



AGENDA
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.
CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE CITY COMMISSION HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE: PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK ABOUT TOPICS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA MUST FILL OUT A SPEAKER CARD IN ADVANCE AND GIVE IT TO THE RECORDING SECRETARY. THE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE MEETING ROOM. THIS PROCEDURE DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO WANT TO SPEAK TO THE COMMISSION UNDER "PUBLIC COMMENTS."

RULES OF CIVILITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. The goal of Commission meetings is to accomplish the public's business in an environment that encourages a fair discussion and exchange of ideas without fear of personal attacks.
2. Anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience and lack of respect for others is unacceptable behavior. Demonstrations to support or oppose a speaker or idea, such as clapping, cheering, booing, hissing, or the use of intimidating body language are not permitted.
3. When persons refuse to abide by reasonable rules of civility and decorum, or ignore repeated requests by the Mayor to finish their remarks within the time limit adopted by the City Commission, and/or who make threats of physical violence shall be removed from the meeting room by law enforcement officers, either at the Mayor's request or by an affirmative vote of a majority of the sitting Commissioners.

"Politeness costs so little." – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE JUNE 2020 AS GAY PRIDE MONTH**
- V. **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE:

The agenda material containing background information for this meeting is available on a CD in pdf format upon request at the City Manager's office for a \$5 fee. Adobe Acrobat Reader will be needed to open the file.

NOTICES: In accordance with Florida Statute 286.0105: "If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager's Office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address provided, or telephone 904-471-2122, or email sabadmin@cityofsab.org.

Resolution 19-10

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH
ST. JOHNS COUNTY
FLORIDA

RE: FLYING OF NON-GOVERNMENT
FLAGS ON CITY PROPERTY

The City Commission of St. Augustine Beach, St. Johns County, Florida in a regular meeting duly assembled on October 7, 2019, resolves as follows;

WHEREAS, the City Commission in June 2019, was asked to fly a non-government flag on City property; and


WHEREAS, as flags can be considered signs and the City does not allow nongovernment flags to be put on City property; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have a policy concerning the flying of flags on City Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine Beach, St. Johns County, Florida, will allow the flying of non-government flags if all the following conditions are met:

1. An organization that wants a non-government flag to be flown presents its request to an individual Commissioner.
2. The Commissioner then presents the request to the City Commission.
3. The Commission then approves a proclamation, which includes a provision to allow the nongovernment flag to be flown on City property.
4. The flag can be flown for a limited time that is stated in the proclamation.

RESOLVED AND DONE, this 7th of October, 2019, by the City of St. Augustine Beach, St. Johns County, Florida.



Mayor Undine C. George

ATTEST:



City Manager

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 232 years ago, our founding fathers wrote the United States Constitution whose preamble states, "We the people, in Order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America;" and

ALTHOUGH the United States of America has made significant progress toward a more perfect union, this progress has not come all at once, and our country still strives to establish justice, welfare, liberty, and tranquility for all; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1959, the City of St. Augustine Beach embodies the values of diversity, equality, and inclusivity and in 2013, enacted a Fair Housing and Employment Nondiscrimination Ordinance, including sexual orientation and gender orientation as protected classes; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court held that the fundamental right to marry belongs to same-sex couples in all 50 states, a victory for all who fought for equality and recognition of their unions; and

WHEREAS lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) people are valued members of our families, community, and history; and

WHEREAS people that identify as LGBTQIA have made substantial contributions to St. Augustine history and culture including Kenneth Worcester Dow who assembled, preserved, and protected the Dow Museum of Historic homes, Fred Francis who organized the Saints Semi-professional baseball field and deeded Francis Field to the City of Saint Augustine; and

WHEREAS it is with most profound regard that we recognize the struggles of our neighbors, family members, friends, and all of past and present peoples of St. Augustine who have suffered, fought, and died for loving whom they love. Particularly we remember the victims of anti-gay violence in Florida including the 49 lives taken on June 12, 2016, at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, and Guillermo, the French interpreter of the Guale Indian language, a martyr who died for identifying as a gay man in the first recorded anti-gay execution in America in 1566;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret England, under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St Augustine Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 2020, as
"PRIDE MONTH"

MOREOVER, I declare that a rainbow pride flag will fly in recognition of such. I call upon all citizens to celebrate the progress that we have made, the contributions of the LGBTQIA community to our city, to stand as an ally with our friends and neighbors in the face of prejudice wherever it exists, and to embrace the great diversity within our community.

IN WITNESS of which, I, Margaret England, hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of St. Augustine Beach, Florida, to be affixed this June, 2020.

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH

Margaret England, Mayor