interest of the citizens and the City of St. Augustine Beach.

Commissioner Kostka asked Ms. Longstreet how her experience sets her apart from the other candidates.

Ms. Longstreet advised that she raised four boys in the City and has been a teacher. She explained that her husband was a Commissioner and so she knows the process and that she would be receiving phone calls from residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She advised that she is used to dealing with the public with her business, parents, students, and administration and can deal with emergencies and whatever comes up.

**6) Janet Mullins**

Ms. Mullins, 16 Sandpiper Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, withdrew.

**7) Terrie Noland**

Ms. Noland, 325 Ocean Forest Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised she is a native of St. Augustine and is a Florida State University graduate. She explained that she is unique for this position because she was born in St. Augustine and has seen St. Augustine Beach grow. She commented that she is on the Architectural Review Board for Anastasia Dunes. She remarked that she moved from south Florida, where her and her husband worked for 30 years, back to St. Augustine Beach and has seen a lot of good projects completed. She advised that she wants to be appointed because of her concerns regarding paid parking and City growth. She advised that the Commission cannot control growth and she would like to be the residents' voice. She is now retired and has the time to serve. She explained that she serves on many volunteer boards and an active member in her church. She commented that she doesn't have a business or sell real estate and has no agendas but would like to be the voice of the residents.

Commissioner Samora asked if Ms. Noland was up-to-date on current City issues.

Ms. Noland advised that she is up-to-date on some, not all, but she is a quick learner and a team player.

Vice Mayor England advised that Ms. Noland has a lot of experience on boards and experience with the City for many years. She asked what Ms. Noland liked the best and what was the most difficult.

Ms. Noland advised that she did a fund raiser for Kids in Distress in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and she didn't like seeing kids who have been abused but needed to keep her wits about her because you deal with a lot of people and those who are in charge wanted it done one way instead of delegating. She explained that she liked the best working for her church because she likes dealing with people, always a team player, and doesn't make rash decisions without hearing all the options.

Commissioner Kostka asked what sets you apart from the other candidates.

Ms. Noland advised that she knows the history of the City of St. Augustine Beach that the other candidates don't have.

**8) William Oglesby**

Attorney Oglesby, 208 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, explained that he has lived in the City for five years and seen the growing pains the City has gone through. He commented that he wants his two sons to have the same City he loves and that was why he was motivated to sign up to be a candidate.

Commissioner Samora asked Attorney Oglesby where he moved from.

Attorney Oglesby advised that he went to law school in Jacksonville, Florida for seven years before moving to the City. He explained that his wife had a job transfer from a law firm to this area and that's why they moved to this City.

Vice Mayor England asked Attorney Oglesby why he decided to apply.

Attorney Oglesby advised that he has a good temperament to be a Commissioner and when he makes a decision, he defends it.

Vice Mayor England asked what got Attorney Oglesby's attention to apply.

Attorney Oglesby advised that paid parking got his attention because the weekends have so many cars in the City. He explained that he doesn't want the beach to turn into a parking lot, so we need to address the issue. He commented that he would like to participate in the decision regarding paid parking because the residents are so passionate about it. He advised that he is not passionate one way or the other, so he could make a good decision for the City.

Mayor George asked if he is up-to-date with the City's issues for the last few years.

Attorney Oglesby advised that he does keep up with City issues and is aware of what is going on.

**9) Jo Ellen Parkey**

Ms. Parkey, 3 Coquina Blvd., St. Augustine Beach, FL, explained that she lived in the City for ten years and advised that there is an impasse in the City because the citizens have not made a clear decision on what the City wants to be, such as a small beach front town or a tourist destination. She commented that her coaching and volunteer work has taught her that the best way to bring people together is to create an overwhelming sense of us instead of the Commission or citizens and pro parking and anti-parking. She explained that the City has rules, but those rules need to be communicated better to everyone. She remarked that just because we are an us, we might not always agree. She advised that the goal should be what's best for the City, which is what is best for everyone. She commented that the Commission has an engineer, lawyers, business owners, but the Commission doesn't have someone like her who is a proud wife and mother who wants a clean and safe community for her family and a person with no agenda or business interest who wants to serve the community. She advised that she is a quick learner and spent time reading over the minutes for the last two years and looked over the Policies and Procedures Manual, which she brought with her.

Commissioner Kostka asked why she has not been on the ballot at the last election.

Ms. Parkey advised that she volunteered, but she also was battling breast cancer.

Commissioner Kostka asked how her qualifications would set her apart from the other candidates.

Ms. Parkey advised that she has dealt with people from all different advantage points and still being able to help them get what they need and helping them understand the process of how to get what they need.

Commissioner Samora asked what approach Ms. Parkey would use to bring the residents together and help identify what the residents want the City to be.

Ms. Parkey commented that she would be engaged with the residents and not say we are right because we notice items on Facebook, websites, etc. She wants to engage the residents by bringing people into the process and making the residents feel more apart of us, so we can move forward being what we want to be because we started out at the same point.

Vice Mayor England advised that residents want a small beach town feel and we do have a sense of identity, so what would you do from there.

Ms. Parkey advised there needs to be a mutually agreed upon valid expectation. If there isn't, then there is no validation. She explained that we need to make the City rules match what the community wants to be. She suggested making sure that the rules match what the citizens wants.

#### **10) Edward (Ed) Pritchett**

Mr. Pritchett, 1121 Overdale Road, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised he retired from 22-years of law enforcement as a State Patrol Officer and a licensed Investigator / Office Manager. He explained he had 35 employees working under his supervision. He commented that he believes in getting the tools necessary for employees, but not going out and buying everything the employee wants.

Commissioner Samora asked why Mr. Pritchett wants to become a Commissioner at this time.

Mr. Pritchett advised that he wants to know about the parking issue and how it effects the residents.

Vice Mayor England asked if Mr. Pritchett had a continuous item on his homeowner's association and how did he deal with it.

Mr. Pritchett advised that there was an issue with the swimming pool and it needed to be repaired. He explained that he had to close it down to repair the pool, which people didn't like.

#### **11) Tom Reynolds**



Mr. Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that he is the most qualified and he cannot work with Commission because he is a fiscal conservative. He explained that the Commission didn't bring up the waste disposal subsidy and Commission does not have any accountability. He commented that they spent money on the Beach Blast Off, but not once did the Commission talk about a Recreation Director for any children's programs. He suggested a PSA Department in the Police Department. He requested replacing Police Chief Hardwick. He advised that the Commission seat doesn't pay enough, and he would like to withdraw application and thank you for the Commission's time.

## **12) Dylan Rumrell**

Mr. Rumrell, 864 Tides End Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, thanked the Commission and advised that it was an honor to be here with such qualified people in St. Augustine Beach. He hoped that he would be the next Commissioner. He commented that being a business owner, he knows the challenges that the Commission and City faces. He advised that he has a background in government, which he is proud of. He explained that he was the consultant for the Industrial Development Council for St. Johns County, which helped to bring Publix to Vilano Beach. He explained that he found bond money that was set to expire to help in that development for Vilano Beach. He explained it was a community effort. He explained that he was also involved in developing a treatment center for Proton Therapy which fights cancer in Jacksonville, Florida. He would like to make the City of St. Augustine Beach better and to work with the Commission to make that happen. He commented that his temperament is exactly right for the Commission and the community. He listens to people's concerns and is respectful and has an investment in the community where his children are growing up and planning to stay. He advised that he would make the best decision to make St. Augustine Beach a better place.

Mayor George asked why Mr. Rumrell did not run for election previously.

Mr. Rumrell advised that he chose not to run because he was involved in the St. Augustine Songwriters Festival fundraiser, which was a free community event that brings the top country songwriters to the community. He explained that that took a lot of time and he concentrated on community work instead of running for office at that time.

Commissioner Samora asked whether he could balance his work obligations with the Commission demands moving forward.

Mr. Rumrell advised that he has the time, the will, and the desire to be a Commissioner.

Commissioner Samora asked Mr. Rumrell what unique experience sets him apart from the other qualified candidates.

Mr. Rumrell advised being a small business owner helps him interact with the public from all walks of life. He explained that when he had French Fry Heaven in St. Augustine, he and his staff donated 100% of the tips to local charities in St. Johns County. He commented that he owes nothing to anyone and can vote on what he feels is best for the residents of St. Augustine Beach.

Vice Mayor England asked what vision Mr. Rumrell has for the City in ten to twenty years from now.

Mr. Rumrell advised that in a perfect world the City would stay the way it is, and the residents would be unified. He explained that he has seen the growth in the last 20 years. He advised that the Commission needs to maintain some responsibility and he felt that he could bring that to the Commission.

Commissioner Kostka asked Mr. Rumrell what makes him the better candidate.

Mr. Rumrell advised that the knowledge he has working with multiple government agencies helps him bring a fresh prospective to the Commission. He commented that he was a people person and he would explain his prospective and he will listen to them as well. He explained that his strength is bonding people together.

**13) Ernesto J. Torres**

Mr. Torres, 1104 Laughing Gull Lane, St. Augustine Beach, FL, thanked the Commission and residents for considering him as a candidate. He explained that he joined the military at the age of 18 as a Private and retired at the age of 48 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He commented that he spent 14 months in Iraq with Police Chief Hardwick. He had experience with sensitive information and conducted investigations, which had an adverse action on someone's career. He served as a State Training Officer for the Florida National Guard and was responsible for readiness, force, and training with a budget of \$80 million and staff. He led 700 young lives as a Battalion Commander and the responsibilities of their needs to accomplish their mission. He explained that for two years he has served the City of St. Augustine Beach as the Chair for the Code Enforcement Board. After retirement from the military he received a job for the Community Development District (CDD), which manages several developments in this region and provides services to the communities. He is on the Board and follows the Sunshine Law, policies, and procedures. He is a father of four beautiful daughters and would like to continue the good work of the Commission.

Vice Mayor England thanked Mr. Torres for his military and Code Enforcement Board service. She advised that the Code Enforcement Board recently has had a lot of challenges with an apartment complex.

Mr. Torres advised that there is a balance needed for the meetings. He explained that there are other District Managers in his office that could step in when needed.

Mayor George asked if there would be a conflict serving on the CDD and serving as a Commissioner.

Mr. Torres advised that there could be a conflict of interest if the City applied for a community development district. He advised that there is a current district in the City of St. Augustine, which is being dissolved.

Mayor George asked if holding two offices would be a problem.

Mr. Torres advised that he is a District Manager not an appointed official.

Commissioner Kostka asked what the biggest challenges are working for the Code Enforcement Board.

Mr. Torres advised that the Code Enforcement Board is reactive not proactive and only enforces the code that the Board is presented with. He explained that the Board relies heavily on staff's work and not being an expert in the field can be challenging.

Commissioner Kostka asked how does working on the Board make you a better candidate than the others.

Mr. Torres explained that in the military he has been in combat, crisis management, and rapid decision making. He commented that he maintains his cool in all situations, listens to both sides, and evaluates the problem to help make logical decisions, which he has done in the past. He commented that he has been in situations where he has received very little equipment and blessed with more at different times.

Commissioner Samora also thanked Mr. Torres for his service and for making it back and making sure Police Chief Hardwick made it back. He explained that the City always have budgetary restrictions, which sometimes causes short falls. He asked how Mr. Torres experience would help in those issues.

Mr. Torres advised that the City is going in the right direction in many ways. He advised that the budget is transparent and helps the citizenry to be able to dive deep into the budget. He said that his experience in the military courses in Six Sigma, which helps him to focus on the processes and the deficiencies. He advised that the City's budget is well managed in his opinion and commented that there is not a lot of areas where the budget could be cut. He explained that once he is more versed in the City's expenditures, he would be able to know the process better.

Commissioner Samora asked if Mr. Torres is up-to-date on the current City issues.

Mr. Torres advised yes and that he has spent time on the City's Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Plan, budget, and the minutes. He explained that he reads the St. Augustine Record and gets information from that as well.

Mayor George asked why Mr. Torres did not put his name on the ballot for the last election.

Mr. Torres advised that after the military he was unemployed and looking for work. He explained that he received a job right before the election cycle began, so he wanted to get comfortable in his job before taking on a new responsibility. He had a meeting with his employer before he was hired and expressed his long-term goal of serving on the Commission and his employer is aware of his aspirations for the future.

Mayor George opened the Public Comments section. The following addressed the Commission:

Henry Dean, 224 N Forest Dune Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, commented that the Commission has a great pool of talent and that the Commission could not make a bad decision with any candidate. He recommended to the Commission as a citizen of St. Augustine Beach Dylan Rumrell. He explained that Mr. Rumrell is a businessman, but more importantly a family man and it has been a privilege to watch him grow in his business activities in the last ten years. He commented that Mr. Rumrell cares like the Commission does about the future of St. Augustine Beach and he works well with the residents and the public.

Joseph Duren, 540 Moultrie Wells Road, St. Augustine, FL, explained that he is speaking on behalf of Mr. Torres who sits on the Board of Trustees. He commented that the City has aging infrastructure, a decline of the coastline, increase of growth, maintain being a tourist town, and still maintain being a quaint city. He advised that Mr. Torres is well versed in natural disasters and he would blend well with the Commission and the public.

Ken McCormick, 1108 Laughing Gull Lane, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that Mr. Torres is the right candidate because he loves his family and he is the best neighbor because he helps his neighbors and would give the shirt off his back if anyone needed it. He loves this country and he was deployed during the hurricanes. He is a devout Christian and he volunteers for the community and his church. He advised it would be a great addition to the Commission.

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine, FL, recommended candidate Rose Bailey and advised that she would have been elected at the previous election if it was not for unethical practices from Mr. O'Brien, who was fined by the Florida Ethics Commission. He suggested a replacement who has principles and has no conflict of interests. He thanked the Commission for having a transparent process for appointing a Commissioner.

Ruth Ann King, 606 Teeside Court, St. Augustine, FL, recommended Jeff Holleran who she knew since he was a young boy in New Jersey. She advised that Mr. Holleran is a creative thinker and works until he reaches a successful goal. She advised that Mr. Holleran lives by three rules that her husband lived by which is always tell the truth, always keep your word, and don't promise what you can't deliver.

Jane West, 660 Sun Down Circle, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that two candidates are members of the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board members and she would hate to lose either one. She recommended Jeff Holleran because he has the knowledge of the Comprehensive Plan process. She advised that he is a dedicated volunteer as a Board member and is very passionate about the City. She commented that Mr. Holleran has a vision for the City that is harmonious, has smart growth skills, and talks about what he sees as the City's potential. She explained that Mr. Holleran has a positive presence, very approachable, engages the public and a strong consensus builder, which the Commission needs.

Mark Bailey, 403 A Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, suggested that the Commission select a retired person such as Rose Bailey who has the time to do the work. He explained that there are a lot of issues, not just parking and suggested selecting his wife for Commissioner.

Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach, FL, recommended Rose Bailey as a Commissioner because she has courage and does her homework. He explained that if the Commission wants to replace a man with a man he liked Mr. Torres, but he is a busy man.

Bob Smith, 309 Summercove Circle, St. Augustine, FL, recommended Mr. Rumrell because he is committed to transparency and Home Rule. Mr. Rumrell solves problem, which is essential in government and he has a vested interest in the community. Mr. Rumrell is the best fit for the Commission.

Mike Kue, 201 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, recommended Jeffrey Holleran because he is a great business owner and father. He advised that Mr. Holleran loves this City and would do a great job.

Chris Moser, 20 Willow Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, recommended Ms. Parkey. She explained that she is a Flagler College Professor and has been living at the beach for 10 years and know a lot of lawyers and business owners in town, but this is the first time she would speak on someone's behalf. She advised that Ms. Parkey is honest, always does the right thing even if it is a hard decision, has no agenda except to make the world a better place, she listens and is respectful and believes in the Golden Rule. She asked the Commission to think out of the box by not going with a lawyer or a business owner and select Ms. Parkey so there would be more of a diverse point of view on the Commission.

Vice Mayor England advised that one person endorsed Mr. Holleran but waived their right to speak.

Mayor George closed the Public Comments section.

City Attorney Wilson advised that the Commission can decide how many top candidates they would like to consider.

It was the consensus of the Commission to pick the top five candidates first.

While the votes were being tallied, Mayor George encouraged the candidates and the public to run for a Commission seat in the next election. She also encouraged the residents to get involved in other Boards in the City.

Vice Mayor England thanked all the candidates for their interest in being on the Commission and encouraged them to continue being involved in the City.

City Clerk Raddatz tallied the first votes (See Exhibits 1-5).

City Attorney Wilson advised that there were two candidates with four votes and two candidates with three votes. He asked if the Commission wants to include the candidates with four and three votes on the next tally.

It was the consensus of the Commission to include the candidates with three and four votes.

He announced the candidates with three and four votes were Mr. Holleran, Ms. Parkey, Mr. Rumrell, and Mr. Torres.

It was the consensus of the Commission to select the top two candidates.

The Commission then selected there top two candidates.

City Clerk Raddatz tallied the second votes (See Exhibits 6-10).

While tallying the votes, Commissioner Samora thanked everyone for applying and commented that the number of candidates and support were unbelievable and explained that being on the Commission side is not any easier and it is amazing to see the quality of the candidates who submitted letters of interest.

City Attorney Wilson advised that one candidate received four votes and the others didn't get more than two votes.

Mayor George congratulated Dylan Rumrell as the next Commissioner.

B. Swearing in of Candidate Selected

City Attorney Wilson swore in Commissioner Dylan Rumrell.

Mayor George recessed the meeting at 7:58 and reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

VI. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OF THE AGENDA

Mayor George asked if there were any additions or deletions of the agenda. Being none, Mayor George moved on to Item VII.

VII. CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF TOPICS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor George asked if there were any changes to the order of topics on the agenda. Being none, Mayor George asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion** to approve the agenda as published. **Moved by** Mayor George, **Seconded by** Commissioner Rumrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor George moved to Item VIII.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor George opened the Public Comments section. The following addressed the Commission:

Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach, FL, asked for a PSA volunteer for the Police Department to help with traffic at Pier Park because people are being trapped on side streets and the police are too busy to respond; inform Sheriff Shoar that the PSA Officer should get out of the car and direct traffic when needed; advised that EMS cannot get to a patient or get out from a side street to get to the hospital when seconds matter; and have St. Johns County Visitor and Convention Bureau pay for the shuttle so there is less traffic on the weekends.

Tim Norberg, 200 Big Magnolia Court, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that he was the Chairman of the Whispering Oaks Architecture Committee and was representing the Whispering Oaks Homeowners Association, which is in opposition to Senate Bills 824 and 812 and House Bill 987 and submitted a letter (See Exhibit 11) to that effect.

Mayor George advised that she has already sent a letter of opposition against those bills.

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine, FL, thanked the Commission for the open, fair, and transparent process to appoint a new Commissioner; raised question whether Michelle O'Connell committed suicide; advised that Sheriff Shoar's Department embezzled \$750,000 and believes he will not continue in his current position; blessed to have an independent Police Department in St. Augustine Beach; feels the City Manager is incompetent because of the ADA compliance issue, covering up sexual harassment of staff, and not knowing he was the ADA Coordinator; need a county-wide Inspector General to oversee local and county governments; and the Commission needs to support the National Historical Park and National Seashore.

Nick Binder, 232 Big Magnolia Court, St. Augustine Beach, FL, asked the Commission to reconsider three minutes for public comments for agenda items; fix the tv channel as soon as possible; the shortfall on the budget revenue of \$400,000; change the agenda to have the Commission communicate at the beginning of the meeting; requested additional lighting on A1A South in FY 2020 budget; and apply for grants for Hammock Dunes Park.

Chris Pennington, 203 A Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that the lot on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets is available to the Commission if the Commission approaches the owner of the lot who said he would be happy to solve the City's parking problems. He requested a business plan to be done regarding parking as well. He asked what staff member should receive the petition for 60 percent who does not want paid parking.

City Manager Royle advised Mr. Pennington is speaking about the Residential Parking Permit Plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; however, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has no legal residents along it and explained that residents are on the side streets.

Mayor George closed the Public Comments section and moved on to Item IX.A.

## IX. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Proclamations:

1. To Declare Friday, April 26, 2019, as Arbor Day in the City

Mayor George introduced Item VIII.A.1. and asked City Manager Royle for his report.

City Manager Royle recommended that the Commission pass the proclamations. He explained that a celebration will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. as Arbor Day at the City of St. Augustine Beach.

**Motion** to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. **Moved by** Mayor George, **Seconded by** Commissioner Samora. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor George moved on to Item VIII.A.2.

2. To Declare April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor George introduced Item VIII.A.2. and asked the representative from Betty Griffin House to speak to the audience.

Jackie Meredith, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for the Betty Griffin House, 2452 Old Moultrie Road, Suite A, St. Augustine, FL, advised that this proclamation is to raise awareness of sexual assault violence and to educate communities on how to prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment. She commented that one in five women and one in sixty-seven men will be raped at some point in their lives. She also remarked that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before the age of 18. She remarked that the Betty Griffin House is fighting hard to combat sexual violence in this community and explained that last year there were 57 rape cases and this year to date there have been 13, which has increased this year.

**Motion** to approve the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation. **Moved by** Mayor George, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor England. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor George moved on to Item VIII.A.3.

3. To Declare April 2019 as Water Conservation Month

Mayor George introduced Item VIII.A.3 and asked Mr. Deirdre A. Irwin to come to the podium.

Ms. Irwin, Water Conservation Coordinator for St. Johns Water Management District, 4089 Reid Street / Highway 100 West, Palatka, FL, advised that for the past 21 years the Water Management Districts have supported Water Conservation Month. She explained that April is one of the driest months of the year. She thanked the cities and counties throughout the state because they can remind citizens to conserve water.

**Motion** to approve Water Conservation Month Proclamation. **Moved by** Vice Mayor England, **Seconded by** Commissioner Samora. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor George moved on to Item VIII.B.

B. Ms. Kristin Thomas About the Programs and Services Available from Alpha Omega for Residents

Mayor George introduced Item VIII.B. and asked Ms. Kristin Thomas to the podium.

Ms. Kristin Thomas, Orthopaedic Associates of St. Augustine, 1797 Old Moultrie Rd Ste 107, St Augustine, FL, advised their goal is to bring hope, support, and shelter to single mothers, children, and senior women in St. Johns County. She explained that their objective is to have people who are homeless become self-sufficient. Their goals are to grow in education, employment, life-skills, spiritual, and physical health, and to grasp one's importance and impact with the community. She then showed a video and advised that they have been serving the communities for 20 years. She explained that they house single mothers between the ages of 18 and 28 and homeless senior women. She remarked that St. Johns County spends \$69 per day per individual for emergency shelters, where this program spends \$31 per day per individual and provides a long-term solution. She advised this program is to break the cycle of homelessness. She commented that there will be a fundraiser on April 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Francis Field, which is their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fest and asked the community to participate in supporting this program.

Mayor George moved on to Item VIII.1.



## VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Request for Conditional Use Permit to Build a Single-Family Residence in a Commercial Land Use District at 16 5<sup>th</sup> Street (Lot 18, St. Augustine Beach Subdivision, James and Kimberly Cochran, Applicants (Presenter: Mr. Brian Law, Building Official)

Mayor George introduced Item 1 and asked Building Official Law for a staff report.

Building Official Law showed the lot in question and the empty lots surrounding the proposed lot. He explained that the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board approved two mixed uses on the Boulevard; however, staff has not received any plans for those lots at this time.

Mayor George asked if the lots were between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Building Official Law advised yes. He explained that staff was in the process of the plan review for Entire Inc. towards the east, which is in the Medium Density Overlay District. Staff was informed that this would be a transient rental, so staff immediately contacted the contractor and informed him that the transient rental cap had already been achieved but the owner could be put on a waiting list. He explained that the owner has purchased the lot to the west in the Commercial District where transient rentals are unlimited. He commented that the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board has recommended approval of this conditional use with a 4 to 2 vote. He explained that the owners would like to build a residence in a Commercial District at this time. He further explained that the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board recommends no concrete for the driveway but recommends gravel or 10% or greater permeable pavers.

Vice Mayor England asked where commercial properties are around the proposed lot.

Building Official Law showed the surrounding commercial properties.

Vice Mayor England confirmed that Mixed Use District lots were on the Boulevard next to the hotel.

Commission discussed the commercial businesses in the area.

Building Official Law advised that he recommends the Commission grant a conditional use permit to build a single-family residence, that the Medium Density District has enforced protocols as everything to the east is the Medium Density District and advised that the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval.

Mayor George asked if the design on this lot meet those protocols.

Building Official Law advised that he would reject the plans, regardless of the conditional use permit, because the third-floor decks exceed the 7 ½ foot setbacks and the roof overhang breaches the 18-inch barrier past the building restriction line.

Mayor George asked if that was his recommendation.

Building Official Law advised that his recommendation would be to follow all medium density protocols, but the driveway recommendation is recommended by the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board.

Mayor George asked what the owner would have to do to meet those protocols.

Building Official Law advised that they must shrink the front door overhang, which is on the side of the house and remove the staircase leading to the top deck on the third floor. He explained that the codes advised that no portion of a building could go past the building restriction line, with the exception for the overhangs and then the code has built in certain provisions such as 25% rules. He explained that this deck and staircase exceeds 25% for that side wall of the home.

Discussion ensued regarding provisions to the code to prevent three-story shoe box homes.

Vice Mayor England advised that long-range the City needs mixed use and retail stores for the visitors staying at the hotels in the area. She explained that she doesn't want to give up the valuable Commercial or Mixed-Use District properties for residential uses. She commented that that was why she wanted to point out all the commercial properties around the proposed lot. She explained that in the past residents have complained about the music or noise next to a Commercial property to the Commission. She advised that the Commission wants pedestrian traffic and to have valuable commercial properties turned into a conditional use permit for a residence does not seem a good long-range plan.

Building Official Law advised that that was why the Commission must approve a conditional use permit.

Mayor George asked if the Commission could make that decision and asked what the standard of review would be in that regard.

Building Official Law advised yes because this is the review process and the Commission would have to make the decision.

Vice Mayor England commented that this was allowed in the past and that is where there might be some commercial lots that are surrounded by residential properties. She explained that when most of the properties surrounding the lot is residential, then the Commission should think long-range.

Commissioner Kostka advised that the City needs to clearly decide what it wants to be. She asked does the City want to be a beach side community or does the City want to be a tourist destination. She explained that this request is putting a short-term rental into a residential area. She explained that if the Commission continues to allow short-term rentals in the Commercial District and that tourists do not have a vested interest in the community. She remarked that short-term rentals are what disturbs the fabric of the community. She commented that short-term rentals will drastically change the face of the City. She stated that the City cannot be a tourist destination and a beach side community, and the residents must choose, and she feels that the residents want to be a beach side community. She commented that the Commission needs to protect that interest. She was concerned that short-term rentals will continue to saturate the City, which is not a good community investment.

Commissioner Samora remarked that the zoning districts are being eroded away by these conditional use permits and feels that the commercial space is important. He explained that at the last conditional use permit hearing he said this would come back and now it has. He suggested preserving the original zoning in the City and preserve the City's Commercial Districts because the City is going to need them in the future. He commented that if the legislation passes on short-term rentals that nullifies the City's code restrictions, then it is open game anyway. He stated he is against taking a commercial lot for a residence when that is pending. He asked if it would be a possibility to do a zoning change on the residential lot that is in between the commercial lots and change the residential lot and to commercial.

Building Official Law advised that would be problematic with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Rumrell advised that we need commercial property because it is a good tax base, which helps the City's revenues. He explained that the Commission should not pick and chose what we want to do.

Kimberly Cochran, 328 S Forest Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, explained that her and her husband own the property in question and lived in Sea Colony since 2012. She commented that she and her husband love St. Augustine Beach. She advised that they purchased the property for a transient rental before the 100<sup>th</sup> permit was issued. She explained that she switched lots, so it would be a commercial lot for the transient rental and advised that they like to construct a residential beautiful home behind the bike shop next to another residential property in the Medium Density District. She explained there are three lots behind the house that are also residential directly behind their lot and then another commercial lot that she believes may be developed. She asked if the two lots on A1A Beach Boulevard were approved for development.

Building Official Law advised they have been approved by the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board, but no plans have been submitted to the Building Department. He explained that one of the lots were presented to the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board as a bike shop with a residence on the top floor and the other was an undisclosed retail store. He commented that there is a financial sign on the lots and the architect gave conceptual sketches with a based floor plan.

Ms. Cochran advised that it is not inconsistent with the lots in the area and hopes to get the conditional use permit.

Mayor George asked if the plans were designed for this lot.

Ms. Cochran advised the plans were designed for the neighboring lot, but then the plans were changed to conform to this lot.

Mayor George asked why it exceeds the medium density protocols.

Ms. Cochran advised that the setback requirements were changed after the plans were approved for the other lot.

Mayor George explained that the Commission gave a grandfather timeframe for those who were caught in that.

Building Official Law advised that the Commission gave everyone three months that ended October 1<sup>st</sup>. He explained that the plans were in the timeframe of the moratorium, but when they withdrew the application and retrieved the plans while they purchased the other lot, it exceeded the timeframe for the moratorium by several months.

Ms. Cochran advised that that was because of the timing of the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning and Commission's agendas.

Vice Mayor England asked prior to purchase if an owner needed a zoning change, conditional use permit, or a variance could that owner come to the Building Department to request the status prior to purchase.

Building Official Law advised yes. He explained that the conditional use permit does not run with the individual, but with the property. He explained that Chapter 6 was advertised and discussed at the Commission meetings for six months and then the Commission gave an additional three-month moratorium to get the designs through.

Mayor George explained that she sympathizes with the owner's situation, but she is concerned that if people don't inquire before purchasing a property and then come to the Commission for a conditional use permit, that becomes a problem.

Commissioner Rumrell asked if the conditional use permit was denied, but the bill passed in the legislation, how does that change what the Commission already denied.

Mayor George advised that the City already has regulations and if the law is within the medium density residential, the new legislation would not undo the 100 transient rental permits. She explained that the commercial property would not be affected; however, the owners would not be able to get the use of a residential single-family. She explained that in this case, it would be irrelevant what happens in the legislature for this parcel.

City Attorney Wilson agreed.

Mayor George advised that the Commission have to decide whether to have a single-family structure and she feels that that the owners are not entitled to the conditional use permit. She commented that she sympathizes with the owners on their economic situation and it is not an easy decision.

Mayor George then opened the Public Comments section. The following addressed the Commission:

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine, FL, requested the Commission deny the transient rental or the condition use permit and believes that the transient rentals are destroying the City.

Mayor George closed the Public Comments section and asked for a motion.

**Motion** to deny this request for a conditional use permit for a residential use in a commercial zoned property. **Moved by** Vice Mayor England, **Seconded by** Commissioner Samora. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 19-05, Public Hearing and Final Reading: to Repeal Moratorium for Medical Marijuana Dispensing Facilities (Presenter: Mr. Jim Wilson, City Attorney)

Mayor George introduced Item 2 and asked City Attorney Wilson for a report.

City Attorney Wilson advised the is the final ordinance to repeal the moratorium and recommended to pass it. He then read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor George opened the Public Comments section. Being none, Mayor George closed the Public Comments section and asked for Commission discussion. Being none, Mayor George made a motion.

**Motion** to adopt Ordinance 19-05. **Moved by** Mayor George, **Seconded by** Commissioner Kostka. Motion passed unanimously.

## IX. CONSENT

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

3. Building Department and Related Fees: Review of Ordinance to Allow Them to be Changed by Resolution (Presenter: Mr. Brian Law, Building Official)

Mayor George introduced Item 3 and asked Building Official Law for a staff report.

Building Official Law advised that allowing fees to be by resolution would allow him to change the fees as needed without two readings of an ordinance. He explained that the major changes were to the planning and zoning fees, tree fees, contractor licensing, right-of-way permitting, and transient rental inspection fees.

Mayor George asked that this item be put on the April 29, 2019 Special Commission meeting. She asked if the City is getting any compensation for using the City's easement.

City Manager Royle advised that Florida Power and Light pays the City a franchise fee.

Mayor George asked about Comcast.

City Manager Royle advised that he believed that that was superseded by federal law, but he would check into it.

Commissioner Samora asked to make sure that the ordinance has the current fees as well as the proposed fees.

Building Official Law advised that he would.

Mayor George opened the Public Comments section. Being none, Mayor George closed the Public Comments section and asked for Commission discussion. Being none, Mayor George asked City Attorney Wilson to read the title of the ordinance.

City Attorney Wilson read the title of the ordinance.

**Motion** to approve Ordinance 19-06. **Moved by** Commissioner Samora, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor England. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Paid Parking and Related Matters: Consideration of Special Meeting in April to Consider County's Decision and Related Parking Issues (Presenter: Mr. Max Royle, City Manager)

Mayor George introduced Item 4 and asked City Manager Royle for a staff report.

City Manager Royle suggested the Commission hold a Special Commission meeting to decide if the Commission wants to go with the same company for paid parking as St. Johns County. He also advised that the ordinance for the Resident Parking Permit Plan, changes to Chapter 19 of the City's Code, whether to purchase the ADA compliant streaming captioning equipment for the Commission meetings, and whether to continue with Comcast because they are going to start charging the City for using their service.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have the Special Commission meeting on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor George opened the Public Comments section. The following addressed the Commission:

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine, FL, explained that the Commission is wasting time regarding parking. He commented that people are against paid parking and St. Johns County has a different vendor than St. Augustine Beach. He asked City Manager Royle to resign; and asked if the contract has a liquidated damage clause so when Comcast has a lack of coverage they must pay a fine.

Mayor George closed the Public Comments section and asked for Commission discussion.

## **XII. COMMISSIONER / STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor George introduced Item XII and asked City Manager Royle if he had any comments.

City Manager Royle commented that the City's Arbor Day celebration will be on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and asked the public and the Commission to join the celebration. He explained that Senator Rubio's staff will have a meeting at city hall on April 3<sup>rd</sup> between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m., if the public wants to come and speak to his staff. He commented that Advance Disposal has a document shredding event for residences at the old Winn Dixie parking lot on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Commission requested City Manager Royle to see if there was a limit on the number of documents allowed and if there was a cost for shredding.

City Manager Royle advised that he find out and advise the Commission as well as place the information on the City's webpage.

Building Official Law explained that Panama Hatties anticipates opening in mid-May. Endless Summer Realty Office is being worked on. Received the submittal package for Ocean 13. He advised that The Ridge homes are progressing, and he had three new house permits this month City wide.

In response to Mayor George's question, City Manager Royle advised that the City has done four interviews for the Public Works Director and we are doing background checks now.

City Manager Royle advised that there will be a pre-construction meeting for the Mickler Ditch project, which the Acting Public Works Director will attend as well as the consulting engineer and contractor. He commented that the Sea Oats project is complete and advised that St. Johns County has been designating walkways and posts to keep the sea oats protected. He explained that the missing permit for the weir was received within one day.

Police Chief Hardwick commented that based on the parking at Pier Park, it will be an active summer. He explained that his police officers wrote 35 citations this weekend at Pier Park. He advised that he has not received a request for the Music by the Sea permit, but he is preparing officers for the event. He commented that St. Johns County have more visible crosswalks for pedestrians and requested to do the same type of visible crosswalks on A1A Beach Boulevard before someone gets hurt, especially in the area of Embassy Suites. He asked if there was still a Pedestrian Committee and would get with City Manager Royle regarding what steps need to be taken to have a more visible crosswalk. He advised that he has only received one call on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and no one has called for 14<sup>th</sup> Street regarding the signs.

Police Commander Ashlock advised that the residents on 14<sup>th</sup> Street were grateful for the signs being put up and has had positive feedback.

Police Chief Hardwick advised that Commander Ashlock and he would meet with Vice Mayor England regarding the progression of the residential parking.

City Attorney Jim Wilson explained that he wants to retire at the end of the month and that if the Commission would like the Coquina Law Group would be willing to continue their service with the City. He introduced Attorney Jeremiah Mulligan who has agreed to continue the contract with the City if the Commission so chooses. He commented that it has been a joy working with all the Commissioners and staff who have worked so well with him.

**Motion:** to extend the meeting until completed with business. **Moved by** Mayor George, **Seconded by** Commissioner Rumrell. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission thanked Attorney Wilson for his service.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to do a Request for Proposal for legal services because the contract was with Attorney Wilson who had the municipal experience.

City Manager Royle advised that he could prepare a Request for Proposal and have the Commission review it at the April 29<sup>th</sup> Special Commission meeting. He advised that there would have to be a period to advertise the position and suggested having a meeting in May to interview candidates. He advised that the Coquina Law Group's fees have been very reasonable compared to what some cities pay for legal services. He explained that most attorneys charge by the hour for meetings. He advised that there would be a cost for advertising and he would put the word out to local attorneys in the area by advertising in the St. Johns County Bar Association, Duval County Bar Association, Flagler Bar Association, Putnam Bar Association, and other entities.

Commissioner Samora advised that he is concerned about changing attorneys in the middle of the parking issue.

City Attorney Wilson advised that he would be able to help as needed if need be because he didn't want to leave the City with pending legal matters.

Attorney Mulligan from the Coquina Law Group advised that his firm would serve at the Commission's pleasure and will make sure that any transition goes smoothly.

It was the consensus of the Commission to move forward with the Request for Proposal for legal services.

Commissioner Samora asked the Commission if they would like to appoint the Commissioner assignments.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have Commissioner Samora attend the St. Johns County Visitors and Convention Bureau, Vice Mayor England continue to attend the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, Mayor George continue to attend the Tourist Development Council and Commissioner Rumrell to attend the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Commissioner Rumrell thank the Commission for giving him this opportunity to serve the residents of St. Augustine Beach and for the Commission having trust in him.

Mayor George advised the Commission that she will have to reschedule the Commission meeting in June and asked if June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. would be acceptable.

It was the consensus of the Commission to change the June Commission meeting to June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor George asked to have two draft resolutions regarding encouraging residents and business owners to not use plastic straws and stirrers and a draft resolution for opposition to offshore drilling at the Special Commission meeting on April 29, 2019. She advised that City Manager Royle and she met with Mr. Bhoola who is the owner of the lot between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street on the Boulevard regarding a public / private partnership so the City could build a parking lot and do a revenue sharing for the paid parking on the lot in lieu of rent. She explained that Mr. Bhoola would be donating the use of the lot. She explained that the City would not own the property and the City would have to indemnify Mr. Bhoola and pay for the property taxes for the lot the City is using as an administrative expense along with the capital improvement costs for a semi-permanent temporary parking lot. Mr. Bhoola would prefer to lease the lot to the City for three years but could agree to five years. She explained that Building Official Law has been working on drawings to ascertain the amount of parking spaces could fit in the lot to do revenue costs projections.

Building Official Law explained how he was calculating the parking spaces and advised that there will have to be landscaping as well.

City Manager Royle advised that this item will be on the Special Commission meeting on April 29, 2019.

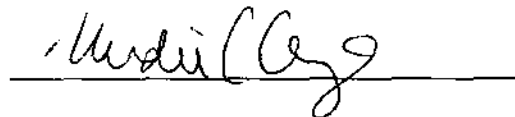
Mayor George received an email regarding illegal excavation on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and has forwarded it to staff. She explained that she would like to have an ordinance to protect our dunes, so the City could have an immediate enforcement. She asked that the Commission discuss changing the order the agenda at the next Commission meeting to have Commissioner Comments at the beginning of the agenda instead of at the end of the agenda. She then thanked Commissioner Kostka for the email regarding the ADA policies.

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor George asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** to adjourn. **Moved by** Commissioner Samora, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor England. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor George adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.



Undine C. George, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk