CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, April 25, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. in the Alcazar Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tracy Upchurch, and the following were present:

1. ROLL CALL:
Tracy Upchurch, Mayor/City Commissioner
Nancy Sikes-Kline, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner
John Valdes, City Commissioner
Barbara Blonder, City Commissioner

Also Present:
John Regan, City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
David Birchim, Assistant City Manager
Mark Simpson, Director, Finance
Todd Grant, Director, Utilities
Reuben Franklin, Director, Public Works
Melissa Wissel, Director, Communications
Jennifer Michaux, Police Chief
Laura Morse, Recording Secretary

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Logan Smith, Student, St. Johns Technical High School, delivered the invocation, and Commissioner Sikes-Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2.A. Modification and Approval of Regular Agenda

(None)

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to approve the Regular Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3.A. Presentation of the 2022 City Commission Citizenship Awards to:

- Leah Crenshaw, Creekside High School
- Margaret Dykstra, Ponte Vedra High School
- Khush Gandhi, Nease High School
- Jose Giron-Reyes, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (Blind Department)
- Jaycob Jackson, St. Augustine High School
- Lauren Jackson, St. Joseph Academy
- Emily Martin-Willott, Pedro Menendez High School
- Logan Smith, St. Johns Technical High School

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS OR FOR AGENDA ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission heard from the following members of the public:

- Gina Jonas
- Jerome Fosaaen
- Trish Becker
- Lisa Lloyd
- Andrea Clark
- Ken McClain
- Susan Jenness
- Mary Cobb
- Aubrey DeSando
- B.J. Kalaidi

Public comment was closed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

John Regan, City Manager, read the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
APRIL 25, 2022

CA.1. Preview of upcoming Commission meetings.

CA.2. THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SECOND READING ON MAY 9, 2022:

(None)

CA.3. Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

- May 9, 2022, 5pm, Regular City Commission Meeting
- May 23, 2022, 3pm, City Commission Special Meeting to review Strategic Plan, Mid-Year Budget Analysis, and CIP
- May 23, 2022, 5pm, Regular City Commission Meeting
- June 13, 2022, 5pm, Regular City Commission Meeting

CA.4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- March 28, 2022, Special City Commission Meeting
- March 28, 2022, Regular City Commission Meeting

CA.5. RELEASES OF LIEN FOR UNIT CONNECTION FEE MORTGAGE(S):

- 114 Grafft Lane - Balakrishna Kalappa

CA.6. PROPOSED PROCLAMATIONS, CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION / RECOGNITION. (COMMISSION APPROVAL REQUIRED). (TO BE READ AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING).

(None)

CA.7. NOTIFICATION OF PROCLAMATIONS / CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION ISSUED:

(None)

CA.8. Second quarter report by the legal department. *(I. Lopez, City Attorney)*

End Consent Agenda

5.A. Additions, deletions, or modifications to Consent Agenda

(None)

5.B. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Valdes.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Horvath, Valdes, Blonder, Sikes-Kline, Upchurch
NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. APPEALS

(None)

7. GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, ITEMS OF GREAT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, AND OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS

<u>7.A.</u> General Public Presentations

<u>7.A.1.</u> Presentation by the St. Johns Community Remembrance Board (SJCRB) and request for placement of the Isaac Barrett lynching marker at the Visitor Information Center (VIC).

Mayor Upchurch reviewed the topic and noted the prior unanimous and conceptual Commission decision in 2019 to place the marker in the Plaza de la Constitucion. He proposed the marker's location at the VIC for the following advantages:

- Protection of the marker from vandalism or theft
- VIC was a highly trafficked location providing a unique snapshot of the City
- VIC by Resolution was designated as a location to tell both St. Augustine and St. John's County history for all peoples

Mayor Upchurch stated if the VIC location was approved, the immediate area would be appropriately beautified to provide a place of dignity. He said the City was a special place and had always and would continue to serve as a spiritual home for the County, and it was an honor to play this role. He continued this issue was voted on years ago, many other things were dealt with in the interim, supporters of the marker had been more than patient, and now was the right time to place the marker at the VIC. He concluded at the appropriate time, a discussion would occur regarding the proposed contextual plaque.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline said when the Resolution was originally passed, it was conducive to the area and the issues at that time. She supported the marker because it loudly said the quiet part of the era of racial lynching in the region, the location was well suited, and she thanked everyone for their patience.

Commissioner Blonder supported the marker's placement, as the location would serve to educate people and engender the difficult conversations necessary to heal and prevent the horrible actions from reoccurring. She stated it was clear Resolution 2009-38 had appropriate verbiage to support the VIC as a location: *"…and the orientation and education of visitors and residents regarding the significant historical resources of St. Augustine and St. Johns County".*

Commissioner Horvath expressed support to place the marker at the VIC.

Commissioner Valdes declared the memorial for Isaac Barrett represented the human condition at its lowest ebb which was still seen today. He said the more we were reminded of this behavior, the better future chance we had as humans to not be who we were, which was the reason he supported keeping the Confederate monument in the Plaza and turning it into a Civil War memorial. He noted the Isaac Barrett marker deserved a place of prominence to tell the ongoing story.

Mayor Upchurch advised the monument information included in the Commissioner's packets was paid for by the Equal Justice Initiative and the language was vetted; however, their proposal to place a contextualization plaque included redundant language to the marker; therefore, he offered the following alternative:[1]

"The lynching of Isaac Barrett did not occur in the City of St. Augustine. He was murdered in Orangedale, over twenty miles

[1] Included with original minutes

to the west of this location. Regardless, both communities are in St. Johns County and as such this event is a part of our history. In order to educate our residents and visitors, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine approved the placement of this marker in this prominent public space on April 25, 2022. It is meant to generate conversations that will help to open new avenues of understanding that will strengthen community bonds and increase inclusiveness among all people."

Mayor Upchurch advised if this language was acceptable, it could be adopted by the Commission so they could move forward; however, if it was unacceptable and could not be amended, he suggested removing the contextual marker and erecting the larger main monument.

There was Commission consensus for the Mayor's proposed language.

FIRST MOTION

Mayor Upchurch MOVED that the language he read, a copy of which was handed to the Clerk, be substituted for the contextual marker. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Sikes-Kline.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Upchurch, Sikes-Kline, Blonder, Horvath, Valdes
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND MOTION

Mayor Upchurch MOVED that the Isaac Barrett monument be placed at the Visitor Information Center in the location indicated in the Commission packet and that the City Manager take necessary steps to beautify the location. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Upchurch, Horvath, Valdes, Blonder, Sikes-Kline
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Upchurch thanked those present regarding the marker, and he said they deserved the credit, they had met many setbacks, and he appreciated their vision, perseverance, and good will.

7.B. Items of Great Public Importance

(None)

7.C. Other Items Requiring Public Hearing

(None)

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

8.A. Ordinances – Second Reading

(None)

8.B. Ordinances – First Reading (only if required by law)

(None)

8.C. Resolutions – Public Hearing (only if required by law)

(None)

9. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - NO PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

9.A. Ordinances – First Reading

(None)

9.B. Resolutions

9.B.1. Resolution 2022-09: Adopts the land and property management guidelines for the City's land and rental properties.

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, reviewed the Resolution and noted the consensus from the April 11th Commission meeting was the categories were commensurate with the Commission's requests; however, there was a request for additional language regarding when the City Manager would bring back a particular parcel for Commission discussion if two or more evaluation factors conflicted and were irreconcilable. She read the language added in subsection 1:

"The City Manager will bring a recommendation for City Commission approval if the City Manager finds that after review of a specific property, two or more evaluation factors are in conflict, cannot be reconciled, and are mutually exclusive."

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2022-09. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

<u>VOTE ON MOTION:</u>
AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Blonder, Valdes, Upchurch
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

<u>9.B.2.</u> Resolution 2022-12: Provides for the execution of a Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City for maintenance and repair of a pedestrian crossway on State Road A1A and Anastasia Boulevard.

Reuben Franklin, Director, Public Works, reviewed the Resolution, stated this was pending for a while, it had been funded, the next step was to approve the Resolution, and FDOT should be constructing this within the year. He displayed a photo example of the Cantilever HAWK push system to be installed at the intersection.[2]

Commissioner Sikes-Kline indicated the Davis Shores neighborhood would be very happy for this installation, as they had waited a long time.

Commissioner Blonder noted this was a great step in the right direction based on the pedestrian deaths that had occurred in the Vilano area and on A1A.

Mayor Upchurch said so many wonderful things were happening on Anastasia Boulevard such as excellent restaurants, fun places, and night life. He suggested this crossway would have a traffic calming effect, make it safer to cross the highway, it was a wonderful improvement, and he thanked Mr. Franklin for his work on the project.

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2022-12. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

<u>VOTE ON MOTION:</u>
AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Valdes, Blonder, Upchurch
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10. STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

<u>10.A.</u> Presentation of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2021 and report from the Audit Committee.

Mark Simpson, Director, Financial Services, reviewed the ACFR and highlighted the following:

- Report divided into introductory, financial, statistical, and compliance sections
- In total, City's balance sheet was $250 million, which was not often seen, and

[2] Attached to original Commission packet

was comprised of governmental, business type, and pension funds

- Encouraged reading the *Management Discussion and Analysis* on page 35 which put numbers into words for easier comprehension and included comments promulgated by the Government Finance Officers Association
- Page 53 was a snapshot of the City's net position in governmental activities which was $25.8 million, business type activities were nearly $126 million, and various restrictions were placed on these assets
- Page 63 showed the General Fund *Budget to Actual* and how the City performed in relation to the Plan; budget for FY 2021 was established in Summer of 2020 during Covid with much uncertainty about revenues
- Nearly all revenue variances, except investment income and $1.5 million in favorable access, were from St. Johns County and were relief from expenditures
- Expenditures came in well due to labor shortages; City was unable to find workers to consistently be fully staffed
- $4.8 million in revenues were in the General Fund

Mayor Upchurch commended Mr. Simpson and City staff, and he said the conservatively managed budget, along with the rebound and County revenues only accelerated the foundation laid by them.

Mr. Simpson stated the fantastic year could not have come at a better time with the Army Corps Study and the affordable housing necessity. He said a copy of the report would be available on the City's website and at the Public Library by the end of the week.

The Commission and Mr. Simpson discussed:

- $1.5 million from County was considered a local grant, since County took on all the funds, spent them on CARES ACT qualified programs, then provided the City with a general fund appropriation
- Increase in General Fund reserve of $4 million was a dream come true
- Potentially would spend $4 million on the Army Corps Study and Affordable Housing since City did not want to use savings to fund ongoing operations, but current revenues to fund current expenditures of future years
- Uniquely positioned to have a fairly large increase in the General Fund balance
- May's Workshop would include a robust discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan and appropriate uses of one-time money windfalls
- Property south of 312 was recently appraised at $1.8 million
- Narrative in the Letter of Transmittal was a great context and summary of the different City-wide objectives planned and in process
- Maintain awareness of City staff's time for funding and project management of ARPA money for next several years
- Fiscal management and development of long-term revenue forecasting model for five years of predicted expenditures and capital outlays was a robust model developed by Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
- Near-term capital plan of five years was timed to keep levelized debt services
- Proud of the vision, strategic plan, and a budget with a five-year plan for payment which many cities did not have
- City took longer future looks as role in resiliency, climate change, and sea level rise was understood, and questioned exploring longer time windows while looking towards the year 2100
- City demographics showed 2022 population at 15,650 with 2027 projected at 20,069 or a 22% increase; therefore, this must factor into planning since past 10 years had a 17% increase (data provided by the Chamber of Commerce and the Office of Economic and Development Research)

- Marina had a banner year due to boating popularity increase during the pandemic as it remained open, and there were no hurricanes
- VIC was significantly hit by the pandemic but had a banner year with parking revenue which reduced some VIC deficit
- Utilities performed as well as expected, with a challenge in the budget season due to inflation adjustments and necessary workforce increases
- Utilities, Stormwater, and Solid Waste funds results were satisfactory
- Pension funds performed stellar with two of them eliminating liabilities and now holding pension assets
- Stock market performed incredibly in 2021

Mr. Simpson introduced Todd Neville, Audit Review Committee member, to discuss the Audit Review Committee Report.

Mr. Neville stated the auditor provided the City with a clean opinion, and audit was absent any high-level items such as difficulties, management disagreements, and fraud. He said there were no significant material adjustments, only clean-up-year-end items for the financial statements, and all prior year findings were cleared. He cited two findings which were inaccurate inventory counts that were discovered to not have been done, and a staff error with receivables that did not agree; however, these did not rise to the level of weakness or significant deficiency.

Mayor Upchurch advised that Mr. Neville recently resigned his position from the Audit Committee; therefore, a vacancy existed which would be noticed for applicants. He said current members were Dominic Scine, CPA, Corey Sakryd, City employee, and himself as Mayor and representative.

Darlene Galambos, City Clerk, reminded the Commission a Resolution was passed with criteria requiring four members on the Audit Review Committee, to include two members from the general public with a strong financial background.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline thanked Mr. Neville for his service to the Committee, she was disheartened to see him go, and she was pleased the audit items found were repairable.

Mayor Upchurch stated Mr. Nevile brought a great perspective as a CPA to the Committee and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Valdes thanked Mr. Neville for his service to the Committee and the City, and he appreciated Mr. Neville's diligence.

MOTION

Mayor Upchurch MOVED to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder.

<u>VOTE ON MOTION:</u>
AYES: Upchurch, Blonder, Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Valdes
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

<u>10.B.</u> Quarterly update for the Public Works and Utilities departments.

Mr. Franklin reviewed the Public Works quarterly update presentation which addressed the FEMA 13 Lift Station Rehabilitation Project, Resilience Program Updates including Projects and Implementation, and West Augustine Gravity Sewer Improvements.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline questioned the recommendation for 20 additional outfalls and whether this was from the stormwater draft, and she was advised by Mr. Franklin that the report had to be finalized, then they could retrofit the outfalls which would return to the Commission.

Commissioner Blonder stated the $26.5 million would enable many things to be done with resiliency. She said the new City website on flood resilience was excellent and had lots of resources for individuals and information to prepare and protect themselves and their property. She noted the website:

www.floodresiliencestaugustine.com

Todd Grant, Director, Utilities, noted the excellent partnership between himself and Mr. Franklin. He distinguished the roles of Utilities and Public Works; Mr. Grant's department was in charge of operations, and Mr. Franklin's was in charge of designing, getting projects built, then turning them over to operations to maintain. He noted the six currently available positions in his department, and he recognized Human Resources for their discovery of the NEOGOV platform which assisted with hiring candidates who sought governmental positions. He said he would present items which addressed the community's projected growth in the next budget, and he reviewed the Sustainability Updates presentation with the following highlighted:

- Tree Canopy Program's success was attributed to the hard work of Mark Hartley, J.B. Miller, and Glabra Skipp
- Residential Compost Bin Program had a tremendous response for the 50 bins
- Earth Day recycling event was successful
- Fats, Oils and Grease Program was important and assisted with sanitary sewer overflows, as prior data showed a significant drop in sanitary sewer overflows reported to the State:
    - Many reports were from the private side
    - New inspector assisted with program enhancement and left behind an informational pamphlet for restaurants
- Business appreciation program regarding sustainable practices would be rolled out by the beginning of the summer
- Last phase of the automatic meter reading had been completed

At the request of Commission Blonder, Mr. Grant stated there was not a way to gauge savings from the compost bins. He noted the average family produced a ton of trash, questioned how much was organic waste, and said the bins cost $50 to $60 dollars each; therefore after 2 to 2-1/2 years the bins paid for themselves, and a reduction would be seen as more compost bins were added. He continued when conducting data analysis on tonnages, the ebbs and flows were seen; however, there was no consistency with the increase and decrease reasons, and the data could not be gauged unless there was a 'pay as you throw', or a weighted system.

Mr. Grant advised Commissioner Blonder that the Mayor's Monarch Pledge was not included since it was not finalized, but they were re-upping the program.

Commissioner Blonder commended the great job that staff was doing, and said the educational outreach was making significant enhancements to the sustainability program.

Mr. Franklin continued with review of the overall status of the Capital Improvement Projects and highlighted the following:

- Robust discussion would take place during the Capital Improvements workshop
- Appendix was included with individual project information sheets and a proposed five-year schedule which displayed completed and new projects coming through the process
- Advertising was taking place for the Downtown Circulator for Route 1 and FDOT committed $750,000 this fiscal year with $1 Million for following years
- Moved forward with the Downtown Improvement District Spanish Street Tolomato lot with finalizing bid package to advertise on the street for construction
- King Street updates were as follows:

- FDOT recently held virtual and public meetings and agreed to the $18 million for corridor improvements which included Cathedral, the section of Cordova between Cathedral and King, and the Bridge of Lions intersection to the San Sebastian Bridge
- FDOT agreement was reimbursable and extended to June 2033 to allow time for public input on the design
- FDOT's fiscal year started in July; therefore, they required a resolution and a reimbursement agreement approved by the Commission in May

Commissioner Sikes-Kline acknowledged the importance and huge news that the City was getting a transit circulator downtown, and she said the great partnership with FDOT was beginning to pay off.

Mayor Upchurch concurred that the circulator would have a dramatic impact, and the State support was fantastic.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline cited the St. Francis Street utility improvements and her belief there was a policy on brick replacement for streets, and if not, she asked to bring a policy forward.

Mr. Regan said there was a brick street policy; however, it had not been read in quite a while and it would be reviewed and updated appropriately.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline cited FDOT's plans for a 10-foot sidewalk on the north and a six-foot sidewalk on the south at the Bridge, and she expressed concern people would prefer to mostly travel on the south side because of the vista, future intended boardwalk, and multiple hotel rooms.

Mr. Franklin noted that staff encouraged a ten-foot sidewalk on the north side; however, for technical reasons the State wanted it on the north side, since the proposed Broudy development existed, and there were improvements to shorten the pedestrian crossing on US1 and King Street. He said staff could address these concerns with FDOT since the plans were only at 60%.

Commissioner Horvath questioned the possibility of having eight feet on each side, since it was valid to address the Broudy property.

Commissioner Blonder stated there should be a bike lane on the Bridge as many commuted from West Augustine to downtown.

Mr. Franklin indicated the City's limited space encouraged creativity, and sharrows would be utilized with a wider sidewalk to accommodate a river to sea loop, which was always compressed through the King Street corridor based on the nature of the City.

Mayor Upchurch expressed satisfaction that City staff was highly sensitive to these topics and urged Mr. Franklin to continue his holistic look at the unique particulars as a community. He questioned who was responsible for the archeology under the San Sebastian once the Bridge was replaced, and he suggested contacting Dr. Andrea White, City Archeologist, regarding the discovery of earlier bridge foundations. He said it was very important for the City to control King Street's destiny since FDOT could not address the concerns, needs, and vision of the corridor. He shared appreciation for Mr. Franklin's hard work with negotiating the best possible agreement with FDOT.

It was Mr. Franklin's understanding the State would review the archeology under the San Sebastian River, but he was unsure of the status and would contact FDOT. He reminded the Commission the City had design input based on the agreement.

Mayor Upchurch clarified the Bridge was FDOT's responsibility, and the concept of conveying and design would get more input from the public. He said they were voting on simply taking ownership.

Mr. Franklin said there were not many people in attendance at the FDOT public hearings, he would inquire about the public support at Commissioner Blonder's request, and it was believed that once the City began conducting its own meetings on the topic, more people would attend.

Commissioner Valdes stated they were building bridges and culverts at Oyster Creek but missing opportunities to address rising sea levels. He continued US1 was a topographical feature and an excellent element to combine into a higher survivability for portions of West Augustine, and it was shameful they were replacing the culvert but not considering floodgate installation which would protect the entire area behind US1. He questioned a floodgate design to protect the upper San Sebastian and said they should look way ahead and not miss an opportunity.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline indicated the Back Bay Feasibility Study served this purpose.

Mr. Regan noted the diligent work on the FDOT agreement and the plan to schedule a richer presentation regarding the ownership transfer at the May 9th meeting, where the Commission could make changes or modifications that could subsequently be brought to the May 23rd meeting. He concluded City staff recommended Commission approval of the ownership transfer.

Mayor Upchurch advised this item should be the only one included on the May 9th agenda.

11. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY

11.A. Quarterly Report: 2nd Quarter FY 2021-2022.

For informational purposes only.

12. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK

12.A. Request for one appointment to the Code Enforcement Adjustment and Appeals Board (CEAAB).

Ms. Galambos reviewed the topic and noted the vacancy was due to the appointment of Brad Beach to the Historic Architecture Review Board. She distributed ballots to the Commission for the following applicants:

- Maciej Aleksander Kalina
- Thomas D. Pierce
- Irvin C. Rubin, PE

Ms. Galambos stated one vote was cast for Mr. Kalina and four for Mr. Rubin; therefore, Mr. Rubin was appointed to the CEAAB, and the ballots would be preserved for the record.

12.B. Request for appointments to fill three term expirations on the Lincolnville Redevelopment Area Steering Committee.

Ms. Galambos reviewed the topic, noted nine applications were received, and she requested three appointments for the term expirations. She distributed ballots to the Commission for the following applicants:

- Mari L. Hayes
- Kevin VanDyke
- Maciej Aleksander Kalina
- Thomas V. Gilboy
- Megan Ginnane
- James St. George
- Nicholas Del Zingaro
- Elizabeth Duncan
- Dalonja Duncan

Ms. Galambos advised that Mari Hayes received five votes, Thomas Gilboy received one vote, James St. George received four votes, Nicholas Del Zingaro received one vote, and Dalonja Duncan received four votes; therefore, the following individuals were appointed to the Lincolnville Redevelopment Area Steering Committee:

- Mari Hayes
- James St. George
- Dalonja Duncan

13. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER

(None)

14. ITEMS BY MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Blonder noted one of the applicants had not supplied the required cover letter, and the Lincolnville CRA did not require a resume in addition to the cover letter. She stated they wanted to encourage good people to apply and volunteer to serve and questioned a way to reach back to those who submitted incomplete applications. She believed the overall approach was inconsistent with recruiting people, she wanted to know as much about the applicants, and she wanted to encourage people to apply.

Ms. Galambos advised that Mr. Pierce submitted an application for another previously open position, but he was unaware it was past the deadline. She continued most applications were updated with clear indication a cover letter and resume were required, and she believed the applicants may have been using an older LCRA application which was predominantly handled by the CRA Coordinator; however, they would ensure the application was updated.

Commissioner Blonder noted a speaker had commented that manatee signs had no impact, and she was concerned with public water safety and wildlife collisions. She asked staff to revisit this topic.

Mr. Regan advised the boating season had arrived, and there was a plan to do a discreet speed study to justify a speed limit creation.

Commissioner Horvath also indicated her concern with this topic.

Commissioner Valdes stated this topic was also on his list, and the problem with speed limit enforcement on the water meant there must be speed limits.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline wished Gina Burrell a happy 90th birthday and noted what a great friend she was to the City.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline agreed with the Mayor's Monarch Butterfly challenge and requested knowing more of staffs' work on the topic at a future meeting.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline proposed a letter from the Mayor to Governor DeSantis supporting SB 518 which clarified the tree trimming bill when a tree specifically posed a clear risk. She said this was supported by the Florida League of Cities; however, there was pushback from the condo associations.

Mayor Upchurch stated if the Florida League of Cities supported the Bill, then he was supportive, and he asked City staff to draft a letter for his signature.

There was Commission discussion regarding the original Commission table and their seating positions:

- Commissioner Sikes-Kline suggested they return to sitting at the large table, since the camera was not capturing the entire Commission
- Commissioner Horvath was amiable to the table; however, she asked the City Manager to verify the status of Covid
- Mayor Upchurch enjoyed the extra space the individual desks afforded and was happy with the current configuration
- Commissioner Valdes was pleased with the current configuration and enjoyed eye contact with his fellow Commissioners

Commissioner Sikes-Kline stated if the current desk arrangement was to remain, then she asked staff to work on a camera configuration which showed the entire Commission in one shot.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.[3]

Tracy Upchurch, MAYOR

Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK

[3] Transcribed by Laura Morse