CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, April 24, 2023, at 5:03 P.M. in the Alcazar Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nancy Sikes-Kline, and the following were present:

1. Roll Call: Nancy Sikes-Kline, Mayor/City Commissioner
Roxanne Horvath, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Barbara Blonder, City Commissioner
Cynthia Garris, City Commissioner
Jim Springfield, 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
Reuben Franklin, Director, Public Works
Todd Grant, Director, Utilities
Amy Skinner, Director, Planning and Building
Melissa Wissel, Director, Communications
Jennifer Michaux, Police Chief
Carlos Aviles, Fire Chief
Jaime D. Perkins, Community Redevelopment Agency Manager
Amy Skinner, Planning and Zoning Director
Corey Sakryd, Deputy Director, General Services
Eric Walters, Grant Administration Coordinator
Corey Sakryd, Deputy Director of General Services
Colleen Kuhn, Recording Secretary

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor March, of Living Waters Ministry, delivered the invocation, and Commissioner Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2.A. Modification and Approval of Regular Agenda

John Regan, City Manager requested the removal of Item 8.A.1. from the Regular Agenda.

Commission Blonder requested that Items 9.A.6. and 11.A. be moved to Items 7.B.2. and 7.B.3., immediately following the City Manager presentations.

MOTION

Commissioner Blonder MOVED to approve the Regular Agenda as modified. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

3. Special Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations

3.A. Presentation of the 2023 City Commission Citizenship Awards to:

- Molly Coolican, Bartram Trail High School
- Paige Wilson, Creekside High School
- Bailey Thomas, Florida School of the Deaf and Blind- Blind Department
- Paisley Crook, Florida School of the Deaf and Blind- Deaf Department
- Ava Willets, St. Augustine High School
- LilyRose Heng Yun Sarchie-Casamassima, Tocoi Creek High School
- Nikalas Orleskie, St. Joseph Academy
- Hope Freedman, Ponte Vedra High School
- Rosie Carmichael, Pedro Menendez High School
- Tabitha Gottipati, Nease High School

4. General Public Comments (3 minutes per individual)

The Commission heard from the following members of the public:

- Tara Owen
- Karla Wagner
- John Miller
- Jeff Millhorn (video shown/ archived)
- Lauren Giber
- Jeffrey Leibovitz
- B.J. Kalaidi

Public comment was closed.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Regan read the Consent Agenda.

CA.1. THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SECOND READING ON MAY 8, 2023:

• Ordinance 2023-15

CA.2. Reminder of Upcoming Meetings

• May 8, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Special Meeting
• May 8, 2023, 4:30 p.m. Award Presentation
• May 8, 2023, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
• May 24, 2023, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
• June 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR COMMISSION MEETINGS:

NONE

CA.3. RELEASES OF LIEN FOR UNIT CONNECTION FEE MORTGAGE(S):

• 495 S. Volusia Street - Norita McSwain

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

NONE.

NOTIFICATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION ISSUED:

NONE.

CA.4. 2022 Floodplain Management Plan Annual Progress Report (J. Beach, Chief Resiliency Officer)

CA.5. Second quarter report by the legal department (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

CA.6. Authorization to accept Federal Funding Assistance for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (A. Cuthbert, Assistance Police Chief)

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

Mayor Sikes-Kline requested Item CA.4., the Floodplain Management Plan Annual Progress Report, be presented at a future meeting.

5.B. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Garris and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

6. Appeals

None.

7. General Public Presentations, Items of Great Public Importance, and Other Items Requiring Public Hearings

7.A. General Public Presentations

None.

7.B. Items of Great Public Importance

7.B.1. City Manager Applications (15 Minutes Each) (N. Sikes-Kline, Mayor)

Mayor Sikes-Kline introduced the candidates and confirmed each would have 15 minutes for their presentation.

Todd Grant, Utilities Department Director, shared that he had met Mr. Regan through Leadership St. John's. He said he views the City Manager as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), responsible to elected officials, residents, businesses, and organizational operations. He discussed water and sewer services, staffing, customer service, and infrastructure.

Mr. Grant reviewed his presentation highlighting the following:

Major issues:
- Homelessness
- Affordable housing
- Short-term rentals
- Sea level rise
- Natural disasters
- Congestion
- Historic preservation
- Infrastructure
- Hiring and retaining City staff

First 90-days:
- Individual meetings with senior staff
- Team building
- Request for Qualifications (RFQ)/ organizational and management analysis

First year:
- Organizational and management analysis completed

Reuben Franklin, Public Works Director, thanked Mr. Regan for his leadership and mentoring. He shared that he had been with the City for 13 years and had over 17 years of experience in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He said effective communication and trust were important to him.

Mr. Franklin reviewed his presentation highlighting the following:

Major issues:
- Resiliency and Historic Preservation
- Affordable Housing
- Homelessness
- Mobility
- Development and Growth

First 90-days internal and external goals:
- Meet individually with Directors
- Meet with department staff
- Begin to develop the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2024 Budget
- Offer to meet with Neighborhood Associations and host an Open House event
- Meet with community stakeholders

- Listen and learn

First year internal and external goals:
- Work with Directors on their vision for departments
- Provide the Commission with a plan to address homelessness
- Continue to move infrastructure projects forward
- Maintain an open and transparent process for City initiatives and activities
- Continue to meet with stakeholders
- Continue to listen and learn

David Birchim, Assistant City Manager, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present. He reviewed his presentation highlighting the following:

First 90-days meetings and organizational updates:
- City Commissioners
- Residents, business and property owners
- City Directors
- Employees; confidential one-on-one
- County administration
- Neighborhood Council Coordinator and other private organizations
- County administration, business, and civic organizations
- Make Information Technology its own Department
- Fill Assistant City Manager position; advancement opportunity
- Add Deputy Director in Utilities
- Create a Neighborhood Services Division; incorporate and perhaps expand Community Redevelopment Agency
- Create Environmental Services Group

First year challenges and institutional updates:
- Protect core functions of the City
- Protect quality of life for residents
- Advance major initiatives
  - Environmental protection
  - Homelessness
  - Mobiity
  - Affordable housing
  - Replace Fire Station
  - Historic preservation
- Explore flexibility in employee compensation packages
- Improve work at home options
- Improve workforce diversity efforts

Mayor Sikes-Kline confirmed that a hiring decision would be made at the May 8th Commission Meeting.

7.B.2 Ordinance 2023-15: Clarifying the residency requirements of the City Manager (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, said the language regarding residency under Ordinance 2023-15 needed to be clarified. She suggested the Commission could require residency within the County, with the ability to require residency within City limits in the future.

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Ordinance 2023-15 on first reading, move to second reading, and be read by title only. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Sikes-Kline and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Commissioner Blonder felt the City Manager should experience living near the City. She suggested the residency requirement be within five miles of the City of St. Augustine boundaries.

Commissioners Springfield and Horvath supported living within a certain distance of the City limits.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she would like to see distances on a map before making the decision.

Ms. Lopez suggested that City Hall be the specified point for measuring distance. She said she would draft language requiring residency within five, seven, or ten miles of City Hall for the Commission's consideration.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 4, SECTION 4.10 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE CLARIFYING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Horvath, Sikes-Kline, Garris, Springfield, Blonder
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7.B.3. City Manager Employment Contract Template *(I. Lopez, City Attorney)*

Ms. Lopez reviewed the City Manager Employment Contract template. She shared that changes were based on statutory language updates and City life insurance requirements.

Commissioner Springfield said he was concerned the proposed Template did not allow for negotiation.

Ms. Lopez said much of the flexibility to negotiate was taken away by State Statute.

Mayor Sikes-Kline confirmed the Contract would need to be in place by May 22nd and suggested the Commission table the Employment Contract discussion until the next scheduled meeting.

The Commission and staff continued to discuss the proposed Employment Contract. The Commission agreed not to act on the Item during the meeting.

7.C. Other Items Requiring Public Hearing

7.C.1. Community Development Block Grant for Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County (E. Walters, Grant Administration Coordinator)

Eric Walters, Grant Administration Coordinator, opened the discussion on Resolution 2023-07, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). He advised the Commission that the median income was obtained through census.gov and was based on St. John's County information. He noted that funds could be used to purchase property, however; an upcoming CDBG for Disaster Recover may be a better option. He stated the City would apply for $247,365 in housing rehabilitation funds to support local emergency services and homeless coalitions in St. Johns County.

Mr. Walters introduced Debbie Redding to share information on a possible CDBG Project.

Debi Redding, Executive Director of the Homeless Coalition for St. Johns County, shared that the Coalition operated as a non-profit providing affordable housing and supportive services for homeless families. She stated the Coalition owned 23 single family homes, with 21 of those located in the City limits. She said there were currently 78 residents, including 46 children living on the five-acre campus. She said the Coalition could use CDBG funds to preserve and refurbish nine homes and create nine concrete parking pads for residents.

Public hearing was opened, and Commissioners heard comments from the following member of the public:

- Vicki Pepper

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Resolution 2023-07 on second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Garris.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Horvath, Garris, Springfield, Blonder, Sikes-Kline
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Sikes-Kline called for a ten-minute break at 7:08 p.m. She reopened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

8. Ordinances and Resolutions – Public Hearing Required.

8.A. Ordinances – Second Reading

8.A.1. Ordinance 2023-09: Retiree Cost of Living Allowance (G. Johnson, Deputy Finance Director)

Item Administratively Removed Under Item 2.A.

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

9.A.1. Ordinance 2023-10: Annexation of Approximately 14.79 acres of land South of the existing Shipyards Project, East of Arapaho Avenue and North and West of the San Sebastian River (A. Skinner, Planning and Building Director)

Amy Skinner, Planning and Zoning Director reviewed Ordinances 2023-10, 2023-11, 2023-12, 2023-13, 2023-14 and shared maps that outlined the fifteen-acre property. She said requests were heard by the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) and they recommended the land use changes. She noted the PZB requested sidewalks on both sides of the streets.

Commissioner Blonder asked if the Project would be higher or lower density than allowed by the County.

Ms. Skinner said the Project would be lower density and would include approximately four units per acre.

Stefan Johansson, CEO of the Windward Marina Group, thanked the City Manager, staff, Commissioners, and others for working with them on this project. He noted the site would be out of a 500-year floodplain so flood insurance would not be needed, and the community would be walkable and sustainable.

Ellen Avery-Smith, Rodgers Towers, showed slides of the Project and said most of the annexed land would be used for single family units.

Commissioner Blonder asked if the .15 acres of onsite wetlands would be mitigated. She requested native plants be used, and that the impervious surface ratio called for in Ordinance 2021-26 be voluntarily imposed.

Ms. Avery-Smith confirmed the wetlands had been mitigated. She said they would review Ordinance 2021-26 before the 2nd reading.

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Ordinance 2023-10 on first reading, move to second reading, and

be read by title only. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 14.79 ACRES OF PROPERTY NOW LOCATED IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING SOUTH OF THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT REFERRED TO AS THE SHIPYARDS, EAST OF ARAPAHO AVENUE, NORTH AND WEST OF THE SAN SEBASTIAN RIVER AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 1.04 OF THE CHARTER LAWS OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF A COPY HEREOF WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AND WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Springfield, Horvath, Garris, Blonder, Sikes-Kline
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.A.2. Ordinance 2023-11: Amending Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 5,076 square feet from St. Johns County Mixed-Use District to City Residential Medium Use as part of the annexation to be incorporated into the Shipyards Project (A. Skinner, Planning and Building Director)

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Ordinance 2023-11 on first reading, move to second reading, and be read by title only. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 5,076 SQUARE FEET OF PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF ARAPAHO AVENUE AS A PORTION OF THE M. SOLANA GRANT WITHIN THE SHIPYARDS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, FROM ITS CURRENT DESIGNATION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY MIXED-USE DISTRICT TO A CITY DESIGNATION OF RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY MIXED USE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Horvath, Springfield, Blonder, Garris, Sikes-Kline
NAYES: None
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.A.3. Ordinance 2023-12: Amending the Zoning Category of Approximately 5,076 square feet from St. Johns County Open Rural (OR) to City Residential General Office (RGO) as part of the annexation to be incorporated into the Shipyards Project (A. Skinner, Planning and Building, Director)

MOTION

Commissioner Garris MOVED to pass Ordinance 2023-12 on first reading,

move to second reading, and be read by title only. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA REZONING APPROXIMATELY 5,076 SQUARE FEET OF PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF ARAPAHO AVENUE AS A PORTION OF THE M. SOLANA GRANT WITHIN THE SHIPYARDS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, FROM ITS CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY OPEN RURAL (OR) TO THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL GENERAL OFFICE (RGO); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

<u>9.A.4.</u> Ordinance 2023-13: Amending the Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 13.70 acres from St. Johns County Mixed-Use District and City Residential Medium Density Mixed Use to City Residential Low Density as part of the annexation to be incorporated into the Shipyards Project (A. Skinner, Planning and Building, Director)

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Ordinance 2023-13 on first reading, move to second reading, and be read by title only. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 13.70 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF ARAPAHO AVENUE AS A PORTION OF THE M. SOLANA GRANT WITHIN THE SHIPYARDS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, FROM ITS CURRENT DESIGNATION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY MIXED-USE DISTRICT AND CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY MIXED USE TO A CITY DESIGNATION OF RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

<u>9.A.5.</u> Ordinance 2023-14: Amending the Zoning Category of Approximately 13.70 acres from St. Johns County Open Rural (OR) and City Residential General Office (RGO) to City Planned Unit Development (PUD) as part of the annexation to be incorporated into the Shipyards Project *(A. Skinner, Planning and Building, Director)*

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Ordinance 2023-14 on first reading, move to second reading, and be read by title only. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA REZONING APPROXIMATELY 13.70 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF ARAPAHO AVENUE AS A PORTION OF THE M. SOLANA GRANT WITHIN THE SHIPYARDS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, FROM ITS CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY OPEN RURAL (OR) AND CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE RESIDENTIAL GENERAL OFFICE (RGO) TO THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE CLASSIFICATION OF PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

<u>9.A.6.</u> Ordinance 2023-15: Clarifying the residency requirements of the City Manager (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

<u>Item moved to 7.B.2. of the Regular Agenda</u>

<u>9.B.</u> Resolutions

<u>9.B.1.</u> Resolution 2023-08: 515 Arricola Avenue regarding the City Flood Mitigation Grant Program *(J. Beach, Chief Resiliency Officer, and R. Schauland, Jr., Planning and Building Department)*

Richard Schauland, Jr., Building Official and Floodplain Administrator, Planning and Building Department, reviewed Resolution 2023-08. He explained this was an annual grant that helped property owners mitigate flooding and allowed for the following activities:

1) Mitigation reconstruction
2) Elevation of existing structure
3) Acquisition by the City (this activity was not being pursued)

Mr. Schauland reviewed the possible award amounts and property owner cost shares. He said the State was the Applicant and the City was the Sub Applicant. He shared that in 2020, the City had submitted grants for two properties, one of which was awarded. He noted that after that process, staff determined it would be beneficial to contract with a company that specialized in this type of grant application and management. He requested that the Commission approve the City Manager to take all administrative actions pursuant to the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program. He asked the Commission to approve Administrative Fees of $14,000, which were not included in the original application, and would pay for the Contractor to manage the 2020 grant.

Commission Blonder wondered whether there would be an issue for the City based on the delay in receiving grant reimbursements from the State.

Jessica Beach, Chief Resiliency Officer provided some cost estimates and said during the last grant cycle, there were about 62 eligible properties.

MOTION

Commissioner Blonder MOVED to pass Resolution 2022-08. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

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

<u>9.B.2.</u> Resolution 2023-09: Support of Ingraham House's Rehabilitation and

Restoration Grant *(B. Blonder, Commissioner)*

Commissioner Blonder reviewed Resolution 2023-09.

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Resolution 2022-09. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

10. Staff Reports and Presentations

<u>10.A.</u> Discussion of Potential Acquisition of 5 South Street *(R. Franklin, Public Works Director)*

Ruben Franklin, Public Works Director, led a discussion on the acquisition of 5 South Street for the Lake Maria Flood Mitigation Project. He reviewed a Project map with the Commission and said the property appraisal came in at $1,150,000. He noted the home would be demolished and a Pocket Park would be developed and named for the Connor family.

Mr. Franklin requested the Commission's approval to purchase the property for the not to exceed appraisal price and any incidental costs associated with acquisition. He said the purchase would be contingent upon obtaining a Warranty Deed, Title, and Survey.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to approve the purchase of the property as requested using funds from Unrestricted Reserves. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder.

Mr. Regan said appraisal work was being done on three other properties that may be part of the Project.

11. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY

<u>11.A.</u> City Manager Employment Contract Template (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

<u>Item Moved to 7.B.3. of the Regular Agenda.</u>

12. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK

None.

13. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER

Mr. Regan shared that he and Mayor Sikes-Kline had been working on the Unsafe Structures and Vacation Rental Bills. He said there were some friendly amendments offered, but nothing was scheduled for the House Floor yet.

14. Items by Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she would report on her recent trip to Spain during a subsequent meeting.

Commissioner Garris asked that an assessment be completed to determine if a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) could be added for West Augustine. She said she was concerned about Florida Avenue.

Mr. Regan said that staff would schedule a presentation at a future Commission meeting to discuss how to move forward with the CRA request.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.[1]

Nancy Sikes-Kline, MAYOR

Darlene Galambos

Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK

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[1] Transcribed by Colleen Kuhn