



MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were: City Manager Royle, Assistant City Attorney Taylor, Interim Police Chief Carswell (remotely), City Clerk Raddatz, Finance Director Douylliez, Building Official Law, and Public Works Director Tredik.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

Motion: to approve the minutes for November 9, 2020. **Moved by** Commissioner Rumrell, **Seconded by** Commissioner George. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor England moved on to Item V.

V. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OF THE AGENDA

Mayor England asked if there were any additions or deletions of the agenda.

City Manager Royle explained that due to a correction in the advertising of the millage, there will be a Special Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. and then the Regular Commission meeting will reconvene. He also commented that Item 5 has been rescheduled for January 4, 2021 Commission meeting.

Mayor England moved on to Item VI.

VI. CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF TOPICS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor England asked if there were any changes of topics on the agenda. Being none, Mayor England moved to Item VII.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of Plaque to Vice Mayor Maggie Kostka for Service to the City as Commissioner 2017-2020 and as Vice Mayor 2020

Mayor England introduced Item VII.A. and then presented a plaque to Vice Mayor Kostka for her years of service with the City of St. Augustine Beach and thanked her for her dedication and loyalty as Commissioner and Vice Mayor to the City.

- B. Interview of Mr. Nicholas Binder as Candidate for Junior Alternate on the Code Enforcement Board

Mayor England introduced Item VII.B. and asked Mr. Nicolas Binder to the podium. She advised that Mr. Binder has come to many meetings and thanked him for dedicating his time.

Nicholas Binder, 232 Big Magnolia Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, explained his background and the years of service he has done volunteering.

Commissioner George commented that she is grateful to Mr. Binder for donating his time to the City.

Vice Mayor Kostka remarked that Mr. Binder has a wealth of knowledge of the City. She asked if his wife supported his decision to be on the Code Enforcement Board.

Mr. Binder advised yes.

Commissioner Samora asked what took him so long and explained that when Mr. Binder comments he thinks it through, and he would be an asset to the Code Enforcement Board.

Commissioner Rumrell thanked Mr. Binder for his volunteer work and dedicating his service to the City.

Mayor England asked for a motion.

Motion: to approve Mr. Binder as a member of the Code Enforcement Board. **Moved by** Mayor England, **Seconded by** Commissioner George. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor England moved on to Item VIII.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Nicholas Binder, 232 Big Magnolia Court, St. Augustine Beach, FL, wished everyone happy holidays and thanked staff for the new lights on A1S SOUTH; he asked before instituting the stormwater fees that staff found out how other municipalities initiated their stormwater fees; and asked about the status of the resolution on flying non-government flags.

Merrill Hawk, 213 11th Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, asked the Commission if she could delegate a committee to address having lockers at the beach to stop theft from happening.

Mayor England advised Ms. Hawk that she would have to discuss this with the St. Johns County since they own the beach; however, she instructed City Manager Royle to talk with St. Johns County to help the process move along.

City Manager Royle advised that he would contact St. Johns County regarding this issue.

Commissioner George explained that she liked the idea and said that Ms. Hawk could do fundraising and get others to help in the effort.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor England introduced Item IX and asked Vice Mayor Kostka for her comments.

Vice Mayor Kostka wished the community a happy holiday and advised that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the City as a Commissioner and the Vice Mayor.

Commissioner George wished Vice Mayor Kostka well and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Commissioner Samora remarked that it was a pleasure serving with Vice Mayor Kostka and wished her well.

Commissioner Rumrell thanked Vice Mayor Kostka for the opportunity of working with him.

Mayor England thanked Vice Mayor Kostka for her service. She then thanked the Public Works staff and the Events Coordinator for doing such a good job on the two Art Walks, Night Market and Surf Illumination events.

Mayor England moved on to Item X.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing for Levying of Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment: to Pay Costs to Open 2nd Street West of 2nd Avenue (Presenter: Bill Tredik, Public Works Director)

Mayor England introduced Item 1 and asked Public Works Director Tredik for his report.

Public Works Director Tredik advised that on November 9, 2021, the Commission passed Resolution 20-21, which explained the City's intent to levy a non-ad valorem assessment to open 2nd Street west of 2nd Avenue. He explained that the advertisement has now been done and it should be passed again after advertising. He commented the costs to open and build 2nd Street were explained in the backup materials. The western portion of the roadway would have to be expanded to 22 feet and the cost to extend west of 2nd Avenue for the roadway and drainage is \$211,714 and the costs for doing the water and sewer extensions are just under \$116,000. The estimated costs for the widening east of 2nd Avenue are \$108,553, which includes the curb, gutter, and sidewalks on that section and bringing it up to current City codes. He advised that he needs direction from the City whether to split the cost by the total number of lots, 16, or to split the cost by 13 since three of the lots will be donated to the City as a park. The total lots of 16 split individually would cost \$16,063. If any lots are given to the City, the costs would increase for each owner. If the three lots are donated for conservation, the remaining 13 owners would have to pay \$17,734. If the road construction, and utility costs are divided by 13 each owner would pay \$19,769 and the City's cost would remain at one-third of the overall cost (see Exhibit 1). He recommended that the City not pay for utilities on the three donated lots because they would be used for conservation and suggested that the City pay for a portion of the lots that are donated to the City, but that would be a Commission decision. He explained that the Commission needs to determine the amount of the assessment and whether it should be by non-ad valorem assessment in the future. He suggested using a special assessment for those that could pay right away and using the non-ad valorem assessment for those owners who need to pay the costs over time. He

explained that either way, the non-ad valorem resolution needs to be passed tonight. He commented that the Commission needs to decide whether the funds should be used from the Impact Fees Fund or whether to wait until all the funds are collected before starting construction.

Discussion ensued regarding underground utilities approximate costs being \$40,000; the costs of \$108,553 did not include the underground utilities; only having a rough cost from Florida Power and Light on underground utilities until a design plan has been done; not having a status report on dedicating the three lots to conservation; sending a letter with the approved resolution to St. Johns County Tax Collector; staff needing to reach out to the lot owners to see if they want a special assessment or a non-ad valorem assessment and what the owners want for the term of three or five years; waiting to collect the money from the owners would increase the costs of the project; costs have a contingency of 20 percent built in; and the budget costs did not include preserving the trees in the right-of-way.

Commissioner George suggested splitting the costs for the roadway and drainage by the 13 lot owners because the donated lots would not be developed and the parkettes would give access. She was in favor for undergrounding the utilities because it would increase the value of the properties. She commented that she was in favor of getting some of the money before construction, but not wait for all the money because of increase costs to the project. She does not want to use all the money in the Impact Fee Fund because other projects throughout the City need to be done.

Commissioner Samora commented that the reason why this project was brought up to the Commission was because some owners wanted to develop their lots quickly. He advised that he did not want to have this be brought back up to the Commission again years from now. He said that the lot owners need to develop within 18 months, not years later. He asked Finance Director Douylliez if she had a preference between a special assessment or a non-ad valorem assessment.

Finance Director Douylliez recommended a hybrid methodology that would allow both special assessments to pay in full and those who could not pay in full could do a non—ad valorem assessment. She explained that staff would have a meeting with the lot owners and tell them the costs, then bill the full costs to those who are willing to pay it upfront, and the lot owners who could not pay could take a non-ad valorem assessment and pay it off over time, which the Commission could decide.

Commissioner Samora commented that he liked that approach and asked what the timeline would be for those who wanted the non-ad valorem assessment.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that it would be like the solid waste non-ad valorem assessment and would follow the same procedures. She asked not to delay this to budget season because of the time factor and asked that it would be completed by the first quarter.

Commissioner Samora asked the staff to have accurate figures in the next couple of months. He asked if the North Florida Land Trust accepted the three lots that were being donated to the City.

City Manager Royle advised that the North Florida Land Trust deals with multiple acreage and they did not want these small of parcels. He commented that the lot owners have gone to the Alachua Land Trust, but there has been no decision yet, but indicated that they would be interested in accepting those lots.

Commissioner Samora asked if the Alachua Land Trust would take over these lots, would they take over the responsibilities of any assessments that goes with them.

City Manager Royle advised that he did not have an answer to that question.

Commissioner Samora asked City Manager Royle to investigate that.

City Manager Royle advised that he would know the answer before the public hearing on this issue.

Commissioner Rumrell asked Public Works Director Tredik about the impact fees on the widening of the street.

Public Works Director Tredik advised that a case could be made that the sidewalks are needed due to increased traffic. He said that it should not be a problem to widen the road according to St. Johns County. He explained that developed roads are not required to have sidewalks so it is a grey area that he would investigate.

Commissioner Rumrell agreed with the hybrid plan and suggested 50 percent down and assess the rest. If someone is pulling permits or selling the property, the owner would have to pay off the assessment before allowing the permits to be processed or the home to be sold. He said that that would get the money to the City faster and suggested assessing for only five years.

Mayor England suggested moving forward by settling the terms of the assessments. She agreed with Commissioner George dividing by the 13 lots for the assessments and would like to start the project with at least one-third the money upfront. She commented that she wants the project to start quickly. She approved of the five-year term for the assessments. She advised that the Commission needs to hold a workshop to advise the residents what the Commission's decisions are. She commented that she wants the sidewalks to be done.

Mayor England recessed the meeting at 6:55 p.m. to hold the Special Commission meeting on the budget and reconvened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and asked if there were any additional comments from the Commission.

Vice Mayor Kostka advised that the City's budget is in a very sensitive position right now and asked the Commission to be very conscious that the City is very tight on funds. She agrees with moving the project forward, but at this meeting the only decision that is needed is to pass the resolution.

Mayor England opened the Public Comments section. Being none, Mayor England closed the Public Comments section and then made a motion.

Mayor England asked for a motion for Resolution 20-21.

Motion: to approve Resolution 20-21. **Moved by** Mayor England, **Seconded by** Commissioner Rumrell.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner George	Yes
Vice Mayor Kostka	Yes
Commissioner Samora	Yes
Commissioner Rumrell	Yes

Mayor England

Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor England moved on to Item 2.

2. Ordinance 20-14, First Public Hearing and Second Reading: to Change Section 4.01.06, Recreation Standards, of the Land Development Regulations (Presenter: Brian Law, Building Official)

Mayor England introduced Item 2 and asked Building Official Law for his staff report.

Building Official Law advised no changes were made and Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Committee recommended adoption as written.

Mayor England opened the Public Hearing to the public. Being none, Mayor England closed the Public Hearing and asked if there were any further comments for the Commission.

City Attorney Taylor read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor England asked for a motion.

Motion: to approve Ordinance 20-14. **Moved by** Mayor England, **Seconded by** Commissioner George. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor England moved on to Item 3.

XI. CONSENT

None

XII. OLD BUSINESS

3. Alvin's Island Driveway to Versaggi Drive: Request for Approval of Public Works Director's Decision to Allow it for Ingress and Egress (Bill Tredik, Public Works Director)

Mayor England introduced Item 3 and asked for a staff report from Public Works Director Tredik.

Public Works Director Tredik explained the history of the item and the settlement agreement that was established where the property owner could build a left in only off Versaggi. In January 2020, the engineers submitted a plan. When looking at the plan, he noticed several safety concerns. Cars going 45 mph off A1A South with this plan can swipe into Versaggi and go directly into Alvin's Island left turn ingress across the oncoming traffic lanes and cause an accident. It would be bad for pedestrians and traffic coming out of Versaggi. He was very concerned over the egress and ingress being confusing. Traffic is increasing and stacking up off A1A South. He met with the engineer to come up with a standard driveway and something safer. He showed his plan that would help to standardize the egress and ingress (see Exhibit 2). He requested to have a 90-degree angle so drivers will slow down. The settlement agreement allowed for an ingress not an egress, but this is much safer. The owner agreed to move the dumpster for better visibility, would have better signage, and a fence to shield the neighborhood. He recommended his design plan.

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

Albert Kaidor, 18 Versaggi Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised he was here during the settlement agreement, which caused this problem of allowing Alvin's Island to put in the ingress to the property. He gave an example of an accident where a motorcycle hit someone on Versaggi Drive. He advised that the A1A South is a Department of Transportation's responsibility and it should be discussed by them with the owner. He explained that this would be a greater risk of liability in the future to the City.

James Collie, 10 Versaggi Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that the owner is saying that the settlement agreement gives him the right to the driveway. He advised that the settlement agreement only gives him the right to ask for a driveway. It is not guaranteed that the owner gets the driveway, and this is a safety concern. He mentioned that there have been problems with people going into Verizon on Versaggi Drive already and this will cause more problems to the neighborhood. He did not agree with a problem getting out of Versaggi Drive because of the two lanes on A1A South.

Steve Edmonds, 12412 San Jose Blvd., St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that he requested a left-in only and Public Works Director Tredik said it would be safer to have an ingress and egress. He agreed to move the dumpster to make it more appealing to the residents with an enclosure and change the fencing for the neighbor that lives behind Alvin's Island property. He agreed that the UPS truck should not park to drop off package on Versaggi Drive. He agrees that cars go the wrong way even though it is a right turn only and with an egress they would not have that problem.

Amanda Rodriquez, 32 Versaggi Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, did not agree with the ingress and egress, because she feels pedestrians are not safe and wants a pedestrian study done. She explained that she was at the meeting and it was told to the neighbors that they did not have a choice not to have the driveway, only what would be the safest way to put on in. She said that signage is needed.

Margaret O'Connell, 10 Versaggi Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, the Commission received my letters and photos (Exhibit 3-10) and letter and signatures (Exhibit 11-12). Signs are needed and have been neglected.

Mayor England asked if the Commission received the pictures.

Ms. O'Connell showed the photos to the Commission.

Michelle Kaidor, 18 Versaggi Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that Versaggi Drive has been dangerous because of Verizon and the signage is so small. There are children being left off the school buses on Versaggi Drive and children walking, running, bicycling on Versaggi Drive to get to the school buses or walking home. Alvin's Island does not need a new driveway because they already have an entrance and exist.

Mayor England asked if Public Works Director Tredik had any comments.

Public Works Director Tredik advised that when he sees that something is not safe, he tries to come up with a safe solution. The ingress is allowed because of the settlement agreement. He explained that the Land Development Codes allow two points of access and Alvin's Island has one exit as a right turn only, so there is only one ingress point. The photos show that people do not obey non-standardized access points, which causes more accidents.

Mayor England closed the Public Comments section and then asked for any further comments from the Commission.

Commissioner George asked if Exhibit 2 that was presented by Public Works Director Tredik was at a 90-degree angle.

Public Works Director Tredik advised no, but he just did this today to give options to the Commission. He explained that it is the minimum radius that would allow a fire truck.

Commissioner George asked would it allow people to slow down like a 90-degree turn would.

Public Works Director Tredik advise no, it is further from A1A South, but it would slow traffic down. He advised that his first choice would be a traditional driveway access. He moved the signage out for more visibility for pedestrians.

Discussion ensued regarding City Code 6.02.06 regarding access that mandates two points of ingress for new development; what was the old code was in the 1990's when Alvin's Island was constructed; no traffic studies done regarding accidents in this area; the settlement agreement has conflicting language and was not well written; recommendation not to litigate the settlement agreement because the City may not win; and school bus picks up on east Versaggi Drive, but parents are going into Versaggi Drive to bring their children to the school bus.

Mr. Edmonds, the applicant, advised that he had not mentioned a lawsuit and only wants a left in driveway, he would move the dumpster and enclose it, and fence the property from the neighbor right behind the building. He explained that he did not understand about the signage being neglected.

Mayor England advised that the Commission understands that.

Commissioner Samora asked why Mr. Edmonds is requesting this driveway.

Mr. Edmonds stated to get better access to Alvin's Island. He advised that the settlement agreement says that he can ask for a left-in driveway and explained that there is only one ingress on A1A South. He advised that this limits people from going into the Versaggi neighborhood because people think they can get in from Versaggi Drive.

Commissioner Samora asked if the current egress could be improved.

Mr. Edmonds advised that he has spoken with the Florida Department of Transportation and he was able to increase the size of the driveway to make it easier.

Mayor England commented that the ingress and egress should be balanced. She suggested more enforcement for the Verizon building and signage needs to be improved.

Public Works Director Tredik advised that the City could do an ingress only and tighten up the radius and keep it further from A1A South. The key is to slow the vehicles down before they turn in. The radius needs to be large enough for large trucks (i.e., fire truck or garbage truck) to get into the property. He would like to have a traditional plan design.

Mayor England advised for purposes of moving this item along, she suggested that the Commission thinks about ingress only, improving the signage, and calling attention to traffic, not to egress.

Commissioner Samora asked what the normal procedure would be for ingress and egress.

Public Works Director Tredik advised that this originally went to the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board and was approved. The Commission denied the applicant's request and it

went through the appeal process. It usually would have been handled in the development phase if it were not been denied by the Commission.

Commissioner Samora advised that the application should have gone through normal procedures in the development process.

Building Official Law advised because of the contentious nature it was brought in front of the Commission to make the decision and the residents would be able to come to the Commission with their concerns.

Public Works Director Tredik's recommendation is a left in and a right out and to allow the right turn out.

Commissioner Rumrell commented that safety is the most important concern. He advised that the City needs to place more signage up like "No Parking" signs down Versaggi Drive. He believed in following the Public Works Director's recommendation, who is the expert in this.

Commissioner George agreed with Commissioner Rumrell with the signage and the owner needs to abide by the signage as well. The experts are telling us that a 90-degree turn is needed to slow down the traffic for safety reasons as well as the ingress and egress needs to be done. It is not working now in the neighborhood, but the engineers are telling the Commission how to correct it. She commented that Ocean Trace has the same design and there have not been any issues.

Commissioner Rumrell advised that people are coming out of Verizon anyways and he would rely on the expert in this case and the property owner is entitled to his rights.

Mayor England asked for a motion.

Motion: to approve the design as recommended by the City's Public Works Director to provide for a 90-degree ingress north from Versaggi Drive and a 90-degree egress heading west on Versaggi along with improved signage by the applicant and the City. **Moved by** Commissioner George, **Seconded by** Commissioner Samora.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner George	Yes
Vice Mayor Kostka	No
Commissioner Samora	Yes
Commissioner Rumrell	Yes
Mayor England	Yes

Motion passes 4 to 1.

Mayor England moved on to Item 4.

4. Ordinance 20-15, First Reading, to Amend the Land Development Regulations Regarding Occupancy Permits, Impervious Surface Coverage, Unsafe Buildings, and Number of Code Enforcement Board Members (Presenter: Brian Law, Building Official)

Mayor England introduced Item 4 and then asked Building Official Law for his staff report.

Building Official Law advised there were no changes from last hearing.

Mayor England opened the Public Hearing to the public. Being none, Mayor England closed the Public Hearing to the public and asked City Attorney Taylor to read the title of the ordinance.

City Attorney Taylor read title.

Mayor England asked for a motion.

Motion: to approve Ordinance 20-15. **Moved by** Mayor England, **Seconded by** Commissioner Samora.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner George	Absent during the vote
Vice Mayor Kostka	Yes
Commissioner Samora	Yes
Commissioner Rumrell	Yes
Mayor England	Yes

Motion passed 4 to 0.

Mayor England moved on to Item 6.

5. Ordinance 20-16, First Reading, to Amend the Land Development Regulations Regarding Allowing Mobile Food Sales in the City (Presenter: Lex Taylor, City Attorney)

This item will be discussed at the January Regular Commission meeting.

6. Use of the City Meeting Rooms: Review of Proposed Regulations and Fees (Presenter: Max Royle, City Manager)

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

City Manager Royle advised that due to COVID-19 the public has not been using the meeting rooms. He proposed a policy that he can bring back in January 2021 with new charges for use and the number of people allowed in each meeting room.

Mayor England asked if this would be an interim policy that could sunset if COVID-19 changes.

City Manager Royle advised yes, or this item could wait until after the pandemic.

Mayor England opened the Public Hearing to the public. The following addressed the Commission:

Nick Binder, 232 Big Magnolia Court, St. Augustine Beach, FL, asked to keep Saturdays open for homeowners' associations.

Mayor England closed the Public Hearing and asked if there were any further comments for the Commission.

City Manager Royle advised that there is a Public Works Department employee who works from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays and the employee could clean the room if a group meets.

Commissioner George advised that on paragraph 4 should be removed because it does not show four-hour intervals.

City Manager Royle will remove paragraph 4.

Discussion ensued regarding waiting until the COVID-19 pandemic is over before opening the meetings rooms; adopting policy with an effective date of February 1, 2021; and AA groups meeting elsewhere.

City Manager Royle advised that he would create a resolution to bring back to the Commission at the Regular Commission meeting in February 2021 and make it effective according to CDC guidelines.

7. City Manager's Annual Performance: (Presenter: Mayor Margaret England)

Mayor England introduced Item 9 and advised that City Manager Royle has provided a review. She encouraged every Commissioner to review his evaluation and respond in writing.

Vice Mayor Kostka advised that the City Charter does not say that the City Manager or Police Chief should do their own evaluations. She said it is the duty of the Commission to give them an evaluation.

Mayor England advised that the City Manager gave information to the Commissioner so they could do an evaluation. This was only the starting point for the Commission.

Commissioner Samora advised that he would schedule an evaluation meeting with the City Manager and the suggested comparing the notes from the City Manager's information to the Commission's evaluation.

It was the consensus of the Commission to schedule meetings with the City Manager and do an evaluation.

Mayor England moved on to Item 10.

8. Ordinance 20-17, First Reading, to Adopt 2020 Florida Building Code (Presenter: Brian Law, Building Official)

Mayor England introduced Item 12 and asked Building Official Law for his staff report.

Building Official Law advised that every three years the Building Code 105.2 as to be adopted by the City because of changes that was made to the Florida Building Code and will take effect January 2021 (see Exhibit 13).

Commissioner George asked about fencing on A1A Beach Boulevard and asked whether the City is not eliminating the allowance of an eight-foot fence.

Building Official Law advised no, he used the St. Johns County exception for A1A Beach Boulevard and would follow the City's zoning rules.

Mayor England opened the Public Hearing to the public. Being none, Mayor England closed the Public Hearing and asked Building Official Law to read the title of the ordinance.

Building Official Law read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor England asked for a motion.

Motion: to approve the ordinance adopting the Florida Model Building Code. **Moved by** Mayor England, **Seconded by** Commissioner Rumrell. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor England asked City Manager Royle to comment.

City Manager Royle advised Chief Carswell gave his regrets for not attending tonight due to Police business. City Manager Royle thanked and sent best wishes to Vice Mayor Kostka for her service to the City and wished the Commission happy holidays. He reminded that the Night Market event will be Saturday and the final Art Walk will be on December 19th. He commented that the first Art Walk went very well.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that the first Art Walk was a success and that she and the Events Coordinator will have a full report to the Commission at the Regular Commission meeting in February. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Vice Mayor Kostka asked about the state revenues.

Finance Director Douylliez advised that they are coming in like last year prior to COVID-19.

Building Official Law advised that Embassy Suites started the southeast parking lot and Phase II will start soon.

Mayor England wanted to thank Embassy Suites for contributing to the lighting of the palm trees for the Art Walk.

Public Works Director Tredik advised that the Request for Qualifications for Ocean Walk are due tomorrow. He mentioned that only one company has sent their package so far.

Mayor England asked about the Vulnerability Study.

Public Works Director Tredik advised it is coming.

City Attorney Taylor advised that the State of Florida passed a fireworks law that trumps our local fireworks laws for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and July 4th, so the City needs to follow the State of Florida's guidelines for those days.

Vice Mayor Kostka asked limiting the hours for fireworks.

City Attorney Taylor advised that the noise ordinance would take precedence.

Commissioner George asked City Attorney Taylor to investigate the enforcement of the noise ordinance.

City Clerk Raddatz said it was a pleasure working with Vice Mayor Kostka and wished happy holidays to everyone.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor England asked for a motion.

Motion: to adjourn to meeting. **Moved by** Mayor George, **Seconded by** Commissioner George. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Margaret England, Mayor

Attest:

Beverly Raddatz, City Clerk