

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission Special Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2020

The City Commission met by means of Communications Media Technology (CMT) Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:21 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tracy Upchurch, and the following were present:

1. Roll Call: Tracy Upchurch, Mayor/City Commissioner
Leanna S.A. Freeman, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Nancy Sikes-Kline, City Commissioner
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner
John Valdes, City Commissioner

John Regan, City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
Mark Simpson, Director, Financial Services
David Birchim, Director, Planning and Building
Reuben Franklin, Director, Public Works
Melissa Wissel, Communications Manager
Barry Fox, Police Chief
Candice Seymour, Recording Secretary
Laura Morse, Recording Secretary
Marie Lopes, Office Assistant

2. General Public Comments

Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the meeting objective and noted the following:

- Public hearing required to set the tentative millage rate, establish the proposed budget and the stormwater rate
- A September 17, 2020 meeting at 5:05 P.M. would be held to discuss the final millage and budget
- CRA budget meeting was completed

Public comment was opened, and the Commission heard from the following:

- BJ Kalaidi

Public comment was closed.

3. Consideration of Ordinance 2020-23, establishing the Stormwater rates at \$8.00 per Single Family Unit (SFU) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mark Simpson, Director, Financial Services, reviewed the Ordinance.

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Ordinance 2020-23, read by title only and passed. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Upchurch.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE I, SECTION 29-5 TO REVISE THE MONTHLY RATE FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEES; 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.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Upchurch, Valdes, Freeman, Horvath

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution 2020-32, establishing the tentative millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

Mr. Simpson reviewed the Resolution.

Public hearing was opened, and the Commission heard from the following:

- BJ Kalaidi

Public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2020-32 read in its entirety. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE

TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida has conducted a public hearing on its tentative millage rate of 7.5000 mills and has determined its rolled back rate is 6.8920 mills as required by Florida Statute 200.065;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida that:

The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 tentative millage rate of the City of St. Augustine, Florida is 7.5000 mills which represents an increase in the rolled-back rate of 6.8920 mills of 8.82 percent.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida commenced at 5:05 p.m. this 3rd day of September, 2020.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Valdes, Freeman, Upchurch

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Hearing, First Reading – Consideration of Ordinance 2020-24, establishing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mr. Simpson reviewed the Ordinance.

Public hearing was opened, and the Commission heard from the following:

- BJ Kalaidi

Public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Ordinance 2020-24 read in its

entirety. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OR BUDGET ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The annual budget estimates of revenues and expenditures of the City of St. Augustine, Florida for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as prepared, amended and submitted to the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida by the City Manager, as considered and acted upon by said City Commission, under and by authority of the Charter of said City and the Laws of Florida, are hereby ratified, approved and adopted by the City Commission of said City, and the amounts of money set forth therein are hereby appropriated.

Section 2. The said budget of revenues and expenditures adopted for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2020-2021 still be spread in full upon the minutes of the City Commission.

Section 3. The appropriations within an activity or sub-activity for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 may be transferred within by the City

Manager for the purpose of equalization, when necessary.

Section 4. All funds for the current Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and budgeted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 may over-expend adopted budgets to the extent that actual revenues exceed the adopted budget.

Section 5. All unencumbered appropriations, except for special projects or commitments, be and are canceled as of September 30, 2020, and the City Director of Finance is directed to transfer all appropriation credit balances to unappropriated surplus and place to the credit of all appropriation accounts which show a debit balance for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 an amount from unappropriated surplus to balance same and to close all such accounts for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Section 6. If any provisions of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, are held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the Ordinances which can be given effect without this invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Upchurch, Valdes, Freeman

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

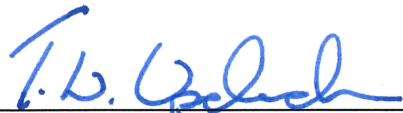
Commissioner Valdes inquired about when the costs related to moving the memorial would be provided, and if those costs

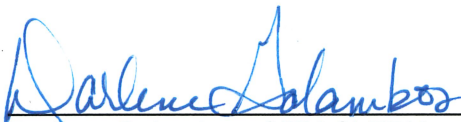
would include the police overtime and City staff time.

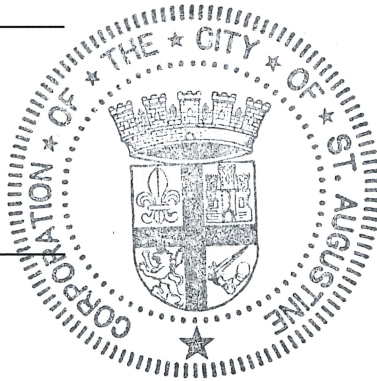
John Regan, City Manager, noted this information would be provided at the September 14, 2020 Commission meeting.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 P.M.¹


Tracy Upchurch, MAYOR


Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



¹ Transcribed by Laura Morse