

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, March 24, 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
Michele Fudo, 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 requested to move public comment related to the Nights of Lights resolution to take place during item 9.B.2.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to hold public comment specifically for item 9.B.2 during that time. The motion was

SECONDED by Commissioner Jim Springfield and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION

Commissioner Jon DePreter MOVED to approve the Regular Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Sikes-Kline and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

3. Special Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations

3.a Proclamation 2025-15: Proclaims the month of April as Landscape Architecture Month. (N. Sikes-Kline, Mayor)

3.b Presentation of the American Flag to the family of 2019 Order of La Florida

Award Recipient, Mr. Tom Rahner (M. Wissel, Communications Director)

Dr. Ann Browning Masters, City Poet Laureate, read a poem in honor of Mr. Rahner.

Mayor Sikes-Kline provided a brief biography of Mr. Rahner, and the Commission presented the United States flag to the Rahner Family.

4. General Public Comments (3 minutes per individual)

The Commission heard from the following members of the public:

- Kristi Hamilton
- Shannon Sapp
- Richard Marquis
- Nancy Murphy
- 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: NONE.

CA.3. Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:
•April 14, 2025 5:00PM–Regular City Commission Meeting
•April 28, 2025 3:00PM–Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
•April 28, 2025 4:30PM–Adelaide Sanchez Award Presentation to the Sisters of St. Joseph
•April 28, 2025 5:00PM–Regular City Commission Meeting

CA.4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR COMMISSION MEETINGS:
•January 13, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

•February 10, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

CA.5. RELEASES OF LIEN FOR UNIT CONNECTION FEE MORTGAGE(S):
•14 Fancher Court–Holistic Investments LLC

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. Approval of Expenditure from Federal Confiscation Funds to purchase a Coil Vending Machine. (J. Michaux, Chief of Police)

End Consent Agenda

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

(None)

5.B. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION

Commissioner DePreter 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

(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 2025-03: Amends the Future Land Use Designation of approximately 0.08 acres of property from City of St. Augustine Residential Low Density to City Commercial Low Intensity at 4 Locust Street. (A. Skinner, Director Planning and Building)

Amy Skinner, Planning and Building Director, presented Ordinance 2025-03.

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

MOTION

Commissioner DePreter MOVED to pass Ordinance 2025-03 on second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.08 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4 LOCUST STREET; NORTH OF LOCUST STREET AND EAST OF SAN MARCO AVENUE AS PORTIONS OF THE ABBOTT TRACT IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, FROM ITS CURRENT DESIGNATION OF CITY OF

ST. AUGUSTINE RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY TO A CITY DESIGNATION OF COMMERCIAL LOW INTENSITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8.A.2. Ordinance 2025-04: Establishes the zoning designation of approximately 4.39 acres of property from undesignated to City Open Land (OL) at 179 State Road 16. (A. Skinner, Director Planning and Building)

Amy Skinner, Director Planning and Building, presented Ordinance 2025-04.

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

MOTION

Commissioner DePreter MOVED to pass Ordinance 2025-04 on second reading. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Sikes-Kline.

Ms. Lopez read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA REZONING APPROXIMATELY 4.39 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 179 STATE ROAD 16 IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, FROM ITS CURRENT UNDESIGNATED CLASSIFICATION TO THE CITY CLASSIFICATION OF OPEN LAND (OL); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF

INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE

VOTE ON MOTION:

**AYES: DePreter, Sikes-Kline, 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

**9.A.1. Ordinance 2025-05: Amends the
Zoning Designation of 0.34 acres of
property from City St, Augustine
Residential Single family-one (RS-1) to
City Planned Unit Development (PUD) at
10 Carrera Street. (A. Skinner, Director
Planning and Building)**

Amy Skinner, Planning and Building
Director, presented ordinance 2025-05.

James Whitehouse, representative for the
owners of the property, provided a brief
overview of zoning designation change
request.

Commissioner DePreter said a portion of
the structure was built in 1917. He asked to
have the language “the historic structure
would be preserved” added to the PUD
text.

Mr. Whitehouse replied that the language
could be modified to incorporate the
historic structure.

Commissioner Cynthia Garris questioned
what the concerns had been by the
neighbors.

Mr. Whitehouse replied that most of the
commercial uses allowed in Residential
General-One (RG-1) were the ones the
neighbors did not support. He said all the
uses allowed in RG-1 had been included in
the PUD to be prohibited at the request of
the owners to help eliminate the concerns.

Mayor Sikes-Kline felt this was a great use
of a PUD and was very compatible.

MOTION

**Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass
Ordinance 2025-05 on first reading and
moved to second reading. The motion
was SECONDED by Commissioner
DePreter.**

Commissioner Blonder agreed as she had
spent a lot of time in the center and knew
of the good works of the center; however,
she was concerned with the succession or
transition plan for the future to help the
organization with growth. She said if
passed, a reverter clause should be
included in the text to return to RS-1, which
was the most restricted zoning, should the
use of the facility change.

Mr. Whitehouse stated he understood the
request and asked for time between now
and second reading for it to be added.

Commissioner Springfield agreed with the
concerns of Commissioner Blonder. He
said he was assured that it would remain
only for this particular use so it was very
restrictive, but he felt adding the clause
would be best.

Mr. Whitehouse said he felt the PUD
language covered that as the PUD
controlled what could take place, but he
would try and add more specific language
to the text.

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, read the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.34 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 CARRERA STREET (PID# 205300-0000), AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, TO CHANGE ITS CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-ONE (RS-1) TO 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

9.B. Resolutions

9.B.1. Resolution 2025-06: Modifies the requirements, nomination and approval process, and deadlines for Citizenship Awards.

Melissa Wissel, Communications Director, presented Resolution 2025-06.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she appreciated Commissioner Springfield bringing his concerns regarding the Citizenship Awards to light and felt this was a better solution.

Commissioner Springfield agreed and thought this was a good idea.

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Resolution 2025-06. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Garris.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Springfield, Garris, DePreter, Sikes-Kline¹

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.B.2. Resolution 2025-08: Sets the dates for the 2025 Nights of Lights Celebration. (I. Lopez, City Attorney)

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, reviewed Resolution 2025-08.

Public comment was opened and the Commission heard from the following members of the public:

- Anne Taylor
- Len Weeks
- Jeanetta Cerbollero
- Edwin Swift IV
- Mike Head
- John Tajido
- Robert Barner
- Schaffer Weeks
- Karen Zander
- Cheryl Jonas
- Judy Glazebrook
- Lenny Zanello
- Sandra Wieber
- Michael Wieber
- Kiara Carmichael
- Leonard Pellicer
- Scott York
- Jackie Hird
- James Greaves
- Phil Sacchitellc
- William Cushion
- Jordan Stokes
- Isabelle Renault
- Pat Dubose
- Clay Murphy
- Irving Kass
- Carly Zervis
- Sajal Patel
- Chris Clark
- Thomas Harding
- Kimberly Kiff
- Cindy Jarnigan

¹ Vice-Mayor Blonder was not present for vote.

- Lloyd Pierce
- Martha Mikler
- Nancy Pellicier
- BJ Kalaidi
- Shane Sheltra
- Ben Brandau
- Phillip Castillo

Public comment was closed.

Mayor Sikes-Kline thanked everyone for coming and providing valuable input. She felt everyone was thinking of the best interest of the City.

Commissioner Blonder commended the community for coming and providing their feedback. She understood that her proposal would be provocative; however, she felt it was important for everyone to participate in the discussion. She said there were many factors that went into the decision in terms of visitors, hurricanes, economic pressures, or overly successful advertising. She said the uncertainty of the King Street Bridge replacement project would contribute to the traffic gridlock; however, the visitors to the 2024 Night of Lights! (NOLs) had an unacceptable experience and thought many may not return if the issues that took place continued. She said she introduced this as a temporary measure.

Mayor Sikes-Kline thanked Commissioner Blonder for bringing forth the proposal as it had brought the community together. She said it was very encouraging to see the members of the County Commission, Tourist Development Council (TDC), and the St. Augustine Business Coalition as they recognized the issues this year. She asked if shortening the NOL would accomplish the goals of the City. She questioned how the businesses would be affected by the King Street bridge closure. She felt shortening NOLs would exacerbate the issues for the business community. She said she cared very much about the residents and most spoke in support of NOLs as it was part of everyone's lives; although, by January the

fatigue sat in especially with lights that did not highlight the architecture of the buildings. She reiterated how shortening NOLs would help provide a long-term solution and relieve the fatigue of the residents.

Commissioner Springfield pointed out that the City did not profit from NOLs but loss money. He said sales tax generated copious amounts of money due to the businesses making more income and the federal government profited from the extra income tax. He said the City did not spend advertising dollars to promote NOLs as that was left up to the TDC, which was provided by the bed tax. He said there were concerns last year regarding the length of time from residents and it was shortened. He said there were several common issues among the residents, businesses, and the City management. He said the residents and businesses were concerned with safety and traffic, and the City was concerned about safety. He said it would be beneficial if the businesses were able to help contribute to solve the issues. He said he was in support of shortening NOLs again this year as it had been done in the past and he felt there were larger issues that should be solved first. He said the problems needing to be addressed were mobility, elimination of the inflatable décor, garish lighting, and the vendors that were contributing to the loud atmosphere. He said when NOLs was created, he thought the original intent was to be classy, elegant, and beautiful while highlighting the architecture, and he felt that was what they should strive for in the future. He suggested adding a week in November and removing a week in January. He proposed November 15th through January 19th. He said it was the same number of weeks and weekends, but it could move some of the heavy traffic in November away from the heavier congested times.

Commissioner Garriss said that NOLs had always started the week before Thanksgiving. She said there had been many concerns here tonight and through

phone calls regarding the lights being turned off. She said there were some businesses that were struggling to remain open, and hurricane season was just prior to NOLs; therefore, this was an opportunity to assist those businesses. She felt the length of NOLs was not an issue, but mobility was. She said she spoke to St. Johns County Sheriff who indicated he had not been asked to be a part of NOLs; however, noted there were twenty officers that had to be reassigned during the Christmas holiday that could be used to help with NOLs. She said there were resources available that were not being used and many suggestions that could be beneficial. She reiterated that she felt it was mobility and not the length of the NOLs. She thought solutions could be discussed and the issues could be managed. She said if it were to be shortened, it should not end until at least Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, to ensure more profits for businesses in the new year.

Commissioner DePreter agreed that the issue in the City was mobility. He said we had to show the residents that something was being done to gain their trust back. He said some ideas he wanted to incorporate for the mobility goals were safe and convenient routes for residents, guaranteed parking access for residents, less drive through traffic, disincentivize those parking in the core of the city, incentivize alternative modes of transportation, multiple satellite parking areas, traffic analysis with the different construction projects on the horizon, and add additional language to the mobility plan to handle large events, public safety response time analysis, and measurable goals and metrics. He would like improved partnerships and goals with the TDC and County advertising this as a pedestrian event and budgeting. He thought NOLs should be budgeted as an item for discussion to inform the taxpayers of how money was spent, which would provide confidence to the residents and businesses, and that budget could be used to help cost-share with other organizations.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she appreciated the discussion and liked the idea of working with the Sheriff to help with the safety concerns. She agreed with shifting the times for NOLs which may help with the January fatigue, and thought they could work with the businesses owners to get back to the original intent of NOLs. She thought the length of time in January should end the 19th which would keep the weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr. and provide a little relief to the residents. She said moving the start date earlier in November could help the businesses with their profits. She said one of the main focuses should be the residents, keeping them safe, and providing better access to their homes to avoid gridlock.

Commissioner Blonder said she was unable to support starting NOLs earlier in November. She said she had to advocate for the residents of the City and their concerns.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said that was a good stance as that advocacy had brought everyone to this position, and thought many positive things could come from the discussion and the business community.

Commissioner DePreter said that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was January 19th, which was a Monday.

Commissioner Blonder said that it would not alter the length.

Commissioner Garris replied that it was shorter by two weeks, and it was shortened last year by a week because NOLs use to end in February.

Ms. Lopez explained that in 2024, the Commission set the traditional dates by Resolution 2024-12, which meant if nothing changed yearly, the traditional dates were the Saturday before Thanksgiving through the last Sunday of January the following year.

Mayor Sikes-Kline pointed out that it seemed there were three commissioners who were interested in shifting the dates for NOLs. She said she would be in favor of a shift with the following conditions:

- Safety and access for residents became a priority, as well as anything done with the City Manager and the Consultant
- Work with the St. Johns County Sherriff Department
- Find out how resources could be shared

Commissioner DePreter asked for clarification regarding the proposed dates for NOLs.

Mayor Sikes-Kline replied that the shifted dates proposed were November 15, 2025, through January 19, 2026. She said it would start earlier and the dates in the Resolution could be altered.

Ms. Lopez advised the resolution before the Commission had the proposed dates of November 22, 2025, through January 4, 2026; however, it could be amended to the newly proposed dates of November 15, 2025, through January 19, 2026.

Commissioner Springfield felt that December 25th was the peak of "burn out" for residents. He said it was being shortened by a week after that period of time and with the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday being a three-day weekend, it could be a busy weekend in general. He said NOLs could end a week earlier in January.

Commissioner DePreter clarified that the suggestion was to end January 11th instead.

Commissioner Springfield replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Blonder agreed that Martin Luther King, Jr., was a busy weekend.

Mayor Sikes-Kline agreed and felt the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday would be successful and busy on its own, especially since it was a three-day weekend. She said she was flexible on the dates for NOLs and was in agreeance to January 11, 2026.

Commissioner DePreter said this would give residents two entire weeks off from NOLs. He said he thought this would be fair to the residents and the businesses.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if the resolution would be valid for one year only, and the response was affirmative.

Commissioner Blonder reiterated that after this year NOLs season, she was unable to support the proposed amended dates.

Commissioner Springfield noted that what allowed him to be in support of the proposed change was the businesses had provided data of how much money was made. He said the data allowed him to make a better decision.

Commissioner Garris said the residents that did not live in the core of the City came downtown in January to enjoy the NOLs. She said they would miss out if NOLs ended earlier in January. She said the holiday weekend in January provided time to enjoy the lights, as most people were off.

Commissioner Blonder said she was empathic about having data but thought there were many variables for a successful business year.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to amend the dates in Resolution 2025-08 to November 15, 2025, through January 11, 2025, with the understanding that the priority was safety and access for residents.

Commissioner Springfield added this was for a one-year time period.

Mayor Sikes-Kline agreed.

The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Springfield.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Springfield, DePreter

NAYES: Garris, Blonder

MOTION APPROVED 3/2²

9.B.3. Resolution 2025-09: Supports the grant application under the Florida Inland Navigation District's Waterways Assistance Program for funding of a kayak launch at Eddie Vickers Park. (J. Perkins, Neighborhood Services and CRA Manager)

Jamie Perkins reviewed Resolution 2025-09.

MOTION

Commissioner Blonder MOVED to pass Resolution 2025-09 The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Garris.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

NAYES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.B.4. Resolution 2025-10: Allows the St. Augustine Fire Department to apply for grant funds for a firefighting vessel. (C. Pacetti, Deputy Chief St. Augustine Fire Department)

Carlos Aviles, City of St. Augustine, Fire Chief, reviewed Resolution 2025-10.

Commissioner Springfield said he was unaware the City did United States Coast Guard work; however, it had been explained by Mr. Birchim, City Manager

that the City was in between two United States Coast Guard stations and the City was asked to assist as a intermediary in cases of emergency.

Chief Aviles said those services that were provided now; however, the opportunity presented itself and the City was encouraged to apply for an additional vessel. He said this was one of the most used resources the Fire Department had and over the last twelve months there had been ninety calls for service. He said twenty-six of those were in the area of the inlet or right outside the inlet.

MOTION

Commissioner Springfield MOVED to pass Resolution 2025-10. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Blonder and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

9.B.5. Resolution 2025-11: Authorizes a Construction and Maintenance agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of St. Augustine (COSA) for Seawall Improvements. (J. Beach, Chief Resilience Officer/Deputy Director, Utilities and Public Works)

Jessica Beach, Chief Resilience Officer/Deputy Director, Utilities and Public Works, reviewed Resolution 2025-11.

MOTION

Mayor Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2025-11. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Garris and APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

10. Staff Reports and Presentations

² Break from 8:28p.m. to 8:34p.m.

10.A. Vehicles for Hire (ch27) and Franchises (Sightseeing Motor Vehicles Franchise, Ch14) Ordinance Update. (R. Franklin, Assistant City Manager)

Item to be heard at a future meeting.

11. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY

(None)

12. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK

12.A. Reminder of Open Positions on Boards and Committees. (D. Galambos, City Clerk)

Darlene Galambos, City Clerk, reminded the Commissioners about the positions open on the Citizen Boards. She said there was one term expiration on the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB), three terms expiring on the Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Steering Committee (LCRA), one vacancy on the Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees, one vacancy on the St. Augustine Police Pension Board of Trustees. She said if anyone was interested, applications were being accepted.

13. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER

David Birchim, City Manager, wished Vice-Mayor Barabara Blonder a happy birthday. He said the City had completed the purchases for the following properties:

- The Beacon and Billings Street property, in the Fullerwood neighborhood
- Avery and Theodore Street property on the west side of town on the Westside of the San Sebastian River; and the
- Vacant lot on May Street

Commissioner Blonder replied that was a great birthday present.

Mayor Sikes-Kline commended the work that Commissioner Blonder did and the City was fortunate to have her.

14. Items by Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Garriss said she had an alternative location for the Public Art Project. She suggested rather than using the roundabout at May Street, use the newly purchased vacant lot on May Street. She said that way the public could view it as the roundabout was not level land and the art project would need a lot of maintenance. She said the vacant lot was level and the art piece would need less maintenance. She said it could be used as a little park for that neighborhood.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked for an update on the art project.

Mr. Birchim replied they had completed the first milestone and were in the process of almost completing the second milestone, which would require payment to the artist for the second milestone. He said that would leave the remaining balance for the project with \$162,500.

Mayor Sikes-Kline asked if the construction cost was included in the remaining balance.

Mr. Birchim replied in the affirmative.

Mayor Sikes-Kline said she was in support of reevaluating the art project and seeing if there was feasibility in the suggested location.

Commissioner DePreter said when the art project had been selected, there had been concern from law enforcement that people would use it for shelter and that would be his concern if it were moved to the May Street site.

Commissioner Blonder said that the site could be considered, but thought the artist may have to reconfigure some of it for the site.

Commissioner Springfield said he thought the discussion should be what the May Street property was intended for long term as it may not fit.

15. Adjournment

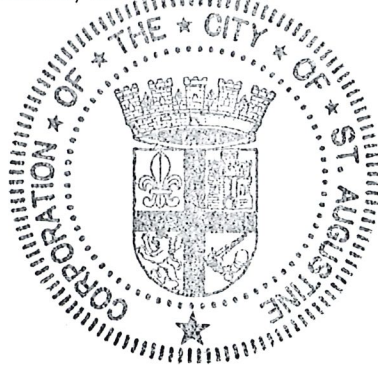
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.³



Nancy Sikes-Kline, MAYOR



Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



³ Transcribed by Elyse Wiemann