



MINUTES

**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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Samora called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Samora led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Donald Samora, Vice Mayor Dylan Rumrell, Commissioner Margaret England, and Commissioner Undine C. George

Also, present were City Manager Max Royle, City Attorney Lex Taylor, Police Chief Daniel Carswell, Police Commander T.G. Harrell, City Clerk Dariana Fitzgerald, and Building Official Brian Law.

IV. INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR INTERIM COMMISSIONER

Mayor Samora advised that this meeting is for the sole purpose of replacing the vacant seat on the Commission and that one of these seven candidates will join the Commission next Monday, March 7, 2022. He welcomed all the candidates, their families, and their supporters. He said that all seven applicants are very well qualified which will make the selection very difficult. He said that there is no bad choice, and he appreciates all the time that everyone has put into this and the engagement of the community. He explained the process and said that each candidate will be interviewed in alphabetical order, as specified on the agenda, and that each candidate will be able to come to the podium to give their background and tell why they are interested in the position. He said that the Commissioners would then have a chance to ask each candidate questions, followed by public comments, and then a vote.

Mayor Samora described the voting process and said that in the past it has been done several different ways. He suggested doing two rounds of voting and that the first vote would be to narrow it down to the top 2-3 choices. Then narrow it down to the top two candidates and invite each for some final questions and clarifications and have a final vote.

It was the consensus of the Commission to choose the top three candidates in the first round.

City Attorney Taylor asked for clarification if the Commission would be ranking the candidates.

Mayor Samora advised no. He said that each Commissioner would choose their top three, and that the two applicants with the most votes would be the top two candidates, followed by a final vote. He reiterated that all seven candidates are very well qualified but unfortunately only one could be chosen. He said that for the candidates that are not chosen, there are plenty of

opportunities to join advisory boards and he encouraged them to continue to support the City. He asked City Manager Royle to call the first candidate.

City Manager Royle asked Mr. Nicholas Binder to the podium.

1. Mr. Nicholas Binder

Nicholas Binder, 232 Big Magnolia Court, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that he has been a full-time resident since 2005. He said that his educational background includes a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, a master's degree in environmental engineering, and that he is a licensed professional engineer in New Jersey in retired status. He went on to describe his work experience as shown on his resume (Page 1 of the Agenda Book). He advised that he then moved over to the Construction Grants Program which is where his experience will pay off for being a Commissioner. He advised that after 19 years, the Grants Program transitioned smoothly into the State Revolving Loan Program because of his efforts to set up the program without confusion. He advised that the program was doing \$400 million a year in loans which is important because the City has \$3 million through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and if it is not used the City will lose it. He said that his expertise would help get a commitment for that money. He discussed what New Jersey is doing with their ARPA funds which reduced their tax base. He suggested to use the ARPA funds in lieu of raising taxes. He said that the area in New Jersey that he came from is similar in population to the City of St. Augustine Beach and he described his involvement in the community. He described his last assignment as a co-chair of a 50-person community group to figure out its educational needs, which was determined to be a better high school and full-day kindergarten, and they were able to get a \$45 million bond issue passed. He said that after moving to Florida, he volunteered for the National Park Service at Fort Matanzas for 14 years and was on the City of St. Augustine Beach Steering Committee. He said that he was the Director for the Whispering Oaks Stormwater Projects working with the City and St. Johns Water Management District and it is still working today. He said that he was then appointed to the City's Code Enforcement Board.

Mayor Samora thanked Mr. Binder and asked Commissioner George for her comments.

Commissioner George advised that whoever is appointed to this seat will have to run for election in November of 2022 if they choose to continue to serve. She asked Mr. Binder if he submitted his application to fill the gap or if he planned to run for election.

Mr. Binder advised that he would consider both ways. He said that it is important to fill the gap because of the upcoming budget season, which is the most important aspect for a Commissioner since it sets goals and priorities for the next year. He said that his expertise would help to make sure that the proper money is obligated to balance between ad valorem and non-ad valorem taxes.

Commissioner George thanked Mr. Binder for his service to the City.

Commissioner England thanked Mr. Binder for always being engaged and hoped that he would continue to do so.

Vice Mayor Rumrell thanked Mr. Binder for being on the Code Enforcement Board and the Charter Review Committee. He asked Mr. Binder what he thought was the most pressing issue that the City is facing and how he would handle it.

Mr. Binder said that growth is the most pressing issue, and the City does not have any more lots. He advised that there is a headline for tomorrow's St. Augustine Record about Ocean Grove RV Resort selling for \$15.1 million to Embassy Suites. He said that growth is an issue in St. Johns County, and he described instances in New Jersey regarding inadequate waste treatment facilities and that they imposed a sewer ban which meant no growth until the

sewer facilities were taken care of. He advised that he did not know the condition of St. Johns County's facilities and that the budget and the use of the ARPA funds are most important to take the burden off the regular budget.

Commissioner England said that there are very extensive and tricky regulations with the ARPA funds. She said that if he is selected, she would hope that he would be willing to read the 400 pages of ARPA regulations and help to advise staff.

Mr. Binder advised that it would not be a problem. He said that the City's staff is very busy and sometimes you need people to do research to be able to make a valued judgement.

Mayor Samora said that Mr. Binder has followed the City's proceedings very regularly and he has watched this Commission work together. He asked Mr. Binder what unique characteristic or experience he would bring to Commission.

Mr. Binder advised that his knowledge of the community and attendance at Commission meetings since 2006; that he helped advise the Commission and the Public Works Director with the development of Ocean Hammock Park and that he also worked with the County Public Works Director to get crosswalks, lighting, etc.

Mayor Samora thanked Mr. Binder. He asked if the other Commissioners were fine with no time limit, that he does not feel right putting people through a public job interview and then limiting them to three minutes. The Commission agreed.

Mayor Samora moved on to the next candidate and asked Ms. Allyson Chambers to the podium.

2. Ms. Allyson Chambers

Allyson Chambers, 865 Ocean Palm Way, St. Augustine Beach, FL, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be considered for this important position. She advised that she has long-term ties to the community. She described her background and her reasons for applying for the position as indicated in her resume (Page 2 of the Agenda Book). She said that she has no personal agenda and wants to support the community and preserve the beauty and quality of life. She said that her track record of success would serve the community well and that St. Augustine is facing growing pains that would require creative solutions. She said that she has created strategic plans that resulted in positive long-term outcomes and that she would bring diversity to the Commission. She discussed the substance use and mental health treatment center from her resume (Page 2 of the Agenda), and said that her experience and commitment could enhance the Commission. She advised that with her track record of success she could help guide the Commission into the future, that she is a good communicator, can take complex financial and strategic information and make it relatable. She believes in transparency to build trust and engagement from the community. She advised that she is the best candidate because she has the skills, the expertise, and the determination that the City deserves along with her track record for success, leadership and communication skills, and commitment. She said that the City faces issues such as growth, parking, beach access, and how to afford these things.

Mayor Samora thanked Ms. Chambers and asked Commissioner England for her comments.

Commissioner England said that Ms. Chambers mentioned beach access and that the City has 25 public beach access walkovers and plenty of hotels and bed and breakfasts that use them to get to the beach. She asked Ms. Chambers what she was thinking about beach access.

Ms. Chambers said that she was thinking about the influx of people trying to find a place to park to get to the beach because a 4-wheel drive vehicle is required for driving on the beach.

She said that there are some businesses that are not open on the weekends/evenings and she suggested to collaborate with them for use of their parking lots and maybe there could be a tax incentive. Then there would not be a need to pour more pavement and to utilize what is there, such as Beachside Diner that closes at 3:00 pm, etc.

Commissioner George asked Ms. Chambers if she would be filling the gap or if she would run for election.

Ms. Chambers advised that she would like to run. She said that she has the liberty of free time and that she is passionate and wants to serve.

Vice Mayor Rumrell thanked Ms. Chambers for applying. He asked if she could change one thing on A1A Beach Boulevard, what would it be.

Ms. Chambers said that she loves everything about the beach, which is why she is here. She loves the integrity, how simple and small it is, it has what it needs, and that she could not think of anything to change. She said that traffic on A Street is a problem.

Mayor Samora asked Ms. Chambers to share more information about her community involvement, non-profit involvement.

Ms. Chambers advised that she has a private center for women that supports abuse, and she has been helping women for almost 15 years. She said that she also has a treatment center in Asheville, North Carolina, for women. She is at her best when she is helping people and being of service. She advised that she helped found the Florida Association of Recovery Residences to help monitor recovery homes to ensure that they follow guidelines, procedures, and are being good neighbors. She had been the president for two years and she helped to get the standard in place.

Commissioner George asked if any of Ms. Chambers businesses or non-profits were in the City limits.

Ms. Chambers advised no.

Mayor Samora moved on to the next candidate and asked Mr. Chip McGraw to the podium.

3. Mr. Chip McGraw

Chip McGraw, 40 Ocean Pines Drive, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that his name is Ronnie, and that everyone calls him Chip. He described his background as indicated in his resume (Pages 16 through 18 of the Agenda Book). He said that he has four children who enjoy the beach, and he feels like he is vested in the community. He said that over the past 40 years he has seen the beach grow and things change, and he has a vested interest for its future and what it could be. He advised that the City does have a major problem with growth and that he has a wealth of experience running budgets for his own businesses upwards of \$10 million annually. He advised that he has experience working in real estate and real estate development, as well as being involved with community outreach working with a youth crisis center. He said that he is also the Director of the Eastern Surfing Association Chapter of St. Augustine which helps young people have access to the beach.

Vice Mayor Rumrell thanked Mr. McGraw for applying. He asked Mr. McGraw what issues he thought the City has now and how would he handle them.

Mr. McGraw said that one of the biggest issues is parking and it needs a solution that works for the beach, the taxpayers, and visitors. He also said that sea level rise and erosion are ongoing problems. He believes that the third problem is whether there are enough beach police for the City population and the visitors to the beach.

Commissioner George asked Mr. McGraw if he would be filling the gap or would he also consider running for office.

Mr. McGraw advised that he is considering running for election.

Commissioner England commented that Mr. McGraw has traveled quite a bit and she asked if he understands the commitment for meeting attendance.

Mr. McGraw said that he is no longer traveling.

Commissioner England asked what intrigued him to become interested in local government issues.

Mr. McGraw advised that he and his family have lived here for a long time, his children go to school here, and he cares about the community long-term.

Mayor Samora thanked Mr. McGraw and moved on to the next candidate and asked Ms. Virginia Snyder Morgan to the podium.

4. Ms. Virginia Snyder Morgan

Virginia Snyder Morgan, 208 Bluebird Lane, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that she feels called to serve in her community and the fellowship that goes along with it. She advised that if she is appointed that it would be her intention to run for election in November. She described her background as an attorney for over 15 years including running her own law firm as stated on her resume (Pages 20-21 of the Agenda Book). She said that she is familiar with public records, the Sunshine Law, and that an important part of her work has been contributing pro bono service in the community. She said that her skills and her experience will best serve the Commission. She discussed the community engagement section of her resume. She said that she now has the time, and she is fully committed to serve if she is chosen. She advised that she chose to live in St. Augustine because it is a beautiful community for her to raise her family. Her skillset and commitment would be the best way she could serve the Commission and the City.

Mayor Samora asked if her law firm engaged in municipal law.

Ms. Morgan advised that she represents the outside counsel for the Clerk of Courts.

Mayor Samora asked how she has been able to stay up to date on local issues in St. Augustine Beach and how quickly would she be able to get up to speed joining the Commission next Monday.

Ms. Morgan advised that she has been watching the Commission meeting videos and reading minutes to make sure that she knows all the resources that are available to her. She advised that she has done some work with Land Development Regulations and is familiar with the Sunshine Law.

Commissioner England said that Ms. Morgan provided a long list of community engagement including winning the pro bono award for three years. She asked her what her specific practice of law is.

Ms. Morgan advised that she is an associate attorney with Coquina Law Group and that her practice consists primarily of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, along with civil cases, and retirement issues.

Commissioner England asked about the boards that she is currently on, such as EPIC and St. Johns County Inn of Court and she asked what the Inn of Court is.

Ms. Morgan advised that the St. Johns County Inn of Court is a group within the St. Johns County legal community that she was invited to join which meets once a quarter and it has continuing education, presentations, dinners, etc.

Commissioner England said that it seems like she would be able to have time. She advised that being a Commissioner is not exactly a part-time position.

Vice Mayor Rumrell thanked Ms. Morgan for applying and asked her what one of her objectives would be as a City Commissioner.

Ms. Morgan said that addressing the issues in the Comprehensive Plan and making thoughtful decisions to implement the things in the Plan. She said that one of the issues that the City is already facing is infrastructure maintenance and to make good decisions now and for the future. She said that she plans to live the rest of her life here and wants to see those good decision come to fruition.

Commissioner George asked if there would be any conflicts serving as City Commissioner and representing her clients.

Ms. Morgan advised that she did not believe there would be any conflicts.

Commissioner George asked Ms. Morgan if there was anything else she would like to add.

Ms. Morgan said that one of the issues facing the City is the need to balance what is best for the residents, the businesses, and tourists. She said that would include traffic, parking, and safety. She said this is a wonderful community and a wonderful quality of life. Keeping it viable for businesses and attracting tourists in a smart way.

Mayor Samora thanked Ms. Morgan. He moved on to the next candidate and invited Ms. Andrea Samuels to the podium.

5. Ms. Andrea Samuels

Andrea Samuels, 110 Mickler Boulevard, St. Augustine Beach, FL, advised that she has lived in the City for 22 years. She commended the other candidates and said that the City is lucky to have so many engaged people willing to work. She advised that she has government experience and is familiar with the Sunshine Law and ethics laws and she has worked tirelessly for the community over the years. She worked to bring community activities to the City to benefit businesses as well as the residents such as: Music by the Sea, which is in its 20th year; the Taste of the Beach event, which raises money for the Betty Griffin House and showcases the City's restaurants; and Surf Illumination. She advised that she has sat on multiple boards such as the Florida League of Cities, Visitors Convention Bureau, and the Tourist Development Council, as indicated in her resume (Pages 31-32 of the Agenda Book). She said that it is important to have a rounded Commission by having someone who is not necessarily in business so that the residents feel that they have a representative on the Commission. She advised that she has no interest in running and would only fill the seat for eight months. That way people that are interested to run can have a chance to make the election a fair and equal process. She believes that the quality of life in the City is worth maintaining and the City has challenges to face such as parking, enough of a police force, beach renourishment, and most importantly to work for the residents.

Mayor Samora thanked Ms. Samuels for applying and for her past service to the City. He asked what drove her to come back and offer her services again.

Ms. Samuels advised that it was important to hold the seat until the next election cycle so that whoever wants to run should run for the seat and that it should be on an equal footing.

Vice Mayor Rumrell thanked Ms. Samuels for applying and asked her what she sees as the City's next issues that she could help with in the next eight months.

Ms. Samuels said that it always comes back to maintaining quality of life. She would like to have an equal balance between businesses and the residents and try to keep taxes low. She said that it is very important to provide the services that make the quality of life so enjoyable. She said that the City is lucky to have such a hard-working Public Works Department and Police Department. She said that she has experience working with budgets.

Commissioner George said that Ms. Samuels mentioned the Police Department, but that she had voted in favor of terminating 11 officers in the past. She asked if her intention now would be to support or attempt to dissolve the Police Department.

Ms. Samuels replied that she believes in municipal policing. She said that her reasoning regarding those 11 officers was because they did not follow the chain of command. She advised that she supports the police officers and always has, and that prior Chief Hardwick did a great job, and that Chief Carswell is doing a great job and that there is no reason not to support them. She said that that was a long time ago and sometimes you need to look forward rather than backward.

Commissioner England said that two issues that Ms. Samuels would be addressing are the budget and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She asked if Ms. Samuels had any comments about either issue.

Ms. Samuels advised that she had no issue sitting down and reading through ARPA regulations and working with the Financial Director to help with it. She said that she has gone through the budget many times and has been able to find discrepancies and problems. She said that she is familiar with the ARPA constraints and the limited availability for the City. She said that the City's infrastructure needs work, and she would be happy to help.

Mayor Samora thanked Ms. Samuels and moved on to the next applicant. He asked Ms. Beth Sweeny to come to the podium.

6. Ms. Beth Sweeny

Beth Sweeny, 652 Sun Down Circle, St. Augustine Beach, FL, said that she grew up in Ohio and vacationed at St. Augustine Beach and has had a love for the City from a very young age. She attended Flagler College and graduated in 2005. She left the area to work in the Florida Senate where she met her husband who was born and raised here. They moved back to raise their family and have been full-time residents for 10 years. She has spent a lot of her career in government service such as school districts, grant writing, media relations, etc. as indicated on her resume (Pages 39-41 of the Agenda Book). She said that civic engagement is something that is very important to her and that she has a lot of relations that could be helpful to the City. She has a lot of community involvement such as: the Vice Chair of the Chamber of Commerce and Chair of their Public Policy Committee; tag! Children's Museum Board; and a former Board Member of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She has worked on budgets, fund raising, etc. She said that she has extensive experience in strategic planning which would be critical to the Commission. She said while with the Legislature she also has experience being an advocate to constituents helping them navigate the overwhelming bureaucracy. She would like to bring her skills and serve the City and help maintain the quality of life.

Commissioner George asked if she would have any conflict of interest.

Ms. Sweeny advised that she did not believe there would be any conflicts, but that she would maybe step away from the Chamber of Public Policy to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest. She said that she is used to wearing multiple hats.

Commissioner George asked Ms. Sweeny if she felt that she would have sufficient time and resources to devote to the position.

Ms. Sweeny said yes. She has an amazing support system, and she understands the time commitment and would make it work.

Vice Mayor Rumrell thanked Ms. Sweeny for applying. He asked what she thought the major issues were for the City.

Ms. Sweeny said infrastructure, stormwater management and flooding are all issues that are not going to go away, and the Commission has to be proactive and put together a long-term plan. She also agreed that balancing the needs of residents with the increased tourism to the County will always be a struggle.

Vice Mayor Rumrell asked if the City received a \$1 million grant for infrastructure, what would she use it for.

Ms. Sweeny said she would look at Master Stormwater Plan to see the greatest need.

Mayor Samora said that Ms. Sweeny has heard the qualifications of the other candidates and he asked what unique characteristics she could bring to the Commission.

Ms. Sweeny replied that she has experience in reading statutes/codes and interpreting policy and she has a proven track record of bringing people together and listening to constituents, so their voices are heard. She hopes to be a representative of her neighbors and be a voice for them.

Commissioner England said that citizen engagement is important as the City thinks about how to deal with some of the issues such as parking, etc. She asked Ms. Sweeny for her recommendation to improve citizen engagement.

Ms. Sweeny advised that she likes the direction the City is going by holding town halls. She also mentioned anything that can be done proactively to seek input such as using surveys and reaching out to media to have the City's message heard.

Commissioner England said that the City has increased its events. She asked Ms. Sweeny her opinion whether the City has enough events or does it need more or less.

Ms. Sweeny said that she feels that the City has a good balance of events, but there could always be more if the budget allows. She said there is a good mix of art and culture that gives the City a unique identity.

Commissioner England asked what she thought about Beach Blast Off this year.

Ms. Sweeny advised that she was out of town during the event but that she has been to past events and enjoyed the fireworks, the food trucks at the pier, and the music.

Mayor Samora thanked Ms. Sweeny and moved on to the final candidate. He asked Ms. Rebecca Thomson to come to the podium.

7. Ms. Rebecca Thomson

Rebecca Thomson, 145 Kings Quarry Lane, St. Augustine Beach, FL, said that she moved here in 2017 after visiting in 2011 and falling in love with the community. She said that her educational background is in communications with an MBA degree focused mainly on political communications. She described her professional background as outlined in her resume (Pages 45-46 of the Agenda Book). She said that in prior years, not included in her resume, she has 10 years of management. She advised that she was a founding board member of the Severe

Asthma Foundation. She later got her interest in public service when living in the California bay area. She loves the City and wants to maintain a wonderful safe community.

Commissioner England asked Ms. Thomson what prompted her to apply.

Ms. Thomson advised that she has more time on hands and has always thought about doing it. She said that for a lot of her life she was too busy but that she still attended and participated in her city in Pennsylvania, but never applied.

Commissioner England asked what her top priority would be.

Ms. Thomson agreed with what Ms. Sweeny said and that she feels very safe in her community and would like to maintain that.

Vice Mayor Rumrell thanked Ms. Thomson for applying. He asked if she is appointed what she would do to help the City be fiscally fit.

Ms. Thomson advised that she would analyze the budget and not overspend and make sure to balance the budget.

Commissioner George asked Ms. Thomson if she would run in November.

Ms. Thomson advised yes because she wants to be a voice for the people.

Commissioner George asked Ms. Thomson what she thought would be the biggest issue for the City in the next five years.

Ms. Thomson said that erosion, infrastructure and maintaining safety.

Mayor Samora asked if she feels that she has stayed current with the events that the Commission is dealing with to be able to step in.

Ms. Thomson said yes. She said that she is a quick study and is willing to do the work.

Mayor Samora said that he is blown away with the quality of the candidates. He moved on to Public Comments and advised that each person would have two minutes to comment and to please state their name and address for the record.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Megan Wall, 108 1st Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, has lived here for 30 years; in favor of Virginia Morgan; she is kind, fun, and great to work with; everyone loves her.

Susan Horowitz, 412 F Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, in favor of Andrea Samuels; best qualified since she has done the job; would like to see a robust election in November; the citizens should get to pick who they want and to not give anyone an advantage.

Roberta Odom, 7 11th Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, remember why the current Commission works so well; any of the candidates would be good; in favor of Beth Sweeny; focused, community-oriented person; served with her on the Chamber of Commerce; will add to the balance and would be an asset.

Dr. Michel Pawlowski, 109 Kings Quarry Lane, St. Augustine Beach, FL, thanked the Commissioners for their service and congratulated the candidates; society is not as stable as it used to be; concerned for police department; wants to increase budget and retain personnel; thanked the Police Department; wants to see recommendations from the Police Department to enhance the budget for retention.

Patrick Canan, 911 Lew Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL, in favor of Virginia Morgan; he's in a unique position because he knows her professionally and personally; she is very prepared and professional; she checks all the boxes and can handle the ups and down of the position.

James Higbee, 665 West Marina Cove Drive, Apt 258, St. Augustine, FL, in favor of Chip McGraw and has worked for him for over 30 years; he is committed and compassionate; created jobs for many and works with developers; has knowledge of the area and the issues with growth; sees him as a friend and mentor; has leadership qualities as well as humility; on the pulse of real estate, business and the surfing community.

Graham McGee, 4020 Grande Vista Boulevard, Apt 126, St. Augustine, FL, in favor of Chip McGraw; he is passionate about the City; has a successful marketing firm; would flourish on the Commission; surfing is a big part of the beach.

Alex Cabezas, 301 View Point Place, St. Augustine, FL, in favor of Chip McGraw; welcoming and friendly person; passionate about the community, surfing, and real estate.

Ann Breslauer, 215 7th Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL, all candidates are impressive; in favor of Andrea Samuels; she can jump right in without having to learn anything new; she agreed with what Ms. Horowitz comments; she wants fresh candidates for November.

Mayor Samora advised that there are no more speaker cards, and he invited anyone else who wanted to speak to come to the podium. Being none, he closed the Public Comments section and asked if there were any further Commissioner questions. Being none, he moved on to Item VI.

VI. SELECTION OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER

Mayor Samora advised that City Clerk Fitzgerald would be handing out a voting sheet.

City Attorney Taylor advised that it was decided to rank three candidates on the form in no particular order. From the first vote, those would be the top three candidates and any candidate that does not receive any votes will not move on to the next round. The second round of votes would be to try to get to the top two candidates, which may rank the candidates. He advised the Commissioners to put their name on their ballot. He advised that he and City Clerk Fitzgerald would then review the ballots.

Mayor Samora thanked everyone and reiterated how impressed he is with the quality of the candidates. He said that he would love to have any one of the candidates continue to serve the City in some capacity.

Commissioner England thanked the candidates and all their supporters.

Commissioner George said that the City received over 50 emails and that says a lot.

City Attorney Taylor advised that he and City Clerk Fitzgerald have tallied the votes. He said that four candidates have received votes:

Round 1 - Chambers 3, Morgan 4, Samuels 1, Sweeny 4

City Attorney Taylor advised that the Commissioners could discuss how to get to the top two candidates. He said that two candidates have received four votes each and you may want them to become your top two candidates. He advised that as long as everything is done publicly it is legal.

Commissioner England advised that she would like to go with the two candidates that had four votes.

City Attorney Taylor advised that the candidates that had four votes each were Virginia Snyder Morgan and Beth Sweeny. He reminded the Commissioners to put their name on their ballots.

City Attorney Taylor advised that he and City Clerk Fitzgerald have tallied the votes from round two.

Round 2 – Morgan 1, Sweeny 3

City attorney Taylor advised that by a vote of 3-1, Beth Sweeny would be the next Commissioner.

Mayor Samora congratulated Ms. Sweeny and thanked all the candidates for applying.

City Manager Royle advised that the City Attorney must swear in the new Commissioner and then she would get her agenda book for the March 7 meeting.

Mayor Samora moved on to Item VII and asked City Attorney Taylor to swear in the new interim Commissioner, Ms. Beth Sweeny.

VII. SWEARING IN OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER BY CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Taylor swore in interim Commissioner Beth Sweeny.

The Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Sweeny.

Mayor Samora reminded the Commissioners of the next meeting on Monday, March 7th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. He moved on to Item VIII and asked for a motion to adjourn.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Mayor Samora adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.



Donald Samora, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dariana Fitzgerald, City Clerk

Candidate Voting Tally Sheet

February 28, 2022

Round 1

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Nicholas Binder		
✓ 2. Allyson Chambers	111	3
3. Chip McGraw		
4. Virginia Snyder Morgan	1111	4
5. Andrea Samuels	1	1
6. Beth Sweeny	1111	4
7. Rebecca Thomson		

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Round 2

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Nicholas Binder		
2. Allyson Chambers		
3. Chip McGraw		
4. Virginia Snyder Morgan	1	1
5. Andrea Samuels		
6. Beth Sweeny	111	3
7. Rebecca Thomson		

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3. Chip McGraw

4. Virginia Snyder Morgan

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4. Virginia Snyder Morgan

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5. Andrea Samuels

6. Beth Sweeny

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Second Vote
Margaret England

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