

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting Monday, June 24, 2024

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, June 24, 2024, at 5:00 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
Cynthia Garris, City Commissioner
Jim Springfield, City Commissioner

Absent: Barbara Blonder, City Commissioner

Also Present: David Birchim, City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager
Amy Skinner, Director, Planning and Building
Corey Sakryd, Director, General Services
Melissa Wissel, Director, Communications
Richard 'Buddy' Schauland, City Building Official
Jennifer Michaux, Police Chief
Elyse Wiemann, Recording Secretary

MOMENT of SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sikes-Kline requested a moment of silence, and Commissioner Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2.A. Modification and Approval of Regular Agenda

David Birchim, City Manager, said item 8.A.1 Ordinance 2024-05, Updating and Amending the City Parking Code, had been reviewed by City staff and changes were made based on the suggestions from the Commission and the community. He said since those changes were made, it might be best not to consider it at this meeting. He said it was ultimately up to the

Board and he provided four options which were as follows:

- Have the hearing as scheduled
- Remove it from the agenda and have the hearing in July providing more time for public outreach
- Remand it back to the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) for consideration and recommendation
- Remove it from the agenda and delay it indefinitely

Mayor Sikes-Kline stated she was in favor of option four, delaying the ordinance indefinitely.

Commissioner Springfield suggested hearing the comments from the public, but agreed the ordinance should be delayed indefinitely.

Commissioner Horvath suggested remanding the ordinance back to the Planning and Zoning Board for a recommendation.

Commissioner Garris agreed it should be delayed indefinitely; however, thought the Commission should hear the concerns of the public.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said the public could speak during public comment and their concerns could be heard.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to indefinitely not reschedule Ordinance 2024-05. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Springfield, Garris,

NAYES: Horvath

MOTION APPROVED 3/1

Commissioner Horvath said she preferred the ordinance to be remanded to the PZB.

Commissioner Springfield asked if it was possible for staff to rewrite the ordinance and have the PZB for a recommendation.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said yes it could, but according to the vote the ordinance had been removed from the agenda and indefinitely delayed.

MOTION

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

3. Special Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations

- **Proclamation 2024-24: Proclaims 26, 2024 as Greek Landing Day in the**

City of St. Augustine. (N. Sikes-Kline)

4. General Public Comments (3 minutes per individual)

The Commission heard from the following members of the public:

- Ali Burchfield
- Rita Coates
- Stacey
- Judy Glazebrook
- Andrew Shoemaker
- Melinda Rakoncaj
- Leslee Keys
- Chris Fulmer
- Robin Thomas
- BJ Kalaidi

5. Consent Agenda

David Birchim, City Manager, read the Consent Agenda.

CA.1. Preview of upcoming Commission meetings.

CA.2. THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SECOND READING ON DATE: NONE

CA.3. Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

- JULY 8, 2024, 3:00pm, Special City Commission Meeting (Budget Assumptions)
- JULY 8, 2024, 5:00pm, Regular City Commission Meeting
- JULY 22, 2024, 5:00pm, Regular City Commission Meeting
- AUGUST 12, 2024, 5:00pm, Regular City Commission Meeting

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

- MAY 13, 2024 –Regular City Commission Meeting

CA.5. RELEASES OF LIEN FOR UNIT CONNECTION FEE MORTGAGE(S): NONE.

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. May 31, 2024, Financial Update. (N. Hall, Deputy Director of Finance)

End Consent Agenda

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

(None)

5.B. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Sikes-Kline 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

7.A.1. VCB Tourism Update. (M. Wissel, Director Communications)

Melissa Wissel Communication Director introduced Susan Philips, CEO and President of the St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB) who provided a brief presentation regarding tourism.

Susan Philips provided an overview of the tourism in St. Johns County and how the money collected through tourism was used, in addition to their current advertising campaign.

7.A.2. Letter of Support Request for Pena-Peck House National Historic Landmark Designation Letter of Inquiry. (J. Courtney, Historic Preservation Officer)

Julie Courtney Historic Preservation Officer explained the Women's Exchange desired to pursue a National Historic Landmark designation for the Pena-Peck House. She said Paul Weaver, Historic Consultant, was working with the Women's Exchange to assist them with the process. She said the first step in the process was to submit a letter of inquiry to the National Park Service. She said support was being requested since the City owned the property. She noted Brook Gast, President, and Paul Weaver were present to answer any questions regarding the pursuit of the National Historic Landmark designation.

Brook Gast President of the Women's Exchange requested the support of the Commission to being the process to make the Pena-Peck House a National Historic Landmark.

Paul Weaver provided a short presentation about the property and its historical significance. He said this designation was important for national recognition and it could assist with future funding.

Discussion:

- Felt this designation was overdue and thought it was important
- Asked about the timeline and future steps
- Would be beneficial to the City and it should be recognized for all the people it helped

- Was in capable hands and felt the house was worth of National Landmark Designation

Mr. Weaver replied that the initial process would last between two to three months; however, the whole process would most likely take about a year.

Ms. Gast encouraged everyone to stop by for a tour.

Mayor Sikes-Kline advised she was willing to accompany them to the hearing in Tallahassee, Florida on behalf of the Commissioners and the City to support the application.

Mr. Weaver noted he would keep the Commission updated on the progress through Ms. Courtney and Mr. Birchim

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to APPROVE the Letter of Support for the Pena-Peck House, National Historic Landmark Designation. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Sikes-Kline and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

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

8.A.1. Ordinance 2024-05: Updating and Amending the Parking Code for the City of St. Augustine. (A. Skinner, Planning and Building)

See motion under item 2 (a).

8.A.2. Ordinance 2024-18: Extends the non-exclusive natural gas franchise agreement between Peoples Gas System and the City. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, presented Ordinance 2024-18.

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

- BJ Kalaidi

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-18 on second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

NATURAL GAS
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO USE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SAID FRANCHISE MAY BE EXERCISED; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Springfield, Garris, Horvath

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8.A.3. Ordinance 2024-19: Amends Chapter 28 of the City Zoning Code to add a definition of a Resiliency Facility and to add a defined Resiliency Facility as a permitted use by exception in the CM-2 and IW zoning districts. (A. Skinner, Director Planning and Building)

Amy Skinner, Planning and Building Director presented Ordinance 2024-19.

Public hearing was opened; however, there was no response.

Commissioner Springfield complemented Commissioner Blonder for identifying this as it was very important.

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-19 on second reading by title only. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 28-2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR "RESILIENCY FACILITY"; TO AMEND SECTION 28-209 COMMERCIAL MEDIUM-TWO (CM-2) ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE RESILIENCY FACILITY AS A PERMITTED USE BY EXCEPTION; TO AMEND SECTION 28-226 INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING (IW) ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE RESILIENCY FACILITY AS A PERMITTED USE BY EXCEPTION; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CHAPTER 28, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Springfield, Horvath, Garris, Sikes-Kline

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8.A.4. Ordinance 2024-20: Amends the Police Officer Retirement System pension plan regarding investment of assets. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, presented Ordinance 2024-20.

Public hearing was opened; however, there was no response.

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-20 on second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 20-225 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE REGARDING INVESTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM ASSETS FOR THE ST. AUGUSTINE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM; 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, Springfield, Garris, Sikes-Kline

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8.A.5. Ordinance 2024-21: Amends the Police Officers Retirement System pension plan to provide for the

**restoration of forfeited credited service.
(I. Lopez, City Attorney)**

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, presented Ordinance 2024-21.

Public hearing was opened; however, there was no response.

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-21 on second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 20-226 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO PROVIDE FOR RESTORATION OF FORFEITED CREDITED SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Springfield, Horvath, Garris, Sikes-Kline

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8.A.6. Ordinance 2024-22: Amends the Police Officers Retirement System regarding the allocation of the Share Plan. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, presented Ordinance 2024-22.

Public hearing was opened; however, there was no response.

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-22 on second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 20-236 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO CLARIFY AND ESTABLISH THE DETAILS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHARE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Horvath, Springfield, Garris, Sikes-Kline

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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 2024-23: Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes. (I. Lopez, City Attorney or A. Owen, Assistant City Attorney)

April Owen, Assistant City Attorney reviewed the Ordinance.

Commissioner Horvath felt the simpler the better. She recommended implementing the \$100 fine. She stated education regarding the ordinance was important and letting individuals and commercial entities know.

Ms. Owen noted it was recommended that training or education be done; however, it was not required under this ordinance.

Ms. Lopez noted that at the request of Mr. Birchim, Ms. Wissel would put out an educational campaign to inform the public. She said by the second reading there would be information showing the educational campaign material. She said there was an online class that commercial companies could take, but the City would provide the information through News and Notes and on the website.

Commissioner Garris asked if there would be signs posted noting the fines.

Ms. Lopez said that would be difficult as the ordinance applied citywide.

Ms. Owen noted in the model ordinance, the training course was identified.

Commissioner Springfield asked how this would be monitored.

Ms. Owen said the St. Augustine Police Department would be the one enforcing the ordinance.

Ms. Lopez commented that it would be the Police Department or Code Enforcement that could be trained to issue civil citations.

Commissioner Springfield said he was in support of this; however, the times when fertilizing was not allowed were during a storm and that was not a time when the police nor code enforcement would be available. He said he understood Code Enforcement was complaint driven but thought it would be difficult to monitor it.

Mr. Birchim noted this would be more beneficial through the education campaign than through the enforcement.

Mayor Sikes-Kline agreed the value was in the education campaign and people would participate as it was the right thing to do. She also agreed the lighter touch the better.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-23 on first reading and moved to second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, read the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA CREATING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE I, SECTION 11-2 RELATING TO REGULATION OF FERTILIZER; ADOPTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S MODEL ORDINANCE FOR FLORIDA-FRIENDLY FERTILIZER USE FOR URBAN LANDSCAPES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Garris, Springfield

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.B. Resolutions

9.B.1. Resolution 2024-22: Updates the expiration date of the CDBG grant for St. Francis Crisis Shelter. (A. Foschaar, Grants Administration Coordinator)

Amber Foschaar Grants Administration Coordinator reviewed the Resolution.

MOTION

Commissioner Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2024-22. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Garris, Springfield

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Staff Reports and Presentations

10.A. Presentation for the FDOT Seawall Replacement Project-Commission Input. (J. Beach, Chief Resilience Officer)

Jamie Driggers' representative for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided a brief overview of the Seawall Replacement Project. He reviewed the different options for the viewing platform at Gibbs Park and requested feedback regarding the different options.

Discussion:

- In support of removing the platform, however, liked the elevated sidewalk to provide a better the view of the water
- Thought the platform was a maintenance problem and an issue for staff
- Felt the raised wall ramp was a barrier and was in support of not having the platform
- Liked the wall for the security factor as the chains currently broke often and it were difficult to maintain
- Walls could provide a level of security from hurricanes and water
- Was more concerned about safety instead of seeing the water

- In support of the construction taking place from the waterside and would cause less of a disruption
- Questioned when this project would be underway
- Looked forward to another successful partnership with FDOT

Mr. Driggers advised that bids would take place in September 2025 and construction could start in 2026.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to APPROVE the maintenance agreement and the landscape partnership and the removal of the event platform moving forward. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Springfield, Garris, Horvath

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10.B. Report on 11 Bridge Street Demolition. (R. Schauland, City Building Official)

David Birchim introduced Richard "Buddy" Schauland, Building Official for the City.

Richard 'Buddy' Schauland provided a brief overview of the Building Codes and Emergency Demolition criteria. He provided history on building codes, qualifications for a building inspector, and specific information regarding 11 Bridge Street.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said that was a very unfortunate circumstance.

There was a brief discussion regarding 11 Bridge Street and Mayor Sikes-Kline asked a variety of questions from the community.

Mr. Schauland replied that he was unaware if any architectural materials were salvaged; however, it was stated in the

permit to salvage any items if possible. He said to mitigate asbestos for all demolitions, water had to be onsite although this demolition was done on a Saturday and he nor any City staff was available. He said from his understanding, there was a tenant that lived in the garage apartment, but he did not believe he would have been on the property at that time. He said he was unaware someone was living on the property until after the demolition took place.

Mayor Sikes-Kline requested in the future that similar situations should be resolved prior to demolition as that could have been dangerous. She asked if the house had been inspected.

Mr. Schauland said he inspected the home from the outside. He noted that a second opinion on an engineer's report was not always sought when he was able to determine that the report was accurate, and he used his construction background and experience. He said if a report was vague or lacked specific information then a second report would be requested. He noted there had been a discussion between the City's Historic Preservation Officer, Julie Courtney, and the City's Archologist, Dr. Andrea White prior to the permit being issued.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked what the maintenance provision was in the City code. She asked what could be done to make the ordinance stronger moving forward.

Mr. Schauland said an issue with the International Property Maintenance Code was the home had to be viewed in a public way, unless the owner provides access to the inside of the structure. He said the International Property Maintenance Code was used a lot and majority of owners came into compliance.

Commissioner Horvath felt it was strange there was a zoning request change a few years prior and now there was no longer a

building. She thought the owners could have notified the City that the demolition would take place on a certain date and time and someone from the City should have been onsite.

Mr. Birchim noted there could be something established to ensure that would not happen in the future.

Commissioner Springfield asked if streets were blocked.

Mr. Schauland replied in the affirmative, noting a right-of-way permit was required.

Mr. Birchim said moving forward demolitions could be required to take place during business hours in order for staff to be in attendance.

Commissioner Garris said there had been numerous emails from the public with many concerns. She said for a home built in the 1800's, the Historic Architecture Review Board (HARB) should have been involved and a second opinion should have been provided to ensure landmarks were not destroyed.

Mayor Sikes-Kline noted that any new structure built on the property would have to abide by the HARB guidelines. She said emergency demolitions under any circumstance were never good, but they had to be good stewards of historic properties and resources. She said there was an entire section in the Historic Master Plan on how to help people maintain historic properties.

Mr. Birchim said currently the City was trying to maintain the integrity of historic structures with programs such as the Fit-It-Up program for residents that lived in the Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA). He said these were residents that were limited financially and most vulnerable if code enforcement action were to be taken. He said grants were provided to help repair their homes. He said this program would also be implemented in the West City CRA

Plan. He said there was a historic preservation property tax exemption program available for anyone City wide to invest in their property and a tax abatement could be applied to the property for ten years for both the City and County. He said the Master Plan considered more flexible uses for historic properties, which would be an incentive to help maintain historic properties. He said a mitigation bank could be in place so that if a historic structure were demolished a penalty could be assessed to the owner. He stated those monies would be used to fund future grants or renovations for historic properties. He noted the Mayor had intended to add to the budget process that would help with the renovation and relocation of historic properties

Mr. Birchim said regarding 11 Bridge Street, if the Code Enforcement officers or the Building Official saw a violation of the International Property Maintenance Code and a case were opened against the owner, a fee of \$250 a day fine could be applied, or a period of time could be granted to fix the home. He said State law capped a fee of \$5000 that could be applied if the building were demolished without a permit. He noted the incentive route was preferred by the City instead of punishment. He said the City Commission had the ability to purchase the property if an emergency demolition was applied for.

Mayor Sikes-Kline suggested remanding the section back to HARB and seeing if there were recommendations that could be made to increase the criteria in the Code. She requested a list of structures that were in imminent danger or ones that could endanger life or other properties to understand what could be done moving forward.

11. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY

11.A. Madeira CDD proposed budget and budget schedule for informational purposes only. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez City Attorney said the Madeira budget was provided as information only unless the Commission had comments.

12. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK

12.A. Notification of one (1) Planning & Zoning Board (PZB) vacancy. (D. Galambos, City Clerk)

Darlene Galambos, the City Clerk advised there was one vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board as Jon DePreter had resigned. She said this would be to fill his unexpired term. She said the position would be advised as required.

13. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER

David Birchim City Manager informed the public that the FDOT was scheduled to start construction on King Street Bridge in the summer of 2024; however, it was delayed until the summer of 2025. He said this information would be provided on social media platforms.

Commissioner Horvath asked if the City had finished installing the water pipe.

Mr. Birchim replied that the City water main would be installed prior to the start of the construction of the bridge.

Mr. Birchim informed the Commission that City Hall would be closed on Friday, July 5th, to enjoy the fireworks and 4th of July celebration. He said shuttles would be in place for the July 4th celebration.

14. Items by Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Garris spoke in regard to the concerns mentioned by Mr. Shoemaker during public comment related to the yellow curbs in his neighborhood. She stated she wanted his issue to be addressed. She thanked those citizens who voiced their concerns regarding 11 Bridge Street, and thanked

Susan Philips for the presentation on tourism.

Mayor Sikes-Kline reiterated there were a lot of community activists that were concerned about our historic resources which was excellent. She said those concerns were shared by everyone and taken into consideration.

Commissioner Springfield congratulated Commissioner Blonder and Mayor Sikes-Kline for winning the election and being able to serve another term. He asked the City Clerk to select the order of presentations for the West City CRA interviews. He thanked the staff for their work on the parking ordinance even though it was not continued. He said they were unsure this would be beneficial to businesses and residents as there had been many concerns from the public. He requested that a process be established for public comment to ensure that speakers knew the requirements for speaking as this could be a friendly reminder.

Commissioner Horvath said the comments she heard were not that citizens did not want changes to the parking code; they did not want it right now due to lack of parking structures.

Mr. Birchim said the ordinance was not advanced to the second reading. He said it was not denied and the Commission had the authority if and when to bring it forward again.

Mayor Sikes-Kline clarified the intent was to continue it indefinitely. She said if it were to come before them again, she would want it to start over completely.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.¹



Nancy Sikes-Kline, MAYOR



Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



¹ Transcribed by Elyse Wiemann