

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2025

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, January 27, 2025, 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
Barbara Blonder, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Cynthia Garris, City Commissioner
Jim Springfield, City Commissioner
Jon DePreter, 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
Jennifer Michaux, Police Chief
Carlos Aviles, Fire Chief
Elyse Wiemann, Recording Secretary

MOMENT OF SILENCE and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Nancy Sikes-Kline requested a moment of silence and Vice-Mayor Barbara Blonder led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2.A. Modification and Approval of Regular Agenda

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she wanted to remove item 10 A from the agenda.

There was no objection from the Commission.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to approve the Regular Agenda with the

modification to remove item 10 (A) Request for placement of Revolutionary War patriot marker by the Florida State Daughters of the American Revolution at Oglethorpe Park. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Jim Springfield and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

3. Special Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations

(None)

4. General Public Comments (3 minutes per individual)

The Commission heard from the following members of the public:

- Ruby Raley
- Gina Burrell
- Tawny Kern

- Bill Curtis
- Tom Reynolds
- Robin Thomas
- Nancy Murphy
- Sueann Weber
- Wolfgang Schau
- Debra Geanuleas
- Scott York
- Burry Gowen
- Melinda Rakonca
- Charles Pappas
- Vicki Pepper
- Georgeann Gillespie
- Emily Bell
- Kelsey May
- 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:
•February 10, 2025, 4:30PM–De Aviles Award Presentation, The Forson Family
•February 10, 2025, 5:00PM–Regular City Commission Meeting
•February 24, 2025, 5:00PM–Regular City Commission Meeting
•March 10, 2025, 5:00PM–Regular City Commission Meeting
•March 24, 2025, 5:00PM–Regular City Commission Meeting

CA.4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR COMMISSION MEETINGS: NONE.

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).

Proclamation 2025-04: Proclaims January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of St. Augustine. (N. Sikes-Kline, Mayor)

CA.7. NOTIFICATION OF
PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES OF
RECOGNITION ISSUED: NONE.

CA.8. Marlow V. City of St. Augustine-Invoice for Professional Services. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

CA.9. Fish Island Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Tour on Friday, February 7, 2025. (M. Wissel, Communications Director)

CA.10. Quarterly Report: 1st Quarter FY 2024-2025. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

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 Commissioner Cynthia 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

(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 2024-34: Amends the Zoning Designation of 30.15 acres of property from City of St. Augustine Industrial and Warehousing (IW) to City Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 404 Riberia Street. (A. Skinner, Director Planning and Building)

Amy Skinner, Planning and Building Director presented Ordinance 2024-34.

James Whitehouse, representative for the applicant spoke regarding the San Sebastian Marina Center. He highlighted the changes and updates as requested by the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB), as well as the suggestions from the Commission.

Commissioner Jon DePreter questioned how the boats would arrive onsite.

Mr. Whitehouse replied that over 90% of boats from these types of facilities came from the water. He said there was a surcharge if brought by land.

Commissioner DePreter asked for an explanation for the need for the fifty-foot height. He asked for clarification about the permitting needed from the City for stormwater and drainage.

Mr. Whitehouse said to move these types of boats within the facility, a certain height was required as these were large boats. He noted that within the site, there was a new site plan and buildings. He said with the new zoning, they would have to meet the requirements for stormwater retention as required by St. Johns Water Management District and the City's standards. He said they would retain their stormwater onsite and that could be done with stormwater ponds or underground but that was still being determined.

Commissioner Blonder said there was language regarding permeable pavers from staff but did not see it noted in the PUD.

Mr. Whitehouse replied that permeable pavers were noted on the map and would be used in certain areas such as drive aisles. He stated that not everywhere could have pavers as some locations would require concrete or a stabilized surface.

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

- Melinda Rakonca
- BJ Kalaidi

Mr. Whitehouse addressed concerns from the public.

Commissioner Springfield said people who stored their boats onsite would be traveling to the site and that would increase traffic; however, thought it was a compromise as there would not a restaurant onsite. He spoke in support of the application and noted he had received feedback that the community was in support of the project.

Commissioner Blonder agreed and said the PUD provided less intensive use, a working waterfront, had greater setbacks, improvement in the streetscape, an increase in shade due to landscaping with native trees, site beautification, and sidewalks. She said these were benefits that may not take place if it were a

restaurant. She felt the height request was reasonable.

Commissioner DePreter agreed and thanked the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) for working diligently with the applicant, and thanked applicant for a very focused application. He said another positive was that outreach had been done. He clarified the public benefits of new drainage, new water retention system, permeable pavers, and an increase in the sidewalks. He said the trade was fifty-foot height, but the lot coverage was changing from 80% to 50%. He said that any ad valorem tax would be added to the Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Agency (LCRA). He felt the City could monitor the traffic flow and overflow parking if there was parking on the street.

Commissioner Garris was in support of the PUD. She stated she spoke with Mr. Whitehouse regarding any questions. She felt this would be an improvement, and the beautification and the sidewalks were a win-win for the City.

Commissioner Blonder said this would substantially be more attractive than what was there currently.

Mayor Sikes-Kline spoke regarding the viewshed and noted the different heights of the buildings on the property. She added the City would also collect a mobility fee, which would be significant.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Ordinance 2024-34 on second reading with the modification for the site plan to be submitted to staff. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner DePreter.

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, read the title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA REZONING APPROXIMATELY 30.15 ACRES OF

PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF RIBERIA STREET AND SOUTH OF CERRO STREET IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, FROM ITS CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING (IW) TO THE CITY CLASSIFICATION OF PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

(None)

9.B. Resolutions

9.B.1. Resolution 2025-02: Authorizes the purchase of approximately 1.18 acres of land located on the South side of May Street and next to Hospital Creek. (R. Franklin, Assistant City Manager)

Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager reviewed the Resolution.

Commissioner Springfield said he was concerned with how the Resolutions were

added to the agenda as there were three properties being considered and the one, he was most interested in purchasing was known as the 100 Acre Marsh in the Fullerwood neighborhood. He said he wanted to make sure there were enough funds left to do so.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said if everyone was amenable to reviewing each resolution simultaneously and then they could make the decision on them individually.

Commissioner Blonder pointed out that Mr. Franklin indicated that if all three properties were purchased there would be \$757,000 left in unrestricted reserves.

Commissioner Springfield agreed that the property purchase was a lot of money, but the problem was this would not be rectified until the next budget cycle, and that would be during hurricane season. He asked if that would be enough to prepare the City to get through the season because this could be a risk if all funds were exhausted. He supported purchasing all three properties with the understanding that there were four months of reserves set aside in every budget, and in the worst-case scenario, there was a contingency.

Commissioner Garris commented that the City had access to apply for grant money.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2025-02. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.B.2. Resolution 2025-04: Authorizes the purchase of approximately 11.39 acres of land located at Avery Street and Theodore Street within the

Ravenswood Neighborhood. (R. Franklin, Assistant City Manager)

Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager reviewed the Resolution.

Mr. Franklin reviewed the properties. He said the Avery Street property and the 100 Acre Marsh properties were in the same memo as they were under the conservation program. He said the Avery Street property was 11.39 acres and it was on the bank of the San Sebastian River with two other properties the City had acquired and thought this would be a good addition to conserving the riverbank area. He said if the Avery Street property were purchased, there would be around 18,000 linear feet of shoreline under City control and around 40% or 7,250 feet of the western bank of the San Sebastian would be in some sort of conservation or open space/park recreation.

Commissioner Blonder asked who owned the land between Pomar Park and the proposed Avery Street land purchase.

Mr. Birchim replied that the land was the Vista Cove Condominiums.

Mr. Franklin noted due to the Vista Cove Condominiums, there were probably conservation easements along the shoreline; however, he did not have that specific information.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2025-04. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.B.3. Resolution 2025-05: Authorizes the purchase of approximately 4.56 acres of land known as 100 Acre Marsh

located near the intersection of Billings Street and Beacon Street within the Fullerwood Neighborhood. (R. Franklin, Assistant City Manager)

Reuben Franklin, Assistant City Manager reviewed the Resolution.

Mr. Franklin said the 100 Acre Marsh property was appraised at \$600,000. He reviewed the different purchasing options. He said if purchased the funds used would be from the Conservation Program, which had \$677,562. He said if the two properties were purchased there would be an additional \$1,102,438 from the General Fund unrestricted reserves leaving a total of \$1,897,562 in unrestricted reserves. He said if all three were purchased the amount left would be \$757,562. He said all owners were willing to sell the properties at appraised value.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if any other properties were being reviewed at this time for purchase in the future.

Mr. Birchim replied there were not. He said the program was open and potential properties could be brought to the City's attention and applied for through the program.

Mr. Franklin commented that one additional application had been received but it was a small parcel.

Commissioner Blonder clarified the purchaser for the Van Dyke property would entirely be paid for by the unrestricted funds and not from the Conservation Program.

Mr. Frankling replied that was the recommendation from staff.

Commissioner Blonder noted there was a dilapidated garage on the 100 Acre Marsh Property and asked what would be done with that.

Mr. Franklin said they would request feedback from the Commission and the neighborhood. He said structures not related to historical significance or value and could be removed. He said a conceptual plan could be provided to the Commission on what each property could be to make sure they were meeting the expectations of the Commission and the community.

Commissioner DePreter said he spoke to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) representative and although they discussed not naming specific options for the properties, if the Van Dyke Property could have access from the Department of Transportation (DOT) that FIND may be interested in helping to gain water access. He thanked the Commission for creating the Conservation Program.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2025-05. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Blonder felt the Conservation Program was very popular and she thanked Mayor Sikes-Kline for initiating the program with Fish Island and for increasing the excitement in the City for preserving land. She said those who had provided the most support was the community, and the citizens made her very proud.

Commissioner Springfield said during his campaign that development was an issue, and you could not control development rights of property you do not own. He said a year later the City was a beneficiary of higher property tax revenue in recent years and the extra funds should only be spent

on things that would benefit the community. He said this money would not be there forever, but this was the best way spend the funds and felt they had been good stewards for the City.

Mayor Sikes-Kline thanked the property owners and their willingness to sell their properties.¹

10. Staff Reports and Presentations

10.A. Request for placement of Revolutionary War patriot marker by the Florida State Daughters of the American Revolution at Oglethorpe Park. (M. Wissel, Communications Director)

Item removed from the agenda. Motion under Item 2.A.

10.B. Discussion of Update to City Noise Ordinance. (D. Birchim, City Manager)

David Birchim, City Manager, said during the Night Life Ordinance process the City had made several commitments to the community and following up on the noise ordinance was one that needed to be addressed. He said they reached out to the consultant to revise and update the noise ordinance and there were three options, which were as follows:

1. Update the City Ordinance at this time
2. Use the decibel reading method to update the ordinance.
3. Have city staff provide more information on a 'plainly audible' noise ordinance.

Anthony Cuthbert, Assistance Chief of Police of St. Augustine provided a brief presentation regarding the noise ordinance. He reviewed an analysis for 2024, highlighted the 2023 noise complaints compared to 2024, the current enforcement process, introduced the Night

Life liaison & Permit Tech, Jabari White, and gave options both positive and negative for the Commission to consider.

Mayor Sikes-Kline thanked Chief Cuthbert. She asked about the number of complaints compared to the number of warnings and citations issued, and why the numbers were low.

Chief Cuthbert replied that there were several reasons, such as the officer who received the complaint was not noise certified and could not take any enforcement action. He said if a complaint was called in it could have been made anonymously or left their name and refused contact

Commissioner DePreter asked out of the 289 complaints, were those identified as commercial, residential, or both.

Chief Cuthbert said that the classification was more than likely a combination of both to include vehicles, as this was a general noise complaint

Commissioner Springfield said he was concerned with the language as it said, "commercial and where alcohol was served" and then with the new law and property right businesses were allowed to be on private property. He asked why commercial was the only one included in the ordinance.

Chief Cuthbert said the consultant was given directions, which were mainly focused on commercial locations. He said this was to address the downtown nightlife; however, residential could be addresses specifically.

Commissioner Springfield said another concern in the ordinance was where it stated, "in summary one must be received, referencing a complaint, prior to a measurement that can result in a citation".

Chief Cuthbert replied that it was a question of his as well, but after speaking

¹ Break from 6:50p.m.- 7:00p.m.

with the consultant, he wrote it in such a way that a complaint had to be received before enforcement action could be taken.

Commissioner Springfield said he agreed that education was best if that helped with the problem but if not, a complaint had to be filed. He said he did not like the state law that would not allow a complainant to remain anonymous.

Ms. Lopez clarified there was no state law that required a complaint.

Commissioner Springfield said he was not in favor of the nightlife ordinance but knew something had to be done and the noise ordinance was essential.

Commissioner Blonder said the requirement of a complaint seemed very cumbersome and should not be the responsibility of a resident or visitor.

Mr. Birchim replied that the complaint was a process of code enforcement. He said there could be a way to have a code enforcement officer or police officer give more of a verbal warning and if that did not work then a formal complaint could be opened.

Commissioner Blonder agreed that it seemed like a better way than having to wait for a complaint from a visitor or resident.

Commissioner Garris said she understood when a nighttime liaison was hired, they would monitor the bars downtown. She suggested having nighttime liaison or whoever was monitoring the noise be allowed to call for backup from the police department as it helped with authority and safety. She said conducting a decibel reading was important when it was a business, and the nighttime liaison or officer should focus on the downtown area and neighborhoods where noise complaints were more prevalent.

Commissioner DePreter asked what the process was for large events on Francis Field or at the At. Augustine Amphitheater.

Mr. Birchim replied that there was a permit that allowed the noise ordinance to be exceeded for a specific event. He said the permit allowed for the time to be extended and/or the decibel level.

Ms. Lopez replied that there were criteria that had to be met, and the permit would be approved by the City Manager. She said for instance, in the past the cannon firing would exceed the decibel level. She said each permit would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis analyzed with the criteria and code.

Commissioner DePreter said he was in favor of having no complaint as not everyone wanted to be identified. He said he thought the decibel reading was better as it was less subjective, liked the concept of the noise officer, and was in favor of having police presences. He asked if the noise equipment was used, could the reading be taken from outside the property. He also felt the noise ordinance should be applied to both commercial and residential properties.

Mr. Cuthbert replied that the reading with the decibel could be done ten foot off the property line.

Commissioner DePreter asked how long it took to complete a citation.

Chief Cuthbert replied that most likely each citation issued took at least one hour.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said the Commission had three options as outlined in the memo. She felt the intuitive approach or 'plainly auditable' could be more effective and enforceable than the scientific approach or 'decibel reading/measurement'.

Commissioner Springfield said one of the options presented was to have a blend of the two approaches.

Ms. Lopez commented that not all officers were formally trained to conduct decibel readings.

Commissioner Springfield felt that plainly audible could be subjective; however, with the decibel reading there was something tangible.

Commissioner Garris asked if Mr. White had a City vehicle in order for him to move around the City instead of staying in the downtown area only. She said if so, would there be a way for him to travel around certain neighborhoods during specific times.

Chief Cuthbert replied that Mr. White did have a City vehicle. He said anything was possible, but they liked having Mr. White in the downtown area as that was where the more frequent problems occurred.

Commissioner Garris asked if there were more officers working on the same schedule as Mr. White and if they were able to assist in the other areas.

Chief Cuthbert replied there were many officers on duty during that same time that they worked through the City. He said once the ordinance was settled, the noise consultant would come to train more if not all the officers. He stated they now had a total of eight-decibel readers.

Mr. Birchim said that staffing was an important aspect; however, staffing was a function of Police administration. He said they could work on the staffing aspect, but the main concern was if the ordinance should be updated and if so, which model should be used.

Commissioner Springfield felt that there should be a blend of the two models for the update.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she was in favor of whichever option provided the officers with the tools needed to do their job. She said the plainly audible seemed to be best as it

would require no training or equipment. She said she did not understand how the blend could work; however, she was open to it

Commissioner Blonder felt this needed to be implemented as soon as possible. She said she thought moving forward with the what the department had, which was the decibel readers and removing the complaint driven aspect of the ordinance. She suggested moving forward in stages with a model that was beneficial to the City.

Commissioner DePreter said the decibels could be recorded and were defensible and the City had more readers making the equipment available. He said he was concerned about the blend and asked if it was to allow the noise enforcement officer to have more authority without having to use the decibel reader.

Mr. Birchim replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner DePreter said then he understood the reason for the blend. He was in favor of allowing the plainly audible and the decibel reading.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she was in favor of seeing how a blend of the two options would work. She said if the purpose of having a blend was to allow more officers the ability to enforce the code without the equipment and training, she was in favor of it.

Chief Cuthbert replied there would be some elements the consultant would incorporate that would have to be met before they would be allowed to only do plainly audible. He said citations were not the main issue as education and compliance were the main focus.

Commissioner DePreter said there was consensus on the following:

- "Blend" of the two options
- No complaint necessary
- Having officer backup

- With the blend having the ten-foot distance off the property
- Adding residential properties

Mr. Birchim said the draft would have to be modified to include residential and to incorporate the "blend" and it would be presented in the form of an ordinance. He said they would research how public outreach could be conducted and return with first reading with the new language.

11. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY

(None)

12. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK

12.A. Notification of one (1) upcoming term expiration-Corridor Review Committee (CRC). (D. Galambos, City Clerk)

Darlene Galambos notified the Commission of a term expiration on the Corridor Review Committee; however, the current member was eligible to reapply, and she would advertise accordingly.

12.B. Notification of three (3) upcoming term expirations-Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB). (D. Galambos, City Clerk)

Darlene Galambos notified the Commission of three-term expirations on the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB). She said the terms expired on March 28, 2025, and outreach and advertisement would be done accordingly. She pointed out that Geare MacDonald has served two consecutive terms and was ineligible to apply at this time, Brad Beach was eligible for reappointment, and Barbara Wingo held an alternate position, which did not have term limits.

12.C. Commission Assignments to Intergovernmental Boards. (D. Galambos, City Clerk)

Darlene Galambos discussed the Commission Assignments to Intergovernmental Boards. She said the list was in the packet and asked for any changes.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if the Commissioners were happy with their assignments or if anyone wanted to change.

Commissioner Blonder noted that she worked full time, and the other Boards mostly met during the day, and said she wanted to keep her current assignment as those meetings took place in the evening.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she wanted to stay on the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization; however, she did not have to be the voting delegate for League of Cities. She said that could be decided at a later date. She advised that the position with the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held by Roxanne Horvath, former commissioner, and noted this was an appointed position by St. Johns County and could be held by the City or the City of St. Augustine Beach.

Commissioner Springfield noted that Compassionate Village had started, and he felt this was an unserved population, which was the homebound elderly and unsocialized. He was asked to be on the Board and wanted it to be added to the list. He said he felt it was an appropriate board and asked that it be considered.

Ms. Lopez asked if he wanted to be a liaison or if he wanted to sit on the Board of Directors as that could cause other problems. She said for instance with Sister Cities it was a liaison or unofficial position.

Commissioner Springfield agreed being a liaison would be the best route.

Mayor Sikes-Kline was in support of adding Compassionate Village.

There was a consensus to add Compassionate Village to the list of Commission Assignments.

Commissioner Springfield said he was willing to be the liaison for Sister Cities; however, he felt if someone else wanted the opportunity he was in support of that as it was a great learning experience. He said either way he would remain a member.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if Commissioner Garris was interested in taking over the liaison role for Sister Cities.

Commissioner Garris agreed.
Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if anyone had an interest in the Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB).

Commissioner DePreter agreed.

Commissioner Springfield asked to be kept on the Continuum of Care as he and Assistant Chief Cuthbert attended those meetings.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if all positions were filled.

Ms. Galambos said all were filled except for the League of Cities representative which would be decided at a later date.

Mayor Sikes-Kline recapped the commission assignments and the associated commissioner.

13. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER

David Birchim, City Manager, announced at the February 10th Commission meeting an after-action report would be provided regarding the Nights of Lights!

14. Items by Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Springfield thanked the staff and the public for all their input as it was very valuable.

Commissioner Garris said she felt a parking app could be implemented to help with the parking issues downtown.

Mr. Birchim commented that a parking app was in the works and said it was Smart St. Augustine.

Commissioner Garris said she appreciated Scott York for being patient with the City and providing valuable community input regarding the noise ordinance. She discussed the Dignity Bus, and said that herself, the City Manager, and Barry Fox, Code Enforcement Manager, visited where it was housed. She said they volunteered to bring the bus here to understand the concept and after the day center was opened. She said it could be very beneficial for the homeless and their animals. She suggested having a luncheon for the Solid Waste and the Property Services Department as they were the unsung heroes of the City and kept the City beautiful. She said she thought it would be very meaningful.

Mayor Sikes-Kline was in support of the idea for Solid Waste and Property Services Departments; however, she felt it was more appropriate for the Commissioners to use their own funds instead of using City tax dollars.

Commissioner DePreter said he was glad to see the neighborhood association come and introduce their new board members. He noted that he received a petition from the residents of Old City South and asked about the status.

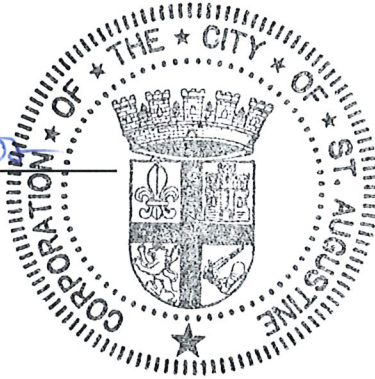
Mr. Birchim said they had replied to the Neighborhood Association today and an agenda item was being created for the Commissions consideration regarding the Lake Maria Sanchez Drainage Improvement Project. He said th at would be presented at a future meeting.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.²

for Barbara Blouder
Nancy Sikes-Kline, MAYOR

Darlene Galambos
Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



² Transcribed by Elyse Wiemann