

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission Special Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, December 2, 2024, 7:30 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: Jon DePreter, Commissioner- Elect
David Birchim, City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager
Melissa Wissel, Director, Communications
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. General Public Comments

The Commissioners heard from the following members of the public:

(None)

3. COMMENTS BY CURRENT SITTING COMMISSION

Mayor Sikes-Kline recognized Commissioner Horvath's contributions and service to the City over the past twelve years.

Commissioner Springfield thanked Commissioner Horvath for all her hard work and dedication to the City.

Commissioner Garris thanked her for contributions to the City and wished her well in her next chapter.

Commissioner Blonder thanked her for being a mentor and thanked her for working hard for the City.

Commissioner Horvath thanked everyone for their kind words. She thanked the citizens, commissioners, and staff for their support.

4. OATHS OF OFFICE

Melissa Wissel, Communications Director, introduced the Honorable Judge Alexander Christine to administer the Oaths of Office.

4.A. Mayor Sikes-Kline

Judge Christine delivered the Oath of Office for Mayor Sikes-Kline.

Mayor Sikes-Kline was accompanied by her family.

4.B. Commissioner Barbara Blonder

Judge Christine delivered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Blonder.

Commissioner Blonder was accompanied by her family.

4.C. Commissioner Jonathan DePreter

Judge Christine delivered the Oath of Office for Commissioner DePreter.

Commissioner DePreter was accompanied by his family.

5. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Sikes-Kline opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice Mayor.

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield **Moved** to nominate Commissioner Blonder as **VICE-MAYOR**. The motion was **SECONDED** by Mayor Sikes-Kline.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Springfield, Sikes-Kline, DePreter, Garris, Blonder

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COMMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

6.A. Resolution 2024-41: Discussion and adoption of the operating policies, reorganization rules, and procedures of the City of St. Augustine City Commission (A. Owen, Assistant City Attorney)

April Owens, Assistance City Attorney reviewed Resolution 2024-41.

Mayor Sikes-Kline requested a few modifications which were as follows:

- Change Section 4 in the Resolution to match the title of exhibit C 'Meeting Procedures'
- Section 7 of the Resolution should reference "Exhibit F"

MOTION

Commissioner Blonder **Moved** to Pass Resolution 2024-41 with the modifications. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Springfield.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Blonder, Springfield, DePreter, Garris, Sikes-Kline

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CLOSING COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

(None)

8. CLOSING COMMENTS BY MAYOR

8.A. Poetry Reading by Poet Laureate Norma Sherry

Norma Sherry, Poet Laureate read her poem.

9. Adjourn

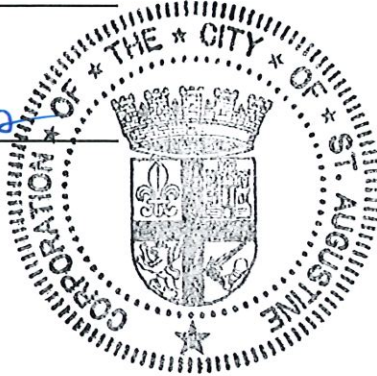
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.¹



Nancy Sikes-Kline, MAYOR



Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



¹ Transcribed by Elyse Wiemann