



MINUTES

CONTINUATION OF REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor George asked to Commissioner Kostka lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were: City Manager Royle, City Attorney Wilson, Sgt. Carswell, Finance Director Douylliez, City Clerk Raddatz, Building Official Law, and Public Works Director Tredik.

MEETING CONTINUED WITH ITEM 4

XII. OLD BUSINESS

4. Solid Waste: Continuation of Discussion re: the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment, Commercial Service and Related Matters (Presenter: Patricia Douylliez, Finance Director)

Mayor George continued with Item 4.

Commissioner Kostka explained that this item is for the business and commercial pick up of solid waste. She advised that for ten years we have been negligent in increasing the cost of the use. A five-year increase would not be astronomical by any means. She explained that over the course of five years her dumpster charges have increased 50%. She commented that 60% increase in one year is excessive for even business customers. She remarked that the business tax receipts were not increased in the last ten years and now they will be increased yearly. She asked if it is advantageous for the City to be in the trash business. She explained that the numbers the Finance Department gives to run the trash collections is \$1,365,523.34 a year. She suggested doing a Request for Proposal (RFP) on solid waste like was done with recyclables. During the budget cycle the Commission discussed purchasing another garbage truck, but maybe that would not be necessary if the City does an RFP. She explained that she has a dumpster that she pays for but is also paying the \$74 non-ad valorem taxed and wondered how many properties in the City are paying trash pickup twice.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that she would have to research, but duplexes are charged for each unit at the \$74 rate. She explained that there are some errors that she is finding that some properties are being charged the non-ad valorem when they have a dumpster and others who are not being charged anything and their garbage is being picked up by hand. She agreed that a full clean up needs to be done within our residential properties.

Commissioner Samora asked if commercial customers would not pay the \$74 non-ad valorem.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that if a transient rental is licensed, she removes the \$74 residential fee from the tax roll in the next coming year and if a owner decides not to continue the transient rental, then the \$74 residential fee would be taken off the tax roll in the next fiscal year. She advised that it either the non-ad valorem tax should be charged instead of charging the fee per can pick up.

Mayor George commented that she was in full support to get the figures with an RFP in order to get the comparable numbers, however, the prospect of obligating the City to the confinement of being held by a vendor is not good. She explained that there are not a lot of competitive vendors in the area, which the Commission saw when the recycling nearly doubled with the RFP process. Not wise to give up the self-sufficiency because it does give benefits and savings to the residents. She explained that she finds suspect the methodology that is being used for what the City's actual costs are. Costs include maintaining the City Commission, should not be applied because the Commission would operate whether they have trash pickup or not. A competitive bid would provide what our operating costs would be, but she would not want to have a third-party vendor because there is not enough competition there.

Commissioner Kostka explained that she understands Mayor George's points, but Republic has just purchased Advanced Disposal and as a client there would be concerns on going to an outside vendor. Concerned over being in the right ball park regarding the figures in the budget allocations, she commented that Meridian Waste is a new company and she advised that there is language that could be put in the contract to close any loopholes. She suggested to explore every avenue to see what there is.

Vice Mayor England explained that the Commission did review whether this service should be outsourced, and the outcome was to keep the residential and the small business because it evens out the use of personnel and equipment. She explained that per the previous discussion the Commission wants to service one to four family units, residential, small businesses and transient rentals. She explained that units with five units or more and larger businesses would not be serviced by the City, but by vendors with dumpsters for their safety and health. She commented that using cost accounting the City would partially subsidize residential properties, but the transient rentals and small business would be charged a fair flat fee that would be greater than the residential property owners with a phase in approach. Policywise the City should service the residents and small business owners with waste and disposal services.

Commissioner Kostka suggested being careful on how the Commission uses the word subsidized because the City Charter says that part of the taxes the residents pay for is trash

collection. She said that we are charging a non-ad valorem tax to subsidize the budget because there is not enough money in our budgetary funds to pay for all the City's costs. Mayor George advised that this came about because the Commission asked staff to find more revenue sources and unfortunately this would come from the residents and the businesses, which is a problem for her. She disagreed that the businesses should pay more than the residents because they work here in the City too. She explained that the cost difference between what the businesses, residents, and transient rental payments would be makes no sense. She explained that not every transient rental doubles the amount being picked up by the small businesses. She remarked that she does not support this methodology presented.

Commissioner Rumrell advised that he spoke with the City of St. Augustine and St. Johns County to see what they charge and their methodology. He advised that they have Republic and Advanced Disposal. St. Johns County charges \$230 per year. He explained that Advanced Disposal picks up roughly 89,000 residential homes which comes to \$20,470,000 a year. St. Johns County does not charge a commercial fee, but make the commercial business negotiate with a hauler to pick up the commercial business. City of St. Augustine charges \$209.28 a year for residential trash collection; however, for commercial it is broken down by square footage. If a commercial property, 0 to 100 square feet is \$15.13; 100 to 250 square feet is \$22; 251 to 500 square feet is \$30; 501 to 750 square feet is \$37; 751 to 1,000 square feet is \$45.40 and anything over 1,000 square feet is \$60.53 a month. The City of St. Augustine gives a 96-gallon trash bin to the commercial businesses, which they dump with a front loader truck. The City of St. Augustine does not pick up construction debris. They charge \$57.20 per yard in addition to the \$209.28 a year. Yard debris is limited to four yards per pickup. If it is over four yards, the City of St. Augustine charges an additional \$52 per four yards. He explained that there are multiple places to take yard debris and trash. Republic Services has Nine Mile Road trash location and the yard fees are \$92 a ton and trash fees are about \$91 a ton. Bunnell has a construction and debris, recycle, landfill and trash facility charges \$47 a ton. He explained that he is not sure where the City is taking the trash, but the City of St. Augustine is saving over \$100,000 a year by taking their trash from Republic and using the Bunnell location. The City needs to research what we are paying for because it is coming out of the General Fund; he would rather see those funds go to Road and Bridge Fund, sidewalks and infrastructure that is failing in the City now and are being postponed. He advised that he agreed with Commissioner Kostka that in the last ten years the costs should have been increased five percent each year. He advised that the actual costs need to be figured out.

Vice Mayor England advised that the costs could be less if the large businesses and units with five or more units get their own vendors. She explained that with the City Manager and the Public Works Director, the Commission needs to decide what service can the City provide efficiently. She wants to know how much it would cost the City, what is included in the costs, and then fairly allocate that between the owner occupied residential, transient rentals, and small businesses. Should approach it as what the Commission wants to provide that is efficient, move the larger customers off the City's pick up, and decide how much it would cost the City and how to fairly allocate the costs in a phased in approach.

Commissioner Rumrell advised that he tried to get a phone number for Republic, they only have a national phone number that the residents would be hardpressed to complain to about their trash not being picked up.

Mayor George requested from staff what the hard data of the actual out-of-pocket costs are. She said she appreciates and respects the methodology that was done, but that is not the actual costs. Formulate the hard costs, capital improvement costs, capital projects plan, dumping fees, and personnel costs of those who only do trash pickup and dumping. She also would like some projections from the Finance Department.

Commissioner Samora advised that he didn't think the numbers would be that much different because those costs have already been given to the Commission in reports. He said that the personnel are 5.5 people for waste pickup and dumping, which doesn't seem unreasonable.

Finance Director Douylliez explained that the personnel maybe a little under because the City picks up waste four days a week, not five. She explained that those personnel do other work as well and are allocated out by 26% going to Other Services, 29% is allocated to garbage, and the remainder goes to Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Samora explained that \$89,000 has been included for finance costs, administrative costs, which comes out to 6.6% difference and staff has presented close to the total costs already.

Commissioner Kostka advised that this is part of the budget and when the Commission reviewed the budget it seems that every year the Commission is crunching the numbers trying to find savings. She explained that the salary and benefits cost the City more than the City's tax property revenues, which is alarming. She explained that this is one piece of the puzzle. It concerns her to start assessing the citizens for the budget needs. The Commission needs to manage the budget and the monies the City has the best as we can before asking citizens to pay more. Several citizens are on fixed incomes. She is reluctant to ask for more money from the citizens and suggested that the Commission research all areas to see where we are over and under spending. Projects have been being put off for years because we don't have the funds. She asked if the Communications and Event Coordinator Walker has asked residents if they would want this non-ad valorem tax and what ideas the citizens have on processing the trash. Citizens have given in the past very good ideas.

Commissioner Rumrell advised that we are robbing Peter to save Paul and we need to have a phased in approach, but we must do something, and we can't kick the can down the road any more. He explained that the Commission needs to do the infrastructure and have money on hand for a hurricane if the City is hit.

Vice Mayor England advised that if staff decides what services the City is going to provide and who the City will service, what is trash collection and disposal and once a week pick up for special trash. She asked Finance Director Douylliez to calculate an estimate after taking off the large businesses and five or more units so the Commission could come up with an allocation.

Finance Director Douylliez asked if the Commission wants a full costs analysis which includes finance, administration and the legislative amounts or not. She explained that she deals with customers that challenge the amounts charged and staff must address the issue. She explained that a cost analysis per can is \$2.90 and she thought that the Commission wanted to not have transient rentals and small businesses pay the same as residents. She explained

that Communications and Event Coordinator Walker did a survey in August about the non-ad valorem and whether the residents would support a fee. The results were 50% to 50%. She commented that many of the residents said they agreed with it if the owners renting their homes are not paying the same rate as non-rented homes. She remarked that a one-time fee being charged is a more efficient than monthly billing and collections.

Vice Mayor England said we need to get away from counting cans and give the amounts for residents, small businesses, and transient rentals.

Mayor George advised that a flat fee per unit without counting cans with a limit on the cans.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that in the industry they pick it up anyway because of the mess it leaves in the City. Limits are in the code, but they are not strictly enforced. She explained that transient rentals tenants leave and don't come back.

Mayor George England advised that it should be a code enforcement issue. She explained that it doesn't make sense to her to eliminate the overhead costs by a non-ad valorem tax unless we have less staff, which the City will not do.

Vice Mayor George agreed, but explained that because it is a health and safety issue would be the reason why the City would not serve a larger business or condo with five or more units. She explained that Public Works could identify the businesses and what costs savings there are.

Mayor George agreed with a case by case basis and maybe the transient rentals could have dumpsters as well.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that she believed transient rentals would not be allowed dumpsters because they are in residential neighborhoods. She suggested servicing the transient rentals.

Vice Mayor England asked if the City can give two different rates to the property appraiser and small businesses would be billed monthly.

Finance Director Douylliez advised yes. She explained that only five businesses would need to be moved to dumpsters.

Commissioner Rumrell commented that he still liked the City of St. Augustine's system of charging. He explained that they pick up twice a week and charge for additional cart \$15.13. He said the flat fee is fair. The residents want consistency.

Commissioner Kostka advised that she is paying for a dumpster and a \$74 fee.

Commissioner Samora advised that there are only 25 businesses that are being collected and whether it is by counting or square footage it doesn't matter.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that the City of St. Augustine has a Utility Department that could turn the water off. She explained that the code enforcement process is a lengthy process and the City still must collect the trash and collect the code enforcement fines.

Commissioner Kostka asked to request a deposit.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that the City could, but it cleaner to have one billing.

Vice Mayor England suggested going forward to have two non-ad valorem fees based on residential or long-term rental and transient rentals.

Mayor George objected and said that it should be the same fee.

Discussion ensued regarding where there is an increase in trash with a transient rental; how many people are staying in the home; transient rentals not making the money because of so many rentals; how to justify a fee for a single person versus a family of six for trash collection; having transient rentals show as a business; residential fees would only be half of the actual cost; whether to raise the millage instead of the non-ad valorem tax; non-ad valorem fees can be adjusted when necessary; City Charter says the trash will be collected and charging residents extra; transient rentals should not be higher than residents and businesses; and staff has to come up with a flat rate with small businesses and transient rentals.

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

Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, St. Augustine Beach, FL, asked to address the condo owners that are being cheated. He explained that to privatize would cost \$419,400 and stop subsidizing waste costs.

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine, FL, asked what happened to the forensic audit; why doesn't the City get deposits for waste collections; why doesn't the City do a Request for Proposal; start composting materials; and thanked Commissioner Rumrell for his research.

Merrill Roland, 6281 Old Dixie Drive, St. Augustine, FL, asked to research transient unit on 1 12th Street, which give nine garbage cans every week because he it is showing in the Property Appraiser's as a single-family home. Police Chief Hardwick had documentation last year that there were 87 nuisance vacation rentals that the police were always being call to.

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

Mayor George advised that this would be a discussion item in the future. She asked Finance Director Douylliez if she needed further direction.

Finance Director Douylliez advised no, that she would continue to move forward.

Mayor George requested the previous background calculation information as well as the new information in the Commission books next time.

Commissioner Kostka requested contacting the providers to see what it would cost to privatize waste collection.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that the City would be doing a disservice asking them, unless the City does a Request for Proposal (RFP) on solid waste collection because the companies would have to do their due diligence and coming to the City and doing a lot of work. She said that she could call around to other municipalities to see if she could find out their contract costs.

Mayor George asked if the Commission wants to do an RFP.

Commissioner Samora said he wants the City to do the trash collection, not privatize.

Mayor George explained that it would be disingenuous to do an RFP if the City is not going to hire anyone.

Commissioner Samora advised that we have an RFP, which is \$230 for St. Johns County and \$209 for the City of St. Augustine.

Commissioner Kostka advised that she was surprised that this was so easily dismissed without even knowing the price. She agreed that Advanced Disposal would not come near the quality or the cost effectiveness, but Meridian Waste may want to do it.

Mayor George explained it would be similar to outsourcing the Police Department years ago. She advised that she is 100% against it then and now for the same reason that inhouse provides a level of service that the City would not get from a private vendor. She advised that it is the Commission's job to keep the taxes low, but the fact that the Public Works Department did the City's pickup the day before evacuation was critical and a reliable contractor would not have been able to do that for us.

Commissioner Kostka advised that the quality of the work is exemplary and the reason to contact other vendors was to get a comparable number.

Mayor George said that she would not want to get an RFP because the City has no intention of hiring and there is a lot of work that goes into an RFP. She does not want to be at the mercy of a vendor when they can double the price when the contract comes due and not do the quality of service staff can do inhouse.

Commissioner Kostka proposed to the Commission to separate out the costs for solid waste collection from the General Fund and to lower the millage rate.

Mayor George agreed. She advised that if there is a non-ad valorem tax, then we need to offset the monies coming in by lowering the millage. She said that the Commission agreed with that as a goal.

Commissioner Kostka advised that the alternative is to increase the millage and not have a non-ad valorem.

Commissioner Rumrell explained the millage would have to increase a point to cover the costs of the \$480 and half a point for the \$230. He said it would be interesting to see how the City of St. Augustine got to their cost of \$209 and explained that that would be more indicative to see how they got to that number and what ratios are they using. He explained that St. Augustine does their recyclable inhouse and that could be the difference in pricing. He

suggested that when the contract is up with Advanced Disposal, the City does recyclable inhouse. He explained that if we lower the millage based on the amount of money the City is bringing in, the City will be at the same spot as we are now. He said it would be a wash and if that is the case the Commission should leave it the way it is.

Commissioner Kostka advised that the non-ad valorem tax only go to that one item, but if you increase the millage then it goes into the General Fund and could be used for anything else.

Mayor George advised that the non-ad valorem tax would pay for the Public Works employees and only what is used for solid waste collection.

Commissioner Rumrell advised that it would be interesting how they got to the \$209 amount.

Mayor George asked Finance Director Douylliez to assess the City of St. Augustine's methodology and how that compares to ours. She asked Finance Director Douylliez if it was her intention that the revenue fund would only go to solid waste similar to what the City does for the Building Department.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that it would be similar, but some of it would come from the General Fund to cover the full costs and could be broken out to show what was paid by non-ad valorem tax.

Commissioner Kostka explained that if the non-ad valorem was eliminated that would be different for those living in larger homes verses smaller homes. She said that if it was based on property values then that could be a different way to calculate too and there are pros and cons either way.

Mayor George moved on to Item 5.

5. Dockless Scooters, E-Bicycles and Bicycles: Review of Proposed Ordinance to Regulate (Presenter: Jim Wilson, City Attorney)

Mayor George introduced Item 5 and asked for a report from City Attorney Wilson.

City Attorney Wilson advised he made changes as requested from the Commission and asked if the Commission wants to adopt this for first reading. He asked the Commission whether they want to regulate these or prohibit dockless e-scooters within the City.

Mayor George advised that she had an open mind, but she is having a hard time allowing this.

Commissioner Samora advised that the City and neighboring cities have mobility issues and had hoped that this would be a solution. He explained that he did a lot of research and listened to what staff has presented. He looked during his travels this month and have found them all over the cities where he visited, and he spoke to a lot of people who said that they are a problem and a liability. He said it would be okay if there was a business to rent it from and bring them back; however, dockless he would not be in favor of for the City.

Commissioner Rumrell researched and downloaded an app on one of the companies and the one thing that stood out to him was the insurance liability. He contacted his insurance company and they told him the person would have to get a separate rider on your policy to be insured. He explained that citizens he has spoken to are adamantly opposed to it. He was concerned if someone was injured on the sidewalk or street would they sue the City for

allowing the e-scooters or if there was a pothole in the street, etc.; City Attorney Wilson advised that the City would be responsible for someone getting hurt for potholes, etc.

Vice Mayor England advised that something like a bike rental business would be alright but had concerns over a dockless e-scooter business. She explained that there must be agreements with the businesses within the City or the City to bring the e-scooters back to a docking place, like bicycles.

Commissioner Kostka advised that she could not support this because of the public safety and enforcement issues would have to fall on the Police Department, which are already very busy with safety issues. She asked Police Chief Hardwick to research other cities that have ordinances on e-scooters and either they could not get back with them right away or they didn't have any regulations in place. She was concerned about liability for the City and if they set up docks the owners are not going to be in the City to take care of them. She commented that people might want to purchase them for their own use.

Mayor George asked for Commission discussion.

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

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine, FL, agreed with the Commission not to do this due to the nuisance of it, the liability issues and coverages and asked not to allow salesmen to be put on the agenda in the future.

Steven Dennison, 217 Arcola, St. Augustine, FL, presentative for FROG, explained that this is a public service and suggested a pilot program. He explained that it reduces cars and traffic and is less of a carbon footprint and it would give revenue to the City.

Merrill Roland, 6280 Old Dixie Drive, St. Augustine, FL, suggested to use the City's garage building that is being used by the Civic Association for \$1 a year and allow FROG to use it.

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

Mayor George explained that it was the consensus of the Commission not to have e-scooters in the City.

City Attorney Wilson asked if the Commission wants to ban the operation of e-scooters businesses within the City and if so, he could bring it back to the Commission.

Vice Mayor England asked if e-bicycles could be included and not be on sidewalks.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have the City Attorney Wilson bring an ordinance back to the Commission at the next meeting to ban the rental of dockless e-scooters and e-bicycles within the City limits.

Mayor George thanked Mr. Dennison for coming tonight and was sorry to bring you home empty handed.

Mr. Dennison, FROG, thanked the Commission and suggested to stop gas scooters.

Mayor George moved on to Item 6.

6. Legal Services: Discussion of Criteria for Evaluating Applicants for City Attorney (Presenter: Max Royle, City Manager)

Mayor George introduced Item 6 and asked City Manager Royle for his report.

City Manager Royle advised that the City has advertised for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for legal services and the City has received five bids. He mentioned that the deadline is November 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. He advised that he would give each of the Commissioners a copy of the proposals and he asked what the Commission would like to follow as a criteria. He explained that this item will be brought back in December and the Commission can decide when firms they would like to interview at the January 6, 2020 meeting.

Mayor George asked that a point system would not be appropriate, and the Commission should receive every application.

City Manager Royle advised that the Commission would receive all applications.

Mayor George suggested not to have a point system and would like to interview all the applicants.

Commissioner Samora agreed.

Commissioner Rumrell asked to interview them all if there are only four or five. He doesn't want a point system and if a point system was going to be done, the applicants should have known that ahead of time because if they lived further away, they might not have applied.

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

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine Beach, FL, said that the Commission did a great job selecting Jim Wilson; he does not want any conflict of interests with developers; and no geographical limits; allow the public to comment; and interview all the applicants.

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

Mayor George advised that staff has their direction.

Mayor George moved on to Item 7.

7. For-Profit Events in City: Review of Proposed Policy (Presenter: Cindy Walker, Communication and Events Coordinator)

Mayor George introduced Item 7 and asked Communication and Event Coordinator Walker for her report.

Communications and Event Coordinator Walker advised that this events policy has been reviewed by the City Manager's Office, Police Department, and Public Works Department and sets requirements for setting up barricades, signage, event cleanup, and dates for the events. This policy ensures that staff costs and application fees will be met by the applicants from profit and non-profit organizations.

Discussion ensued regarding the million dollar insurance should be two million dollar amount; categories for weddings with 15 guests could be 30 days, minor events should have 60 days' notice, and significant events should have 90 days' notice; researching out to applicants with

reoccurring events to advised them of the new standards so they can meet the appropriate timeline; changing the ordinance for a minor event from zero to fifty people, fifty-one to ninety-nine could be 60 days; having another fee structure to have revenue sharing with the City for events; cities usually only met their costs because a city is not supposed to make money; having a supplemental rate sheet depending on the size of the event that would be required as a cleanup deposit; non-for-profit rate application being \$500 and a profit event applicant fee being \$1,000; a per hour rate for a monitor to be at the event; permit fees need to be paid for advertising to close down roads or other fees; the City's actual costs must be recovered from deposits; refunds are not guaranteed; whether every event would be different, so the numbers should be open; deposit is required on the form; having a fee structure application that matches the event; updated the ordinance regarding the events; having an hourly rate for the event from the Police Department and the Public Works Department; and whether to add more blackout dates for events if it becomes an issue.

Commissioner Kostka asked for an update on Beach Blast Off event.

Communications and Event Coordinator Walker advised that the event will be on New Year's Eve and the layout was revised due to safety concerns. The vendors are pleased with the new layout. The bands are booked, which are Hope You're Happy, Those Guys, and Prom Kings. She commented that the City could always use more sponsors and explained the benefits of the sponsorships.

Commissioner Kostka asked if Ms. Walker reached out to large corporations.

Communications and Event Coordinator Walker advised that she did for Coca-Cola, but they require only coke be sold at the event and some food vendors were already contracted, but she would do that for next year. She advised that Advanced Disposal did give a sponsorship.

Mayor George asked about next year not having bottles to enforce the no plastic resolution for City events. Suggested box water for next week.

Communications and Events Coordinator Walker advised that the veterans will be doing the beer and wine booth but did not have any novelty vendor yet and are still looking for a vendor. The City will not be using Anastasia State Park but will be using Anastasia Catholic Church instead. She explained that the novelty vendor's price was reduced. The vendors price increase is from \$250 to \$300 this year.

Mayor George asked are we going to make a profit or break even.

Communications and Events Coordinator Walker advised that she hopes to break even. She explained that it is hard to estimate because of overtime of the Police Department and Public Works.

Mayor George requested a budget report next month.

Communications and Events Coordinator Walker advised that she would do a report in December.

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

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, St. Augustine, FL, was glad that the St. Augustine Beach Civic Association would not be part of Beach Blast Off this year and asked for a forensic audit to be done.

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

XIV. STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor George asked Communications and Events Coordinator Walker.

Communications and Events Coordinator Walker advised that the City will hold a Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Veterans Sculpture Park. She commented that there will be signers, bagpipers and Sunshine Grill will be sponsoring the event.

City Manager Royle advised that he and the Public Works Director will be going to the Port & Waterway Commission meeting this month to ask for funding for certain projects that relate to the beach and beach access. He explained that Public Works Director Tredik has applied for three grants to help with funding for the City, but a lot depends whether the state appropriates any money.

Commissioner Kostka asked about St. Johns County's extra funding selection of projects.

City Manager Royle advised that it was in the newspaper today and the County Commission selected County projects because they are trying to catch up with work that was needed and been funded. He explained that he will be looking at the Port & Waterway or the Tourist Development Council to fund the A Street project.

Commissioner Kostka had a concern regarding nails on the walkovers coming up, which is St. Johns County's responsibility. She said one of the City's residences cut her foot on a walkover and she directed her to Beach Services.

City Manager Royle advised that he would call Parks and Recreation Department in St. Johns County regarding that issue.

Commissioner Rumrell asked when the Legislative Day at St. Johns County would be.

City Manager Royle advised that it is November 22, 2019, Friday, 8:30 a.m. at the County Administration building. He explained that he and Mr. Tredik will be there to see if they could get funding through a separate appropriation by the state for part of the weir costs that wasn't insured.

Commissioner Rumrell explained that he and City Manager Royle had a meeting with Senator Hudson and asked if the state would recover some of the weir costs. Senator Hudson advised that typically they do, and the City may be able to get 25% funding.

City Manager Royle advised that Governor DeSantis has line item veto, but we are going to mention that the weir helps with water quality which he promotes.

Mayor George request City Manager Royle to give out the passed resolution that the Commission passed when attending Legislative Day. She also asked Vice Mayor England to go if she was available.

Vice Mayor England asked City Manager Royle to remind her.

Public Works Director Tredik advised that the permit has been submitted for Mizell pond last week and is hoping that the South Water Management District will move quickly on it, then get state approval and then start construction. He explained that 3rd Lane Drainage Project is going out to bid shortly and should be starting construction early in 2020. Starting to design on 11th Street pipe repair and street repair. He advised that traffic calming request has come in for Atlantic Oaks Circle residents. A police survey was done and there is speeding through there. A letter is being sent to see if 60% of the residents want street humps to stop the speeding and are having a meeting on December 3rd.

Sgt. Carswell advised that Police Chief Hardwick gave his apologies for not being here tonight, but he had a prior engagement.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that she has hired a Financial Assistant, Mimi, who lives in the City. She will be organizing files, help with new budgeting processes.

Mayor George moved on to Item XV.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor George asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn. **Moved by** Mayor George, **Seconded by** Commission Rumrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor George adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.


Undine C. George, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

