

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission Workshop
August 20, 2019

The City Commission met in formal session Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 9:14 A.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
Leanna S. A. Freeman, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Nancy Sikes-Kline, City Commissioner
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner
John Valdes, City Commissioner

John Regan, City Manager
Timothy A. Burchfield, Assistant City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
David Birchim, Director, Planning and Building
Jim Piggott, General Services Director
Mark Litzinger, Director, Financial Services
Meredith Breidenstein, Director, Budget & Performance Management
Paul K. Williamson, Director, Public Affairs
Barry Fox, Police Chief
Carlos Aviles, Fire Chief
Mike Cullum, Director, Public Works
Candice Seymour, Recording Secretary

2. General Public Comments

There was discussion and Commission consensus to hold public comment until after the staff presentation and discussion.

3. Presentation of and discussion regarding FY 2020 proposed budget, strategic action items and capital improvement plan.

John Regan, City Manager, and Meredith Breidenstein, Director, Budget and Performance Management gave the presentation.

There was discussion regarding the following subjects:

- Fifty cent rate increase in storm water fees to help match grant funding for storm water funding
- Alcohol permit revenue was included to cover half the cost of two police officers and two solid waste staff.
- Profit from the VIC and CRA used for Mobility and Historic Preservation
- Health insurance rate was stable
- Short-Term rental initiatives were not yet added to budget
- Training programs imbedded in the budget including diversity training
- Debt Service for the budget and comparison with peer cities
- City had large percentage of tax-exempt properties, about 30-32% with a larger percentage of institutional exemptions but a

comparable percentage of
homesteads compared to city
peers

- Desire to see additional paving plan details
- Street flooding
- Replica of Lighting fixtures on the Bridge of Lions
- Front loggia of Alcazar was out of place and there were plans to discuss a removal project
- Approval from the state to coat building with weatherproofing
- Digital meeting packets and new tablets to reduce paper consumption
- Two-hundredth celebration of Florida becoming a State
- Infiltration and Inflow project
- New position for an Environmental Program Specialist

Public comment was opened, and the Commission heard from the following:

- Gina Burrell
- Betty Harms
- B.J. Kalaidi

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the Fifty-cent increase in storm water fees for this fiscal year dropping back to twenty-five cents in subsequent years until the \$7.00 goal was reached. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Horvath and **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

There was a brief discussion regarding future use of the additional funds with a recommendation from Ms. Breidenstein that the funds be held in reserves for future capital projects or addition maintenance.

4. Adjournment

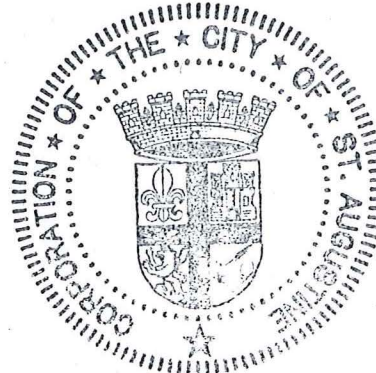
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 P.M.¹



Tracy Upchurch, MAYOR



Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



¹ Transcribed by Candice Seymour