



AGENDA

**SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, AT 6:00 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. **INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR INTERIM COMMISSIONER**
 1. Mr. Nicholas Binder
 2. Ms. Allyson Chambers
 3. Mr. Chip McGraw
 4. Ms. Virginia Snyder Morgan
 5. Ms. Andrea Samuels
 6. Ms. Beth Sweeny
 7. Ms. Rebecca Thomson
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- VI. SELECTION OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER
- VII. SWEARING IN OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER BY CITY ATTORNEY
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

1. **SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC).** The Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission meeting room at City Hall.
2. **CITY COMMISSION.** The Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission meeting room.
3. **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.** The Board will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission meeting room. Topics on the agenda may include: a) conditional use permits for outdoor seating and for drive-thru window at Cone Heads Ice Cream, 570 A1A Beach Boulevard; b) Concept review for proposed replat of eight residential lots to four lots at 220 Madrid Street; c) request to build a residence in a commercial land use district at 16 5th Street; and d) discussion of revisions to City's flood regulations.
4. **CITY COMMISSION.** The Commission will hold a workshop meeting to discuss the former city hall on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission meeting room. Ms. Christine Parrish Stone, Executive Director of the St. Johns Cultural Council, will present information about the historic designation for the building and possible grants for its renovation. The public is invited to provide the Commission and Ms. Parrish Stone with their suggestions for possible uses of the building.

NOTE:

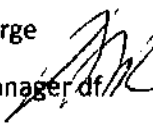
The agenda material containing background information for this meeting is available on the City's website in pdf format or on a CD, for a \$5 fee, upon request at the City Manager's office.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Samora
Vice Mayor Rumrell
Commissioner England
Commissioner George

FROM: Max Royle, City Manager 

DATE: February 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Filling City Commission Vacancy

INTRODUCTION

Because of the resignation of Mr. Ernesto Torres from his Commission seat on January 31, 2022, the Commission now has the responsibility to appoint a resident to the seat. There are two sections in the City Charter that concern the process and requirements for filling a vacancy on the Commission:

Section 1-4(d) of the City Charter has provisions for filling a vacancy on the Commission. It states:

"In the event of the death, resignation or disqualification of a city commissioner, a successor shall be elected by a majority of the remaining members of the city commission within 60 days after said vacancy occurs, to serve until the next general election, at which time the electors of the city shall elect a commissioner to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event that a majority of the remaining members of the commission shall be unable to elect a successor, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy."

The qualifications for an Interim Commission are the same as for a City resident who runs for a Commission seat in a regular election. Section 1-4(c) of the City Charter states:

"The city commissioners shall have been residents and qualified electors of the City of St. Augustine Beach for a period of one (1) year prior to the date of qualification for election, or appointment to fill a vacancy on the city commission as a result of the death, resignation or disqualification of a city commissioner. Once elected, city commissioners must maintain physical residency and voter registration in the city throughout their terms of office."

At your February 7th meeting, you discussed the filling of the vacancy, and you decided the following two dates:

- a. Wednesday, February 23rd, 5:00 p.m.: deadline for a letter of intent and a resume to be received from candidates for the position.
- b. Monday, February 28th, 6:00 p.m.: special meeting for you to interview the candidates and select the Interim Commissioner.

On February 8th, Ms. Melinda Conlon the City's communication and Events Coordinator, posted the City's notice for candidates on the City's website and Facebook page, and on Instagram. Also, she sent the notice

to various news sources. There was an article in The St. Augustine Record and in the online newspaper, Historic City News, about the vacancy on the Commission and how candidates could apply for it.

THE CANDIDATES

By the deadline of 5:00 p.m., February 23rd, seven residents had applied to be considered for the vacancy. In the alphabetical order of their last names, the letter of intent and resume from each is attached. Also, attached for some candidates are letters of endorsement from supporters:

- Page 1, Mr. Nicholas Binder, 232 Big Magnolia Court (Whispering Oaks)
- Pages 2-13, Ms. Allyson Chambers, 865 Ocean Palm Way (Sea Colony)
- Pages 14-18, Mr. Chip McGraw, 40 Ocean Pines Drive (Sea Oaks)
- Pages 19-29, Ms. Virginia Morgan, 208 Bluebird Lane (Island Hammock)
- Pages 30-37, Ms. Andrea Samuels, 110 Mickler Boulevard (Woodland Estates)
- Pages 38-43, Ms. Beth Sweeny, 652 Sun Down Circle (Sea Grove)
- Pages 44-46, Ms. Rebecca Thomson, 145 Kings Quarry Lane (Lake Sienna)

THE SELECTION PROCESS

In recent years, the Commission has twice had to fill a vacancy: on November 6, 2017, after the resignation of Mr. Gary Snodgrass; and on April 1, 2019, following the resignation of Mr. Rich O'Brien.

Below is a summary of the selection process for each vacancy:

- a. The Commission interviewed 14 applicants at the December 4, 2017, regular meeting, and 13 at the April 1, 2019, regular meeting.
- b. At the conclusion of all the interviews, members of the public were each allowed three minutes to comment.
- c. At the conclusion of public comments at the December 4th meeting, the City Attorney asked the Commission to list their top five candidates and passed out a tally sheet to each Commissioner for them to write their vote.

Each Commissioner had to sign their tally sheet for the public record. The results of the first round of voting was three candidates each had 3 votes, three had 2 votes. The City Attorney asked that the Commission select their top three candidates from these six. Tally sheets were passed out again. The result was two candidates each had 3 votes, and two had 2 votes. The remaining candidate received no votes. The Commission decided to interview the two candidates who had received 3 votes. After the interviews, the City Attorney passed out a tally sheet to each Commissioner for a vote on the two candidates, one of the two (Don Samora) received the most votes and became the Interim Commission.

- d. For the April 1, 2019, meeting, after the interviews and public comments, the Commission decided to select the top five candidates by the tally sheet method. The result was that there were two

candidates with 4 votes each and two with 3 votes each. The Commission then decided to select the top two candidates. The results were one candidate received 4 votes and the others didn't get more than 2 votes. The candidate (Dylan Rumrell) with the 4 votes became the Interim Commissioner.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES AND QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

In the memo that we wrote for the Commission's April 1, 2019, meeting, when it interviewed the candidates for Mr. O'Brien's seat, we suggested some possible guidelines to help the Commission evaluate the candidates. In that memo, we noted St. Augustine's deliberations earlier in 2019 when it considered candidates for appointment to the position of that city's Interim Mayor. St. Augustine City Commissioner John Valdes suggested these criteria for evaluating the candidates:

1. Chemistry
2. Communication skills
3. Short learning curve
4. Familiarity with important issues facing St. Augustine

To which we added:

5. From their presentation and responses, which candidates are forward looking, positive thinking and committed to helping our City solve problems and deal with issues in constructive ways.
6. Which candidates will commit to a schedule of possibly two or more meetings a month.

And for your February 28, 2022, meeting, we would add:

7. Ask each candidate what he or she believes are the one, two or three most pressing issues facing our City and how do they propose the City deal with them. If their proposed solution or solutions require the spending of money, what do they propose be the source of that money.

Some of you likely will have questions you want to ask each candidate.

ACTIONS REQUESTED

They are:

1. That before you begin interviews, you decide with the City Attorney's guidance the process (nominations, then a voice vote or written and signed ballots) for selecting the Interim Commissioner.
2. That you interview the candidates in the alphabetical order of their last name.
3. That at the conclusion of all the interviews, you provide three minutes to each member of the public who wants to comment.
4. That you then individually nominate a candidate for consideration.
5. That the Commission, as a whole, votes on the candidates nominated.

6. That the City Attorney then swears into office the candidate all or a majority of you have selected.
7. That the City Attorney verbally provides to the Interim Commissioner a summary of the dos and don'ts of the Sunshine Law.

The Interim Commissioner will then be provided with an agenda book and will take his or her seat on the dais for your March 7th regular meeting.

Nicholas G. Binder
232 Big Magnolia Court
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080
Full-Time Resident of St. Augustine Beach since 2005

Education:

- Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering
- Masters of Science in Environmental Engineering

License:

- Licensed by State of New Jersey as Professional Engineer - Retired Status

Work Experience:

- Construction Inspector for the Expansion on the New Jersey Turnpike
- State of New Jersey Department of Health and Environmental Protection
 - Monitor, Surveillance and Enforcement of Water Pollution Control Violations for over 14 years
 - Manager of Federal Mandated State Construction Grant and State Revolving Loan Programs for over 19 years

Community Involvement:

- Youth Basketball Coach for over 20 years
- Member of School Boards for over 14 years
 - During my terms as a School Board Member, I was a member of a regional Community Education and Recreation Counsel consisting of School Board Members and Municipal Officials.
- Volunteer with the United States National Park Service at Fort Matanzas for over 14 years
- Member of the City of St. Augustine Beach Charter Study Committee
- A Director of the Whispering Oaks Homeowners Association - 3 years. While a Director I monitored a Storm Water Project on behalf of the Board in conjunction with the St. Johns River Water Management District and the City of St. Augustine Beach.
- Member of the City of St. Augustine Beach Code Enforcement Board

Allyson Chambers

St. Augustine, Florida
561-758-1011
allysonm@me.com

February 14, 2022

City of St. Augustine Beach
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL

Dear Current Board Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the vacant City Commission seat. As a resident of St. Augustine Beach for the past 7 years I have fallen in love with the community and our residents. It would be a great honor to be considered for such an important responsibility.

Since living in St. Augustine Beach, I have participated in community events, advocated for social justice and public health causes, and I have watched my son grow up in this beautiful and supportive community.

As the owner and co-founder of Willow Place, a women's substance use and mental health treatment center, I have learned the importance of policy and procedure, how to write, evaluate, and implement. We pride ourselves on a structured, supportive, and safe environment for its staff and clients. In the past 12 years, thousands of women have completed our program and we have been able to impart change on these women's lives while decreasing overdoses and overdose deaths by offering a safe place for women to recover. As the owner and operator of this program, I help make financial, administrative, human resources, and marketing decisions on a daily basis.

In the past 20 years, I have been involved in several boards that support public health and community advocacy. These positions have allowed me to learn more about the needs of my community and have afforded me the opportunity to impact change where necessary.

As such, I believe that I would be a great fit for this position and believe that I could bring a skill set necessary and valuable to the decision making process and the required responsibilities of this seat.

I look forward to this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Allyson Chambers



ALLYSON CHAMBERS

I am a business owner and operator passionate about helping build communities and supporting those with mental health and substance use issues.

✉ allysonm@me.com

☎ 561-758-1011

📍 St. Augustine, Florida

SKILLS

- Business Administration
- Sales
- Marketing
- Community Outreach
- Counseling

CERTIFICATION

MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR, 2021

CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCE ADMINISTRATOR, 2016

CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR, 2014

LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER, 2000

REFERENCE

DIXIE BROWN

CEO | WILLOW PLACE

561-706-3185

DIXIE@WILLOWPLACEFORWOMEN.COM

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

HS DIPLOMA

WORK EXPERIENCE

OWNER/CO-FOUNDER

WILLOW PLACE | 2010- CURRENT

- Oversee and assist in daily operations
- In charge of housing operations
- Marketing

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD

SEA COLONY, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA | 2018-2019

LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER

PALM BEACH ISLAND, FLORIDA | 2000- CURRENT

- Accomplished Commercial Real Estate Broker with 100 Million in Sales

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES BOARD PRESIDENT

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA | 2010- 2014

LENDER

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA | 2000- 2007

Max Royle

From: Timothy Connor <timrconnor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Comm England; Comm George; Comm Rumrell; Comm Samora; Max Royle
Subject: Letter of Support for City Commission Seat 1 Vacancy
Attachments: Letter of Support A. Chambers.pdf

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Good morning Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,

Please see the attached Letter of Support of Mrs. Allyson Chambers for the City Commission Seat 1 vacancy. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and further discuss why I believe Mrs. Chambers would be a great addition to the commission.

Thank you for all you do for this community, I am truly blessed to be able to call St. Augustine Beach home.

Sincerely,

Tim Connor
19 Willow Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL. 32080
(904) 547-1004

Sent from Mail for Windows

February 21, 2022

City of St. Augustine Beach Commissioners
via Mr. Max Royle, City Manager
City of St. Augustine Beach
2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach FL 32080

Re: Interim City Commission Vacancy Letter of Support for Mrs. Allyson Chambers

Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,

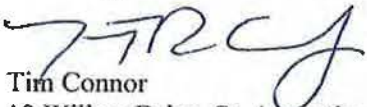
Please accept this letter of support of Mrs. Allyson Chambers for the Interim City Commission Seat 1 vacancy. Mrs. Chambers has been a resident of the City of St. Augustine Beach for 7 years and has a true interest in the betterment of this community.

A successful businesswoman, she has helped thousands of women in our area and the surrounding communities fight the battle of mental health and substance abuse issues. She helps people, in their toughest times, find solutions to their problems for a more rewarding life. She brings responsibility and accountability to the table in working with people to the find root cause of their issues. In implementing these same qualities as a commissioner, she will bring fiscal responsibility, resource efficiency and innovation to the commission which will create new paths and find solutions to problems, both old and new.

As a mother, she is selfless, compassionate and trustworthy. Our community needs public servants like Allyson who will place the community's needs above their own interests. We need a government that can be transparent, relied upon and honest. She will bring these qualities which will build public trust and inherently build an improved community. She values smart residential and economic growth, and desires to develop amenities and facilities this city can enjoy for generations to come, while concurrently providing the necessary infrastructure to support it.

I have great confidence that this commission will make a sound, responsible choice in who will represent the constituents of the City of St. Augustine Beach in this capacity. I believe appointing Mrs. Chambers is that responsible choice. Our neighbors, family and friends rely on you to guide this community into an enjoyable, sustainable future which provides a quality of life above, and sets us apart from, all other municipalities. As a public servant myself I truly understand the challenges you face more than most do, and I deeply appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,



Tim Connor
19 Willow Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Cc:

Mayor Don Samora
Vice-Mayor Dylan Rumrell
Commissioner Undine George
Commissioner Margaret England

Max Royle

From: Nancy Calhoun <nancycalhoun7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:46 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Recommendation

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Dear Max,

It was so nice to "run" into you today out in the beautiful weather. I have admired you from afar for many years as I see you out walking, picking up trash, etc. Plus, my ex-husband's comment from many years ago - "He has the sharpest mind of anyone I know"- rang true when you asked about my children and if I still lived in Lake Sienna. :)

As I said, I wanted to write a letter of recommendation for Allyson Chambers. She was my homeroom mom at R.B. Hunt (where I've taught for 28 years, as well as attended as a student). She was extremely reliable, paid attention to detail, and always supported me. I admire her work with women that have substance abuse issues at her business. I think she would be an excellent beach commissioner.

I grew up on this island... since 1969, I have lived here. I am passionate about our little community and how it is run. Therefore, I hope you know I believe Ms. Chambers will do an excellent job.

Thank you for considering her as a candidate to fill the empty seat.

Thank you, also, for all you do every day for St. Augustine Beach!

Sincerely,
Nancy Calhoun

Max Royle

From: Kimberly Baumlin <kimbaumlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Max Royle
Cc: comdsamora@citysab.org; comdrumrell@citysab.org; comugeorge@citysab.org; Comm England
Subject: Interim City Commission Vacancy letter of support for Mrs. Allyson Chambers

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Dear Current Board Members,

I am writing this letter of support for Mrs. Allyson Chambers to serve as an Interim City Commissioner for the City of Saint Augustine Beach.

I have known Allyson for nearly Five years as a member of the Sea Colony Community. She worked tirelessly on our Architectural Board and has always been a great neighbor of our community. I also know she works with many non-profits to bring healing to those suffering with addiction. Allyson absolutely wants the best for Saint Augustine Beach, and I think she would be a great addition to the Commission.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kimberly and Tom Baumlin
325 South Forest Dune Drive
Saint Augustine Beach, FL
32080

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Kimberly Baumlin
kimbaumlin@gmail.com
732-768-7747

Mangrove Surf Shop
Christopher C. Blauvelt-Owner
4085 A1A South
St. Augustine Fl 32080



02/22/2022

Re: Interim City Commission Vacancy Letter of Support for Mrs. Allyson Chambers

I am writing to endorse Mr. Allyson Chambers for the vacant seat on the St. Augustine Beach City Commission.

I have known Mrs. Chambers personally and professionally for nearly 10 years, and can recommend her fully in those regards. She is a woman of strong moral fiber, someone who cares deeply about our community, and an accomplished entrepreneur.

This is my formal letter of support for Mrs. Chambers. I have no doubt she will represent the interests of the St. Augustine Beach community to the very best of her ability.

Christopher C. Blauvelt

Christopher C Blauvelt

February 21, 2022

City of St. Augustine Beach Commissioners,
City of St. Augustine Beach
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Dear City of St. Augustine Beach Commissioners,

It is a pleasure to send a letter of recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Allyson Chambers for the vacant City of St. Augustine Beach Commission seat. I have known Allyson Chambers personally and professionally for the last 7 years and she is a highly qualified candidate to serve on the City Commission. Mrs. Chambers is a driven business owner who is active in the community, as well as a mother who is deeply involved in our local schools. She is an intelligent, committed and unbiased individual who has the knowledge and leadership skills to serve our community on the City Commission. Mrs. Chambers has nothing but the best intentions for our beach community and would be an invaluable asset to the City of St. Augustine Beach City Commission.

Sincerely,

Julie White Alford
1008 Sea Forest Lane
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Max Royle

From: Emily Geiger <emarie1511@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:21 AM
To: Max Royle; Comm Samora; Comm Rumrell; Comm George; Comm England
Subject: Recommendation for Allyson Chambers

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Emily Geiger
(386) 972-4187
5300 2nd St St. Augustine FL
February 22nd, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Allyson Chambers for the vacant City Commission seat. I have raised my children in Saint Augustine and have fallen in love with this city since doing so. I came to know Allyson through our children, who have played basketball together for four years. Allyson was distinguishable from the other parents from the get-go in that she immediately shows selflessness and generosity to everyone she meets.

Oftentimes, Allyson offers to take my children to and from practice on days that I am working late or need some time to decompress. It is out of the kindness of her heart that she takes on the responsibility of children that are not hers so that I can have a quiet evening to catch up on my to-do list or even when I am in a pinch and need help with little to no notice. She is a highly trustworthy person who is a compassionate mother. When I leave my children with her, I know that they are safe and cared for as they always come back home with the anticipation of the next time, they will be able to spend time at the Chamber's house.

Not only is Allyson trustworthy and a nurturing person, but she is also extremely dependable. I can name a handful of times where I needed her with no notice- and she was able to take care of anything I asked. Recently, I was sick with Covid and couldn't get the groceries I needed for my family. Not only did Allyson go on a full grocery shopping trip for us, but she also dropped everything off along with a home-cooked meal so that I didn't have to worry about dinner arrangements that night. This extraordinary act of kindness speaks to the person that Allyson is every single day, no matter who she is interacting with. I was once a stranger to her and she showed the same kindness to me that she does now, being very good friends.

Allyson's personality and character are unique in this day and age. She is someone who would benefit the city of Saint Augustine because when she cares for something or someone, she cares for them deeply. The city that she lives in and loves so much is no exception. Without a doubt, she will bring her positivity to the City Commission and impact it greatly.

Best wishes,

Max Royle

From: Emily Geiger <emarie1511@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Max Royle; Comm Samora; Comm Rumrell; Comm George; Comm England
Subject: Allyson Chambers

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City of St. Augustine Beach Commissioners

via Mr. Max Royle, City Manager

City of St. Augustine Beach

2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach FL 32080

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to recommend Allyson Chambers for the vacant seat of City Commissioner. I will start out by saying that you will not find anyone better suited for this seat. As a lifelong resident of Saint Augustine, I feel that I am capable of spotting the type of people that the City Commission could benefit from utilizing. Ms. Chambers is a community-oriented person. She is involved in countless events around the city, always voices her concerns and helpful opinions on public health and social justice issues, and lastly- she is raising kids in our city- which is an entirely different task on its own.

To speak a little bit on her character, I would like to recall a time when I recently witnessed Ms. Chambers' outstanding moral and personal attributes. Not too long ago, my wife and I were chatting with Ms. Chambers when she received an emergent phone call from a client who receives therapy from her. In a matter of seconds, Ms. Chambers was able to get to a secure area so that she could privately and effectively help her client. She demonstrated great care in maintaining her integrity and protected all of her clients' information from anyone who could hear her. After Ms. Chambers dismissed herself from speaking with us, she remained gone for a long time, later meeting back up with us. I feel that this situation speaks volumes on Ms. Chambers' carefulness to help someone in an urgent situation, regardless of the fact that she was not prepared to do so at a moment's notice. She dropped everything to change her environment so that she could effectively help someone who needed her- something she does often and is always happy to do it. The compassion and urgency that she displayed when someone needed her were very telling of her character. Because of this- I truly believe that Allyson would be great for this position. She is able to

advocate for the people who do not have a voice. Not only is she able- she is absolutely willing.

In conclusion, I know that there is no better person for this position than her. My lifelong residency in Saint Augustine is preceded by many generations of residency here... I am proud to share the name of one of the oldest families in the City and have deep roots here. With that being said- the best interest of this city is number one in my book. Allyson Chambers is the person to fulfill the needs of this City to the best of her ability.

Best,
Karl J. Masters

Max Royle

From: Haley Ellenburg <ellenburghaley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:36 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Recommendation of Allyson Chambers beach commissioner

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Good evening Mr Royle! My husband and I live at 507 C Street in St Augustine beach. We have been living here for 20 years and are Florida natives.

We would like to recommend Allyson Chambers for the vacant Commissioner seat. She understands the issues and challenges facing our beautiful beach town and will do a fine job representing us.

Have a great night,
Haley and John Ellenburg

Sent from my iPhone

Max Royle

From: Chip McGraw <chip.mcgraw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Interest in Open Commissioner Seat
Attachments: McGraw_Chip1.pdf

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Max Royle
City Manager
City of St Augustine Beach
2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Dear Mr. Max Royle,

Please let this email serve as my intent and interest in becoming St. Augustine Beach Commissioner Seat 1. I am very excited and grateful for this opportunity. I first moved to St. Augustine Beach in 1997 while a student at Flagler College. After graduating from Flagler, I worked as a Spanish Teacher at Landrum Middle School for two years. I then moved on to pursue business interests and spent more than 10 years living in Costa Rica while owning and operating a Coldwell Banker franchise, prior to returning to St Augustine Beach in 2012.

I believe that my experience as a business owner and entrepreneur, coupled with my love for the St. Augustine Beach community will help to not only assist to ensure that the city fulfills its duties under the law, but also help to foster the betterment and sustainability of our wonderful city.

Please find my resume attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

All The Best,

Ronnie A. "Chip" McGraw, Jr

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St Augustine Beach, FL 32080

904-401-1194

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LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/chip-mcgraw-68114b2a/>

Entrepreneur • New Business Development • Leadership

Driven Executive offering more than twenty years' successful experience in startup organizations across various industries. These include developing new business initiatives for multinational firms in Latin America, a nationwide network of affiliate BPO call centers, lead generation Direct Marketing firm, and real estate acquisitions and development in Central America. Adept in analyzing and maximizing business opportunities. Profit and Loss Management. Problem solver, committed to excellence in customer service. Strong communicator comfortable in interacting with a diverse audience with "C" Level selling skills. Bi-lingual, read and speak Spanish fluently with in depth understanding of business culture and processes in Latin America.

▪ Analysis and Strategy ▪ Profit Growth ▪ Sales Closing ▪ New Market Development
▪ Mentoring Motivator ▪ Negotiations ▪ Investor Relations ▪ Exceeding Goals and Objectives

Professional Experience

The McGrp International, LLC (DBA McGRAW), St. Augustine, Florida

May 2009 to Present

President/CEO

Currently Leading a Team of more than 200 employees and contractors. What initially started as a BPO company in Costa Rica and Nicaragua has blossomed into a Marketing and Sales Automation Company. Concentrated in lead generation and sales acceleration, and highly focused on helping our customers improve and perfect their sales processes as well as increasing ROI on marketing expenses while shortening sales cycles. Extensive experience marketing Real Estate, Building Construction Services and Materials, Financial Services, Personal Loans, Business Loans, Automotive, Insurance, Warranty (Home & Auto), Software, and manufacturing. Also running the following internal brands (www.vscmediagroup.com, www.aautoalliance.com, www.buyerssourcerealty.com)

La Jolla Nicaragua, Popoyo, Tola, Nicaragua

August 2005 to Present

Owner/Developer

www.lajollanica.com - Hotel, Luxury Hostel, Real Estate Development

Set along the Emerald Coast of Nicaragua, Managed the acquisition and development of the property as a Real Estate project, marketed to Americans and Europeans focused on Surfing and Adventure lifestyle. Worked to design and build a 20-room hotel and resort that anchors the projects offering surfing and adventure packages to tourists. Official ...Lost Surfboards partner in Nicaragua.

FRAMECAD Limited, Head Office Auckland, NZ

Regional Manager – LATAM/Caribbean

July 2013 – February 2018

Utilizing the collective experiences and knowledge gained as an entrepreneur in Latin America to lead a team in the development and expansion of the use and acceptance of a new building technology throughout the region. Responsible for oversight and development of go to market strategies, marketing, local government relations and certifications, strategic planning and alliances, new customer acquisition, sales, P&L and Budget oversight.

- **100% Increase in sales in region year over year since joining the organization**
- **Expanded footprint from 2 countries to 11 countries in the region**
- **Recaptured customers in existing original 2 countries and expanded reoccurring revenue**

iTELLUM, San Jose Costa Rica

April 2011 to May 2012

Consultant

Presented lucrative M&A opportunity which was executed and proceeded to consult management on the acquisition and startup of the business, including full staffing and positioning of new company president. Oversaw the process of obtaining government licenses and legal permits to operate as one of the first private telecom companies in Costa Rica. Instrumental in negotiating interconnection agreements with local government owned companies in Costa Rica as well as other international Telecoms throughout the region which helped iTELLUM become a leader in International Wholesale and Retail Telecommunications in the Central American market.

Coldwell Banker Del Mar Realty, Nosara, Costa Rica

October 2005 to June 2008

Owner/Broker

- Managed acquisitions, development and sale of projects in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama leading investors to receive more than 100% rate of return
- Took a business from start up to a debt free position in 24 months, continued growth and expanded revenues and profits by 25% which led to the successful sale of the company in 2008

Nosara Real Estate, Nosara, Costa Rica

September 2002 to September 2005

Sales Manager

Defined and proactively promoted company image, brand into larger markets in North American and globally by partnering with brokers and agents in regions around the world.

- Exceeded quotas ten consecutive quarters

Education

High School Diploma

The Bolles School, Jacksonville, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish/LAS

Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida

La Universidad Catolica, Guayaquil Ecuador- Study Abroad

Volunteer Experience

Member Board of Directors

LATAM Aid Foundation

Jan 2017 – Present

Assisting the organization to achieve its' overall mission: Helping to build sustainable housing, provide clean drinking water and aid in disaster relief for those whom are most in need in Latin America

VIRGINIA SNYDER MORGAN

MAILING ADDRESS: 208 BLUEBIRD LANE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32080
PHONE: (904) 962-5188 (M); E-MAIL: VSNYDERMORGAN@GMAIL.COM

February 17, 2022

May Royle, City Manager
mroyle@cityofsab.org
VIA EMAIL

RE: Interim Commission Vacancy

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as notice of my intent to apply for the interim vacancy on the City of St. Augustine Beach Commission. Please find my resume attached for your consideration.

I moved to Florida in 2003, to St. Augustine in 2007, and to St. Augustine Beach in 2015. This opportunity is a chance to answer the call to serve our community. I hope to use my unique combination of experience, education, and community engagement to make a valuable contribution to St. Augustine Beach. We live in a beautiful, remarkable place and I want to be part of a continuing commitment to excellence in local leadership.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Virginia S. Morgan

Encl.

VIRGINIA SNYDER MORGAN

MAILING ADDRESS: 208 BLUEBIRD LANE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32080

PHONE: (904) 962-5188 (M); E-MAIL: VSNYDERMORGAN@GMAIL.COM

EXPERIENCE

COQUINA LAW GROUP, P.A., St. Augustine, FL

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY/OF COUNSEL (2020-PRESENT)

- Represent and advise clients in civil matters, including presuit and litigation cases
- Assist attorneys and litigants with the preparation and approval of QDROs

ST. JOHNS COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, St. Augustine, FL

CRIMINAL DEPARTMENT MANAGER/IN-HOUSE COUNSEL (2018-2020)

- Manage deputy clerks in Criminal Dept, including daily scheduling and problem solving
- Research and resolve legal matters, primarily related to public records and bond forfeitures, attend court as required
- Act as liaison with judges, law enforcement, attorneys, and other agencies as required
- Maintain quality control within the criminal department including reporting duties

LAW OFFICE OF VIRGINIA S. MORGAN, LLC, St. Augustine, FL

OWNER/ATTORNEY (2013-2018)

- Represent and advise clients in family law, guardianship, and related litigation matters; including implications regarding contracts, assets and debts, and criminal issues
- Mediate family law matters
- Collaborative law trained
- Manage all aspects of business

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT CERTIFIED FAMILY MEDIATOR (2013-2019)

SHORSTEIN, LEE & MORGAN, LLC, St. Augustine, FL

PARTNER/ATTORNEY (2011-2012)

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY (2007-2010)

CHRISTINE & CHRISTINE, P.A., St. Augustine, FL

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY (2006-2007)

OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE J. MICHAEL TRAYNOR, St. Augustine, FL
CERTIFIED LEGAL INTERN (2006)

OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE IRVIN G. CONDON, Charleston, SC
LAW CLERK (2005)

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, Jacksonville, FL
CERTIFIED LEGAL INTERN (2005)

CITADEL BROADCASTING, Charleston, SC
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT/ON-AIR TALENT (2001-2002)

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR
FLORIDA COASTAL SCHOOL OF LAW, Jacksonville, FL (2006)
Teaching Assistant, Real Property (Fall 2004)

BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin, TX (2001)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

EPIC Behavioral Health, Board Member (2016-present), Executive Board (2019-present)
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of St. Johns County, Advisory Board (2011-2018, Chair 2016-2017)
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of St. Johns County, Big Sister of the Year (2011)
St. Johns County Bar Association (2006-present)
St. Johns County Bar Association Pro Bono Award (2012, 2014, 2015)
Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Pro Bono Honors (six-time recipient)
St. Johns County Inn of Court (2018-present)
Florida Family Law Inn of Court (Jacksonville, 2017-2018)
Seventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee B (2018-present, Committee Chair 2020-present)

Doug Wiles
405 Night Hawk Lane
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

February 19, 2022

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

Members:

Please accept my recommendation of Virginia Morgan for appointment as interim city commissioner for the City of St. Augustine Beach. I'm certain that when you review her application, you'll be impressed with her experience and service to our area.

In addition to her work as a local attorney, Virginia served as assistant counsel to the St. Johns County Clerk of Court, gaining valuable insight into local government operations. In her spare time, Virginia has served on the board of several community service organizations, including EPIC Behavioral Health and Big Brothers-Big Sisters. Noteworthy is Virginia's recognition from the Florida and St. Johns County Bar for her pro-bono work.

I realize there are many factors that must be considered when selecting an individual for service on the Commission. I believe Virginia will measure up to the high standards expected by the residents of our City. I encourage your careful consideration of her application.

Sincerely,



Doug Wiles
Former Member & Minority Leader
Florida House of Representatives

Max Royle

From: Nina LaFleur <nina@lafleurlaw.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 5:14 PM
To: Comm Samora; Comm Rumrell; Comm George; Comm England; Max Royle
Subject: Commissioner

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I am Nina LaFleur of the LaFleur Law Firm in St. Augustine. I am writing to convey my support and appreciation of Virginia ("Ginny") Morgan for the position on the City of St Augustine Beach Board of Commissioners. Ginny and I are colleagues and we currently serve on a Grievance Committee of the Florida Bar for the 7th Circuit which includes St Johns, Flagler, Putnam and Volusia County. Having worked with her and investigated complaints against lawyers, I have witnessed her great devotion to justice, fact finding and a commitment to ethics, in the law and in general. She has a sincere desire to include public service in her life and so I believe that she would a perfect appointment to the Board. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Nina M. LaFleur, Esq.
LaFleur Law Firm
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St. Augustine, Florida 32080
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Max Royle

From: David Lomaglio <david@starsrehab.comcastbiz.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:18 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Interim commission vacancy

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Dear Commissioners

As a resident of SAB for the last 10 years please accept this note in support of the appointment of Virginia Morgan for the position.

Regards,

David Lomaglio, PT, Founder
Saint Augustine Rehabilitation Specialists LLC
Physical and Speech Therapy
www.starsrehab.org

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Max Royle

From: Michael Kuc <mike@islandhomemortgagellc.com>
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To: Max Royle
Subject: Beach Commissioner

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Dear Commisioners,

Please accept this email in support of Virginia Morgan for appointment to the City of St. Augustine Beach interim commission vacancy.

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403 Anastasia Blvd, Saint Augustine, FL 32080

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Max Royle

From: Megan Wall <Megan.Wall@jaxlegalaid.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Max Royle
Cc: Bryan McCloskey
Subject: Recommendation for Virginia Morgan for City Commission

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Dear Max Royal, if you would please publish our enthusiastic support for Virginia Morgan to the City Commissioners, we would appreciate it. This email is from my work computer, but we are St. Augustine Beach long time residents (we live at 108 1st Street and have for nearly 30 years). We write to express our overwhelming support for candidate Virginia Morgan for a seat on the City Commission.

Virginia Morgan is a brilliant attorney. She knows the law, and she is great at legal research on all issues that arise. She is also incredibly compassionate. She volunteers with a number of non-profits and charities, including St. Johns County Legal Aid, and she does pro bono work each year on a number of cases. She has a great sense of humor, a big smile, a happy attitude, and she gets along well with others--these are equally important qualities for anyone serving on our City Commission. She is patient, kind, strong, but caring--she is a wonderful balance as a person, as a lawyer, and as a community member--and our commission would be fortunate to have her, to be sure!

Bryan McCloskey and I are thrilled that Virginia Morgan is willing to serve on our Commission, and we want to pass along our overwhelmingly enthusiastic support of her. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and thank you for passing this along to each of the commissioners. --Megan

Megan Wall
Managing Attorney
St. Johns County Legal Aid
222 San Marco Avenue
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megan.wall@jaxlegalaid.org

Max Royle

From: SALTY FINS <saltyfinsconstruction@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:03 AM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Upcoming Commissioner appointment

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Hi Max,

I wanted to send in a quick email in support of Genny Morgan who has applied for the upcoming commissioner position. Genny is incredibly honest, fair, an active member in the community and I believe she would be a great attribution to the commission!!

Thank you,

Erica Creter
216 1st Street
32080

SaltyFins Construction
Erica Creter
904.476.1827

Max Royle

From: Katherine Crevasse <kcrevasse@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:10 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Virginia Morgan

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Dear Commisioners,

Please accept this email in support of Virginia Morgan for appointment to the City of St. Augustine Beach interim commission vacancy. Virginia (Ginny) has been a neighbor of mine for six years. Her, and her husband, have always been active volunteers in our community; Big Brother/Big Sisters, Tips for Kids, etc.

She is extremely knowledgeable about local government and always keeps me up to date on all of the issues. She is sharp, professional, sincere, a fantastic mom and would be an asset to our City of St. Augustine Beach Commission.

Kindest Regards,
Katherine Crevasse
M. Ed
136 Island Hammock Way
St. Augustine, FL
32080

Sent from my iPhone

Max Royle

From: Melissa Kauttu <mskauttu@law-station.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:29 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Virginia Morgan

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I have known Virginia Morgan in a professional capacity for many years in my capacity as a practicing attorney in St. Johns County.

I have found her to be reasonable, accessible and highly ethical. I have no reservation recommending Ms. Morgan for a position on the City Beach commission.

Thank you,
Melissa Sarris Kauttu

**Melissa Sarris Kauttu, P.A.,
THE LAW STATION
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St. Augustine, FL 32080
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Andrea Samuels
110 Mickler Blvd
St. Augustine Beach, Fl. 32080
H: (904) 471-1686 C: (904) 3771337

February 10, 2022

Elected Board Of Commissioners
City of St. Augustine Beach
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, Fl. 32080

Commissioners:

I am writing to express my interest in the appointment for the interim position of Commission Seat #1. As this is an interim position, I believe that my prior government experience would allow for continuity until the November 2022 election cycle.

Having previously served on the Commission I am familiar with Sunshine Laws and the required Ethics training prescribed by law. I also have actively engaged with the St. Augustine Beach Community and I am familiar with the community's needs.

As you read my submitted resume I am confident that my government experience will speak for itself. I thank you for your time and service to our City.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Samuels". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

Andrea Samuels

Andrea Samuels
110 Mickler Blvd.
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080
H:(904) 471-1686 C: (904) 377-1337

Government Experience:

- 2014 – 2016: Served n Board of Mutual Investment Trust
(League of Cities)
- 2012 – 2016: Served as SAB City elected
Representative for the Tourist Deveolpment
Council
- 2011 - 2016: Served on Board of Trustees for the Mutual
Insurance Trust (Florida League of Cities)
- 2011 – 2016: Served as Voting Representative for the
League of Cities
- 2010 – 2016: Served on Executive Board of the
Northeast League of Cities
- 2010 - 2016: Served on Florida Municipal Insurance
Trust Board of Trustees (Florida League of
Cities)
- 2010 – 2016: Served as Representative of St. Augustine
Beach to the Florida League of Cities
National Convention
- 2008 – 2012: Served on the Board of The Visitors
Convention Bureau
- 2008 – 2016: Commissioner St. Augustine Beach Seat #1
- 2006 - 2008: Planning & Zoning Board St. Augustine Beach
- 2005 - 2006: Code Enforcement Board of St. Augustine Beach

EDUCATION:

- 2016 – Advanced Institute for Elected Municipal
Officials
- 2009 - Institute for Elected Municipal Officials
Florida League of Cities
- 2003 - APIC ICE I
- 2006 – Licensed Risk Manager in Hospital Policy
- 2000 - Legal Nurse Consultant Paralegal Diploma
Kaplan College School of Legal Nurse Consulting
- 1986- Associates Degree in Nursing Sciences
Dutchess Community College

PUBLIC SERVICE :

Served as Secretary for the SAB Civic Association.
Created multiple community events to encourage tourism and economy for St. Augustine Beach.

Initiated and worked with other non-profits to bring events and improvements to the city for community enhancement.

Worked with all departments of the city to help relationships with the community.

CIVIC ORG: St. Augustine Beach Civic Association
Friends of Scenic A1A
Former member of First Coast Opera
Former Member of Rotary Club
Former Member of Elks Club

February 1, 2022

To the Commission of the City of St. Augustine Beach, Florida:

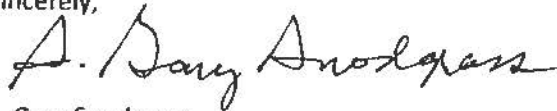
I am writing to endorse the appointment of Andrea Samuels to the vacant District 1 position on the City Commission.

Ms. Samuels is exceedingly well-qualified for this role. As former Mayor and City Commissioner, she understands the complexities and workings of city government and could "hit the ground running." Ms. Samuels knows of the challenges and opportunities confronting the city. She exemplifies hard work, honesty, fairness, and thoughtfulness. She will bring these qualities and more to the Commission to make the city an even better place for its citizens and guests.

I have long admired Andrea Samuels for her selfless volunteer work in the community. For more than two decades, Andrea has been highly involved and engaged in initiatives that have enhanced the community. She was instrumental in founding the Veterans Memorial Service, "Music by the Sea," "Surf Illumination" and other beloved community activities.

In summary, Andrea Samuels has an unqualified history of success. She can make an immediate and ongoing contribution to the success and effectiveness of the City Commission. She has the intellect, commitment and dedication to make a difference for the City and its people. I strongly urge the appointment of Andrea Samuels to the vacant City Commission position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Gary Snodgrass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

S. Gary Snodgrass

Former Mayor, City of St. Augustine Beach, Florida

Rich O'Brien
812 A1A Beach Blvd.
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

February 15, 2022

St. Augustine Beach City Commission
Max Royle, City Manager
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

RE: Commission vacancy; Andrea Samuels

Dear City Commissioners,

I have known Andrea Samuels for over 15 years. I met she and husband Bob when I was at Pier Park and saw them moving chairs and setting up for a Wednesday night concert and they were working very hard to get it all set up.

The hard work did not stop with the concerts. Andrea served on the Comprehensive Planning & Zoning Board as did I and I saw firsthand the level of preparation and commitment she had to that board and to our City.

A few years later I served on the City Commission with Andrea and again I saw her deep commitment to our City and studying the volumes of documentation we were supplied prior to the meetings and knowing it well. She had a passion and love for our City that has been unmatched by others.

I am confident that Andrea Samuels would do a great job of fulfilling the vacancy on the Commission and hit the ground running as a valuable member of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Rich O'Brien

Max Royle

From: Cathy Stone <cathystone281@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Beach Commission appointment

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My name is Catherine Stone and I am a resident of the City of St Augustine Beach at Ponce Landing. I am aware that there is a seat now open on the Commission.

I would respectfully ask that you consider appointing Andrea Samuels to that open seat. She has knowledge of the city and how our local government works, as well as being an asset to our community.

Please consider Andrea for the position and I thank you for taking the time to read this email!

Sincerely,

Cathy Stone
cell (513) 594-0893
home (904) 460-2740
826 A1A Beach Blvd Unit 51
St Augustine, FL 32080

Max Royle

From: Debbie Dix <debbiekdix@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 3:39 PM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Commissioner opening

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Dear Mr. Royal,

My name is Debbie Dix and I am a resident of St. Augustine Beach. Regarding the seat now open on the Commission, I would respectfully ask you to consider appointing Andrea Samuels. I recently had the pleasure of meeting her and was impressed with her passion for our community and this City of St. Augustine Beach. She also has first hand knowledge of the City and understands how our local government works. Thank you in advance for considering Andrea for the position.

Thank you,

Debbie Dix
407-221-3217

Max Royle

From: Clfeeney <clfeeney@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:32 AM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Support for Andrea Samuels to commissioners seat

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Mr. Royale,

I would like to give my full support to Andrea Samuels for the vacant seat for city commissioner. She is very knowledgeable and cognizant of our city and needs to keep our city strong and vibrant.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Feeney

Sent from the all new AOL app for Android

February 23, 2022

Max Royle
City Manager
City of St. Augustine Beach

Dear Mr. Royle,

As a city resident for more than ten years, I formally submit my name for consideration for the City of St. Augustine Beach Commission Seat 1 appointment with great interest.

With over 15 years of experience working in the government relations field and my leadership positions on numerous local non-profit boards, I have developed a passion for public policy and public service. I am confident this appointment is an excellent fit with my unique skill set, and it would be an honor to represent my neighbors and the St. Augustine Beach community on the commission.

I am well versed in government procedures and sunshine law requirements. In addition, I have years of experience advocating and serving constituents' needs from my time serving as a legislative assistant.

Not only do I have the temperament, knowledge, and experience to fill this role, I have the passion for preserving the quality of life we all enjoy on the island.

The next commissioner must work tirelessly to balance the needs of our businesses which bring dining and experiences to our community and the needs of residents who have chosen to call St. Augustine Beach home. I can commit to doing just this.

I often refer to living in St. Augustine Beach as living in paradise, and I genuinely believe this is true. We are all blessed to live and raise our families in this slice of paradise.

The safety I have felt during the hours I've spent running on nearly every street in the city or during the days I've spent riding bikes with my family to the sculpture garden to feed the turtles is never taken for granted. Likewise, the memories I've made, and experiences I've shared with friends and family at local beach restaurants, festivals, and community events are what makes this place so special.

I recognize this quality of life doesn't happen by accident. I hope to bring my balanced approach to crafting public policy to the commission to maintain this way of life.

Sincerely,
Beth Sweeny

Beth M. Sweeny
652 Sun Down Circle, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080
239-560-7315 | Bethmsweeny@gmail.com

Professional Experience

Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL

Director of External and Government Relations

May 2021 - Present

- Role of Director of Community and Government Relations expanded to oversee external relations for the college, including media relations, communications, news, public relations, advocacy, community partnerships, and government relations

Director of Community and Government Relations

July 2019 – May 2021

- Provided a community-wide strategy for relationship building on behalf of the College to expand visibility and develop external partnerships and opportunities
- Attended events and activities relevant to promoting the College
- Cultivated relationships with key external stakeholders, including media, city government partners, trustees and donors, where appropriate
- Planned, implemented and evaluated activities to foster community involvement in the College
- Created and executed a college-wide government relations strategy to increase engagement of Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials
- Worked with the Vice President of Marketing and Communications to coordinate and facilitate the development and implementation of the College's Strategic Plan Initiatives

Director of Corporate, Foundation, and Government Relations

August 2018-July 2019

- Responsible for timely research, writing, and submission of successful grant proposals, for the stewardship of foundation relationships, and for the production and timely submission of all required reporting on grants received by Flagler College
- Maintained donor database
- Researched and wrote a broad range of high-quality documents, including proposals, narrative reports, evaluations, and correspondence
- Developed an annual corporate and foundation relations strategy
- Conducted prospect research to identify, cultivate and solicit new grants and prospects
- Managed the legislative tracking process; identified, analyzed, and tracked legislation and regulations which impacted Flagler College

St. Johns County School District, St. Augustine, FL

Director of Policy and Government Relations

Coordinator of Governmental Relations

August 2011 – August 2018

- Represented the School District in the state capital on a continuous basis during Legislative Session and committee weeks

- Interacted with parents, outside agencies, businesses, elected officials, and the community to enhance the understanding of district initiatives and priorities and to elicit support and assistance
- Coordinated with School Board Attorney in developing and monitoring School Board Rules
- Coordinated creation of the School District's legislative platform and wrote language to present to governmental and non-governmental authorities, their staff, and other representatives
- Assisted in the interpretation of programs, philosophy, and policies of the district to staff, students, parents, and the community
- Developed communication and advocacy resources to inform and involve Administrators, Teachers and Parents in the legislative process and other district initiatives

Senator Ronda Storms, State Senate District 10, Brandon, FL/Tallahassee FL

Legislative Aide

November 2006 – August 2011

- Served as a liaison, coordinator and spokesperson with media, citizens, community groups, legislative/government agencies and public and private organizations for the Senator
- Drafted press releases, letters, talking points and speeches for the Senator
- Crafted messages to constituents via media, letters, emails, newsletters, and mailings
- Assisted constituents and staff members in finding solutions to various policy problems
- Worked closely with Legislative Directors of State agencies to ensure constituent concerns were appropriately addressed
- Analyzed budget and legislative issues and developed plans and options from which the Senator can act; prepared position papers, memos, and statistical reports
- Planned and coordinated aspects of programs, projects and special events, specifically the organization of town hall meetings

Storms for State Senate, District 10

Campaign Coordinator

February 2006 – November 2006

- Organization, management and mobilization of all campaign volunteers, approximately 70 individuals
- Organized all campaign walks, sign waving events, phone banking by volunteers, and get out the vote (GOTV) operations with direct contact to the public
- Coordinated with consultants, the candidate, and printers to develop and execute campaign mail pieces
- Assisted in the set up and execution of shooting campaign commercial
- Executed absentee voter mail outs daily
- Attended campaign fundraisers and events both with and on behalf of the candidate

Board Service/ Memberships/ Professional Affiliations

St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Vice Chair

Public Policy Committee, Chair

Tag! Children's Museum of St. Augustine

Board of Directors

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of St. Johns County

Board Member (2012 - 2014)

Leadership St. Johns Class of 2012

Graduate

Florida Education Legislative Liaisons

President (2013 – 2014)

Secretary/Treasurer (2015 – 2018)

Leadership Counts! SJCS

Graduate (2016)

Take Stock in Children

Mentor (2014-2015)

Boston Marathon Qualifier

Education

Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL*Bachelor of Arts, Political Science**September 2002 – December 2005*

Max Royle

From: Crevasse, Brian <bcrevasse@balljanik.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 8:11 AM
To: Max Royle
Subject: Interim City Commission Vacancy - Beth Sweeny

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Commissioners,

Please accept this email in support of Beth Sweeny for appointment to the City of St. Augustine Beach interim commission vacancy. My wife, Katie Crevasse, and I have lived in St. Augustine Beach for 14 years. Beth was the volunteer cross-country coach at Murray Middle School when our daughter was a student there and she did an incredible service for all of the girls on the team, dedicating many hours of her time and serving as a great role model. We have also gotten to know Beth through her work with the School Board and Flagler College. I know she would be dedicated, hardworking, thoughtful, and highly ethical if she was to serve as an interim commissioner.

Thanks,

Brian

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Max Royle

From: JoFaye Stern <stern4009@icloud.com>
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Subject: Recommendation: Beth Sweeny

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February 24, 2022

RE: Beach City Commission Seat

Dear Commissioner,

I understand that Beth Sweeny has submitted her name for the open Beach City Commission seat. I would like to highly recommend her. She has a strong background in politics and community service that I think will prove valuable. Also, she has always shown a strong, energetic, work ethic.

Her position as Director of Community and Government Relations at Flagler College and serving as Chair of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee give her insights that should prove valuable to the commission. As part of our community, Beth, Kevin, and daughter, Wellesley, epitomize the qualities we enjoy seeing in a family and are a good example of a loving family.

Beth is an excellent candidate for this position and I am happy to give her my full endorsement.

Sincerely,

Jo Faye Stern
Retired Administrator,
FSDB

Sent from my iPad

Rebecca Thomson
145 Kings Quarry Lane
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Max Royle, City Manager
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Good afternoon Max ~

Please accept this letter and enclosed resume as my interest in filling the vacant Interim City Commission position. I'd love the opportunity to collaborate with fellow Commission members to ensure our community remains a safe place to live as well as adapt to the continued growth in a way that will benefit the community.

As a full time resident of St. Augustine Beach for the last 4 years I have come to enjoy and appreciate all that this beach community has to offer residents and visitors alike. I have relocated from Jackson Township, PA which borders Cranberry Township, PA; a community that was for most of the 1990's the fastest growing township in the United States.

I look forward to hearing from you so we may discuss this opportunity further.

Have a fabulous day!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Thomson'.

Rebecca Thomson, MBA

REBECCA THOMSON

rthomson63@live.com | 7249687602 | Saint Augustine, FL 32080

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Meticulous Professional, excellent at juggling multiple tasks and working under pressure. Broad industry experience that includes Finance, Client Relations and Sales.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successfully Worked through Merger and Acquisition phases with three organizations. Framesi, Steel City Harley Davidson and St. Augustine Record/Gatehouse/Gannett.
- Oversaw sales of 54 distributors Nationally and Internationally which led to 27 million in sales annually.
- Effectively moved dealership previously ranked in the bottom 10% Nationally to the top 10% Nationally within the first year of taking over leadership of the Finance Department.
- Received Council of Excellence Award from Honda Financial services two years in a row for exemplary performance.

SKILLS

- Relationship building and management
- Management collaboration
- Account Servicing
- Operational improvement

WORK HISTORY

Nov 2019 - Current

Advertising Account Executive

Florida NewsLine - St. Johns , FL

Feb 2018 - Oct 2019

Advertising Account Executive

St. Augustine Record - St. Augustine , FL

Jul 2017 - Mar 2018

Advertising Account Manager

Print Maps - Zelienople, PA

Aug 2015 - Mar 2018

Photographer

Lifelouch Inc. - Zelienople, PA

Mar 2013 - Dec 2015

- Developed sales leads and uncovered new business opportunities through prospecting and cold calling.
- Used consultative sales techniques to pinpoint customers' advertising needs and close on short-term and long-term sales contracts.
- Effectively communicated with clients using well-developed interpersonal skills, which helped to improve relationships and build rapport.
- Built and strengthened relationships with new and existing clients to drive revenue growth.
- Maintained a \$350,000 book of business with Brokers, Real Estate Agents, builders and developers.
- Contacted current and prospective customers to explain product features and solicit orders.
- Consulted with clients after sales and contract signings to resolve problems and provide ongoing support.
- Planned and prepared for all on-location and studio shoots.
- Shot photographs in controlled lab, field and remote environments.
- Selected and set up appropriate props, backdrops and lighting.
- Managed contracts, negotiations and all aspects of sales to

Real Estate Agent

Northwood Realty Services - Zelienople, PA

Jun 2010 - Dec 2014

Trust Administrator

Devitt Trust - Zelienople, PA

Aug 2012 - Mar 2013

Automotive Finance Manager

Straub Automotive - Triadelphia, WV

Dec 2003 - Jun 2010

Finance Manager

Steel City Harley Davidson/Washington

HD - Washington, PA

Sep 2003 - Dec 2003

Finance Manager

Heritage Harley Davidson - West Mifflin, PA

Jan 2000 - Dec 2000

Vice President of Business Development

RS & Associates - Coraopolis, PA

Sep 1997 - Dec 1999

Customer Service Manager

Framesi Usa - Coraopolis, PA

- finalize purchases and exceed customer expectations.
- Developed and maintained relationships with clients through networking, postcards and cold calling.
- Researched and updated all required materials needed for attorney's and family members.
- Analyzed department documents for appropriate distribution and filing.
- Complied with regulatory requirements, including Bank Secrecy Act, Anti Money Laundering, OFAC, USA Patriot Act, Privacy Act and Community Reinvestment Act.
- Originated, reviewed, processed, closed and administered customer loan proposals.
- Measured loan submissions based upon HDFS regulatory compliance standards as well as Department of Banking standards in PA.
- Led the planning and execution of all financial processes as it related to F&I office.
- Negotiated and reviewed business contracts with profitability and financial success in mind.
- Identified improvement changes regarding key processes for internal controls and accounting procedures.
- Reviewed and negotiated terms with clients as it pertained to financing motorcycles.
- Successfully plan and execute events while simultaneously increasing business for advertising agency.
- Attracted new clientele and developed customer relationships by hosting product-focused events.
- Establish and maintain high level customer service with a network of 54 distributors with a product base of National and International inventories.
- Resolved customer complaints while prioritizing customer satisfaction and loyalty.

EDUCATION

May 2003

MBA: Business Management - Marketing - Finance

Chatham University | Pittsburgh, PA

Apr 1995

Bachelor of Arts: Communications

University of Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, PA

CERTIFICATIONS

- Google Analytics ~ 2018
- Digital Sales Certificate ~ 2018