CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, October 14, 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
Barbara Blonder, City Commissioner
Cynthia Garris, City Commissioner
Jim Springfield, 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
Stephen Slaughter, Director, Public Works & Utilities
Amy Skinner, Director, Planning and Building
Melissa Wissel, Director, Communications
Jaime D. Perkins, Manager Neighborhood Services & Community Redevelopment Agency
Corey Sakryd, Director, General Services
Amber Foschaar, Grants Administrative Coordinator
Eric Mauldin, Harbor Master, Marina
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

Mayor Sikes-Kline requested that the Certificate of Recognition be changed to a proclamation. She said this would need to be preapproved prior to being added to the agenda.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to substitute the Certificate of Recognition for a Proclamation for the St. Augustine Lighthouse. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Birchim requested that Resolution 2024-40 be added to the agenda as item 9.B.5. He said the resolution was in support of a grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) which would help pay for the cost from storm damage to the Municipal Marina.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED the two items, the Proclamation and Resolution 2024-40, be modified to the agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Garris and and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

MOTION

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

3. Special Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations

3.A ~~Certificate of Recognition~~ Proclamation: 2024-33 celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the St. Augustine Lighthouse. (N. Sikes-Kline, Mayor)

3.B. Proclamation 2024-27: Proclaims the month of October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (R. Horvath, Vice Mayor)

4. General Public Comments (3 minutes per individual)

The Commission heard from the following members of the public:

- Carla Young
- Scott York
- Paul Hammel
- Charles Pappas
- 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: OCTOBER 28, 2024

•Ordinance 2024-31: Amends the terms of members of the Board of Trustees of the St. Augustine Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund.
•Ordinance 2024-32: Clarifies the enforcement of public encampment regulations to conform with state law
•Ordinance 2024-33: Creates a new street, closes a section of Spanish Street to vehicular traffic, and reverses a section of Cuna Street traffic from East to West.

CA.3. Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

•October 28, 2024, 3:30PM, Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
•October 28, 2024, 5:00PM, Regular City Commission Meeting
•November 12, 2024, 5:00PM, Regular City Commission Meeting
•December 2, 2024, 7:30PM, Special City Commission Meeting
•December 9, 2024, 5:00PM, Regular City Commission Meeting

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

•September 9, 2024-Regular City Commission Meeting
•September 19, 2024-Special City Commission Budget Meeting
•September 23, 2024-Regular City Commission Meeting

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

•375 Madeore Street-Stacy Gibson

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:

Certificate of Recognition in celebration of the retirement of Christina Parrish Stone as the Executive Director of the St. Johns Cultural Council and for enhancing the resident and visitor experience in the Nation's Oldest City. (N. Sikes-Kline, Mayor)

Certificate of Appreciation for David Nolan in recognition of his service in supporting, protecting, and preserving African American History within Lincolnville and the community of the City of St. Augustine. (C. Garris, Commissioner)

Certificate of Recognition for the 25th Anniversary and Silver Jubilee of the Butterfield Garage. (N. Sikes-Kline, Mayor)

CA.8. Amendment to Fullerwood Park Lease from the St. John's County School District. (D. Birchim, City Manager)

End Consent Agenda

<u>5.A.</u> Additions, deletions or modifications to Consent Agenda

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked for further explanation regarding the Amendment to Fullerwood Park Lease from the St. John's County School District.

Mr. Birchim replied the Fullerwood park was a neighborhood park owned by the school district. He said the current lease in place would expire in 2027 and would then revert to an annual renewable lease; however, the amendment was to extend the lease period to 2047 and then from that period the lease would be renewed annually. He thanked Gina Burrell who was instrumental in assisting with this matter.

<u>5.B.</u> Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath 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

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

(None)

<u>7.B.</u> Items of Great Public Importance

(None)

<u>7.C.</u> Other Items Requiring Public Hearing

(None)

8. Ordinances and Resolutions – Public Hearing Required.

<u>8.A.</u> Ordinances – Second Reading

(None)

<u>8.B.</u> Ordinances – First Reading (only if required by law)

(None)

<u>8.C.</u> Resolutions – Public Hearing (only if required by law)

(None)

9. Ordinances and Resolutions - No Public Hearing Required

<u>9.A.</u> Ordinances – First Reading

9.A.1. Ordinance 2024-31: Amends the terms of members of the Board of Trustees of the St. Augustine Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney reviewed the Ordinance.

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-31 on first reading and moved to second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder.

Ms. Lopez read the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-31

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AMENDING SECTION 20-223 EXTENDING THE TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

9.A.2. Ordinance 2024-32: Clarifies the enforcement of public encampment regulations to conform with state law. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney reviewed the Ordinance.

Commissioner Springfield noted this was not a homeless problem but a camping on public property issue.

Ms. Lopez replied that was correct, and the City's ordinance was drafted that way, but there were special previsions for individuals experiencing homelessness and shelter beds were provided.

Mayor Sikes-Kline thanked Ms. Lopez for her due diligence and preventing any misunderstandings in the future.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-32 on first reading read by title only and moved to second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AMENDING SECTION 22-12 TO CLARIFY THE ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC ENCAMPMENT REGULATIONS AND TO CONFORM WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Blonder requested that the City Manager, David Birchim, provide an update on the construction on the day center during a future meeting.

Mr. Birchim agreed.

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

9.A.3. Ordinance 2024-33: Creates a new street, closes a section of Spanish Street to vehicular traffic, and reverses

a section of Cuna Street traffic from East to West. (R. Franklin, Assistant City Manager)

Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager reviewed the Ordinance. He requested a name be selected for the new street and noted at second reading, the ordinance would be updated to include the street name.

Commissioner Horvath spoke in support of Rosario Lane because the redoubt was on that side.

Commissioner Blonder did not opposed Rosario Lane but pointed out that the Prickly Pear Lane was a nod to the ecosystem services that helped extend the defensive line.

Commissioner Springfield was in favor of Rosario Lane.

Mayor Sikes-Kline and Commissioner Garris were in Support of Rosario Lane.

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to name the street Rosario Lane and pass Ordinance 2024-33 on first reading by title only and moved to second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

Ms. Lopez read the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA CREATING SECTION 22-169 A NEWLY NAMED STREET LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TOLOMATO LOT BETWEEN SPANISH STREET AND CORDOVA STREET; CREATING SECTION 22-337 STREET CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THE SECTION OF SPANISH STREET BETWEEN TOLOMATO LANE AND ORANGE STREET AND CLOSING TO THROUGH VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THE SECTION OF SPANISH STREET BETWEEN CUNA STREET AND A NEWLY NAMED STREET DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-169; AMENDING SECTION 24-13 REVERSING THE ONE WAY TRAFFIC DESIGNATION FROM EAST TO WEST ON CUNA STREET BETWEEN SPANISH STREET AND CORDOVA STREET PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN 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.

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

Commissioner Blonder asked for the one-way street sign to be made larger at Cuna Street off Cordova Street.

Mr. Franklin agreed.

Commissioner Garris asked if the parking lot had been paved.

Mr. Franklin said the parking lot was not paved as of yet, but it would be done soon.

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

9.B.1. Resolution 2024-36: Authorizes the execution of an agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of St. Augustine for construction of a landscaping project on State Road 5/US1. (R. Franklin, Assistant City Manager)

Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager reviewed the Resolution.

Commissioner Blonder requested for native plants to be used as part of the plan.

Mr. Franklin replied that could be done.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if there were irrigation systems in the medians.

Mr. Franklin said the medians had irrigation and there were sleeves installed for future irrigation. He said a conceptual plan prior to the Department of Transportation starting construction on US1, which reviewed the planting and that was what started this agreement.

Commissioner Blonder asked about a timeline regarding the construction around Oyster Creek.

Mr. Franklin replied there had been a delay with the culvert; however, he would reach out to DOT and provide an update to the City Manager.

MOTION

Commissioner Blonder MOVED to pass Resolution 2024-36. The motion was SECONDED Mayor Sikes-Kline.

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

9.B.2. Resolution 2024-37: Deeds a parcel of land for the footprint of the new Seawall to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Seawall Replacement Project located at SR 5A (A1A) from the Bridge of Lions to Charlotte Street. (M. Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager)

Meredith Breidenstein, Assistance City Manager said the next three resolutions were related to the DOT seawall project, which included a deed, temporary easements, and permanent easements. She said Resolution 2024-37 deeded a parcel of land to the DOT for the construction of the new sea wall.

Mr. Birchim asked the size of the parcel that would be deeded to the State of Florida.

Ms. Breidenstein said it was a little over 8,000 linear square feet of submerged lands.

Commissioner Blonder asked if there were any active oyster beds in the area. She said they should be protected as much as possible, because they helped with erosion and water quality.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she thought it was a mudflat and did not recall there being any, but once it was deeded back it would remain in its natural state.

Commissioner Blonder noted that if there were any oyster beds, they should be restored as part of the agreement.

Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager an environmental assessment would be completed, and any impact would be mitigated.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2024-37. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

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

9.B.3. Resolution 2024-38: Grants temporary easements to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Seawall Replacement Project located at SR 5A (A1A) from the Bridge of Lions to Charlotte Street. (M. Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager)

Meredith Breidenstein Assistance City Manager reviewed the Resolution. She explained this resolution was for temporary easements during the project.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if an environmental assessment would be conducted on this as well for temporary impacts.

Ms. Breidenstein said it sounded like that was part of the project.

Mr. Franklin confirmed that would take place.

Mayor Sike-Kline asked if this would extend south of the Bridge of Lions.

Commissioner Horvath explained this seemed to be more of the staging area to not disturb the residents or visitors.

MOTION

Commissioner Horvath MOVED to pass Resolution 2024-38. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

VOTE ON MOTION:
AYES: Horvath, Springfield, Garris,
NAYES: NONE
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.B.4. Resolution 2024-39: Grants permanent easements to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Seawall Replacement Project located at SR 5A (A1A) from the Bridge of Lions to Charlotte Street. (M. Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager)

Meredith Breidenstein Assistance City Manager reviewed the Resolution.
MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Resolution 2024-39. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

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

9.B.5. Resolution 2024-40:

Amber Foschaar, Grants Administrative Coordinator reviewed the Resolution.

Eric Mauldin Harbor Master provided a brief overview of the damage sustained at the Municipal Marina from Hurricane Helene and Milton.

Commissioner Blonder said the break water was doing what it was designed to do and was worth repairing. She said closing the mooring field to the north was brilliant and thanked Mr. Mauldin for being proactive.

Commissioner Springfield asked about two sailboats and their location during the storm and if they were placed there on purpose.

Mr. Mauldin said the ones in the marina were repositioned to a center point of the marina for safety.

Commissioner Garris said City Manager David Birchim had provided a brief update about the marina at the Rotary Club meeting. She said thanked Mr. Mauldin for his hard work.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2024-40. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder.

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

10. Staff Reports and Presentations

10.A. Consideration of Neighborhood Grant Program Minimum Scoring Criteria. (J. Perkins, Manager Neighborhood Services & Community Redevelopment Agency)

Jaime D. Perkins discussed an update regarding the Neighborhood Grant Program and proposed a several changes to the grant scoring process to include scoring criteria. She said five neighborhood grant applications were awarded during the two open grant cycles. She noted that after funding the five projects, there was monies remaining that would be added back in to the general fund and around $15,000 would be reallocated each fiscal year. She discussed the current grant criteria and the proposed changes.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked that if a project did not meet the minimum score, it would not be funded.

Ms. Perkins replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Blonder asked if the applicant did not meet the recommended minimum score, would they receive assistance on how to improve their score for a future grant cycle.

Ms. Perkins replied they would work with them and encourage them to reapply during the next grant cycle. She said there was a section on the score sheet that allowed the evaluators to leave comments, which was shared with the applicants. She said the fifteen points would be the recommendation for a qualifying score and that would assist the review committee's role during the process, and it would encourage applicants to submit a more competitive application. She felt this would help the program have longevity with the budget allocated.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if assistance was provided in preparation for the grants.

Ms. Perkins said they had provided technical support and assisted with questions.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said there was no separation between for-profit and non-profit, and it was possible for a for-profit organization could qualify for a grant.

Ms. Perkins said when the program was established, there were no objections for projects done by for-profit organizations.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she loved that the program was evolving, and changes were being made, and agreed with the recommendations; however, wanted to be in a position to where the funds for the program were not being returned to the General Fund as those funds should be rolled over and kept within the program, even though the program was not using all the dollars. She said with four cycles annually, the program could draw in more interest. She thought the technical assistance should be provided to the applicants applying for the grants, but thought funding should not be provided if the organization was for-profit. She thought the eligible projects verses non-eligible projects should be clarified. She asked if the project had to be accessible to the public.

Ms. Perkins replied that the criteria noted it had to be a public benefit.

Ms. Lopez said the reason for this was for example, if a person or organization wanted to do an ecological restoration project, which would not offer public access but otherwise meet all the criteria. She said the benefit would be a public benefit but that was the reason for keeping it broad and not specifically public access.

Mayor Sikes-Kline thought both could be achieved and if it were geographically able to be located, it should be publicly accessible.

Ms. Perkins said there were for example, neighborhood gardens which were members only. She said it was a public benefit because of the ecological benefits, but not a mass public benefit. She asked if those types of projects should be allowed to be funded.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said in her experience, there were occasions where the gardens were opened to the public at one time or another for special events and that could meet the criteria of being accessible to the general public.

Ms. Perkins asked how that could be determined or if staff would be allowed to make those discretionary decisions by using the criteria. She noted this was the same grant criteria as before but with a few minor changes.

Commissioner Horvath said, pertaining to public benefit and public access, to satisfy the criteria, it could be added that once or twice a year they would be open to the public; furthermore, the gardens were currently open to the public visually. She asked for good applications be provided to applicants as examples to help others understand what was required.

Commissioner Blonder was in support of the recommendations, but unsure of the requirement for public access. She said these projects brought the neighborhood closer together and thought that was an important component.

Commissioner Springfield said the language regarding public access should be clarified as it should not be private, but access should be worded carefully. He said the application process should not be a difficult to obtain a small amount of funding; however, he was in support of the fifteen points score recommendation.

Commissioner Garris said this program was not to grant the public access but to help make a community have pride in where they live and celebrate the improvements they accomplished as a community. She commended Ms. Perkins on a job well done and liked that a score sheet had been recommended as each project was different. She said event that were open to the public encompassed a larger amount of people and helped those have something to look forward to.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said there seemed to not be an agreement for public access; however, she asked if there was consensus on for-profit organizations to receive funds.

There was a consensus to exclude for-profit organizations from receiving funds for projects.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked for that prevision to be added. She asked about the policy of returning unspent funds back into the program instead of the General Fund. She said she was in support of more monies being added as the program develops.

There was consensus to allow funds to be rolled back into the program.

Ms. Perkins clarified that moving forward, any funds left in the program on September 30, 2025, would be rolled over to the next fiscal year. She said regarding the changes for the grant criteria would the Commission agree to allow those changes to be done administratively.

Mayor Sikes-Kline agreed it could be done administratively.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to make the following modifications as suggested in addition to disqualify for-profit organizations, and any unspent funds would roll over to the next fiscal year. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder.

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

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she was happy that the program was so successful.

11. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY

Ms. Lopez reminded the Commission if a written evaluation for the City Manager was provided it was due by October 31, 2024, and it would be placed on the November 12, 2024, agenda for consideration.

12. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK

(None)

13. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER

Mr. Birchim provided a brief statement regarding Hurricane Milton. He said preparations were made and approximately 20,000 sandbags were distributed to the public. He noted the community received minor damage, and the streets were cleared by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday as there were trees and limbs down. He added there were power outages; however, power was being restored. He said the City was open on Friday for a half day as a high tide flooding event was anticipated in the afternoon; however, that did not happen. He said a King Tide cycle was expected this week and flooding events could occur. He said they had committed law enforcement support to the Tampa area a support team from the Fire Department and Public Works Department would be sent as necessary. He thanked Fire Chief Carlos Aviles, who led the City though natural disasters and Police Chief Jennifer Michaux, who provided the City security, Stephen Slaughter, Public Works, and Utility Director, and Corey Sakryd, General Services Director, and Eric Mauldin Harbormaster, as their teams worked very hard throughout this event. He thanked Melissa Wissel, Communications Director, also worked throughout the storm, and the City employees who worked at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which were Jill Collins, Cori Niles, and Becky Howell. He thanked Mayor Sikes-Kline for coming to the EOC and providing many public service announcements.

Mr. Birchim said there were used city computers that were normally listed on GovDeals for auction; however, he asked if those could be donated to any Florida community that was suffering from the hurricane.

There was consensus that the computers were able to be donated.

Mayor Sikes-Kline noted she spoke with Florida Power and Light 100% of the City's power outages had been restored.

14. Items by Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Sikes-Kline said the staff did an outstanding job with preparing for the hurricane and the aftermath. She commended the City residents who followed directions and listened to the warnings. She asked about storm debris as it was questioned during public comment.

Mr. Birchim said they were having extended storm debris pick-up and would be until it was gone.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she wanted to send her thoughts and prayers to the Police Department and the family as a Police Officer was injured in the line of duty. She said this was a rare occurrence, but updates would be provided as there was progress.

Commissioner Garris thanked Solid Waste for their hard work and General Services for assisting with the sandbag distribution. She thanked the Marina for getting the boat out of the harbor and thanked the Mayor for speaking to the residents and the City. She thanked the City Manager for his support and leadership. She asked if the agreement from Carla Young, tenant, could be provided to the commissioners as she spoke during public comment. She said Ms. Young had been a good tenant and thought her concern should be looked into.

Commissioner Horvath thanked everyone for their hard work during the hurricane.

Commissioner Blonder requested that a brochure be developed with services the City provided and basic contact information which could be passed out to residents to assist them during and after a hurricane. She said it could be updated annually and include red flags or warning signs to look for when making decisions because these where things people did not think about during a crisis. She thanked the City for all the hard work.

Commissioner Springfield thanked everyone for all their hard work and keeping everyone informed. He said the Lake Maria Sanchez project could have been very beneficial and was unsure if it was complete. He noted the painting that monies were raised for had arrived in Avilés, Spain and was a huge success. He thanked Charles Pappas for the project done in Fullerwood. He said he had reviewed studies about City's that had underground utilities and those that did not and thought that if underground utilities could be done, it would be a big help.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.[1]

for Nancy Sikes-Kline, MAYOR

Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK

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