

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Special City Commission Meeting
September 12, 2001

The City Commission met in a formal session Thursday, September 12, 2002, at 5:05 p.m. in the City Commission meeting room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander, and the following were present:

1. Roll Call:

Mark Alexander, Mayor/City Commissioner
Raymond Connor, City Commissioner
William Lennon, City Commission
Susan Burk, City Commissioner
Henry F. Green, III, City Commissioner

William Harriss, City Manager
Jack E. Cubbedge, Assistant City Manager
James B. Wilson, City Attorney
Martha V. (Nell) Porter, City Clerk (Recording)
James Whitehouse, Staff Attorney
Timothy A. Burchfield, Director, General Services
Dr. William Adams, Director, Heritage Tourism
Mark Litzinger, Director, Financial Services
Paul Williamson, Director, Public Affairs
John Regan, Director, Utilities
Tim Shields, Facilities Manager
Jason Sheffield, Administrative Grants Analyst

Also Present:

Peter Quinta, St. Augustine Record

2. Public Hearing – Resolution 2002-10, establishing the millage rate for the FY 2002/20003 Budget.

Mr. Litzinger stated that the current year roll back rate was 6.2061 mills and the proposed millage rate was 6.6 mills for the upcoming year, which equated to an increase of 6.347% in the roll back rate. He said that the additional \$312,916 increase in tax revenue would be used in part to cover a \$195,000 in workers compensation and general

liability insurance rate increases and \$145,000 for two dump trucks. He highlighted that it was the fifth annual consecutive drop in millage for the City, and the 6.6 millage rate represented a two tenths of a mill drop, which saved the citizens of the City approximately \$159,000 in ad valorem taxes.

Commissioner Connor expressed appreciation for the work that had gone into the millage rate.

Mayor Alexander opened the public hearing; however, there was no response.

MOTION

Commissioner Lennon MOVED that Resolution 2002-10 be placed on first reading, read in its entirety and

**passed. Commissioner Green
SECONDED the motion.**

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2002-10

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

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, has conducted a public hearing on its proposed millage rate and has determined its rolled back rate is 6.2061 mills, as required by Florida Statutes 200.065.

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

1. That the millage rate of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, shall be 6.6 mills for the General Operating budget, which constitutes the total millage rate and represents a 6.3470 percent increase over the rolled-back rate.

2. That the City Manager of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, be, and he is hereby directed as Chief Operating Officer of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, to appropriately notify and advise the Property appraiser of the County of St. Johns of such millage rate.

VOTE ON MOTION

**AYES: Lennon , Green, Burk,
Connor, Alexander**

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Hearing – Resolution 2002-11, certifying the non-ad valorem assessment roll relative to the Fire Assessment Fee. ¹

Mayor Alexander opened the public hearing, but there was no response.

MOTION

Commissioner Lennon MOVED that Resolution 2002-11 be approved. Commissioner Burk SECONDED the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION

**AYES: Lennon, Burk, Green,
Connor, Alexander**

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2002-18, concerning the FY 2002/2003 Budget for the City of St. Augustine.

Mr. Litzinger stated that the budget workshop had been successful, and the issues of VIC parking fees and residential parking incentives would be addressed within the first couple months of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Connor referred to the General Fund in the proposed budget and recommended increasing the amount allotted for the Sister Cities Association exchange student program from \$5,000 to \$7,500. However, he said he did not want that increase to affect the taxpayers.

MOTION

Commissioner Connor MOVED that the amount of money allotted to the

¹ Item 4. Was heard before Item 3.

exchange student program be increased to \$7,500. Commissioner Burk SECONDED the motion

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES: Connor, Burk, Green, Lennon, Alexander

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Alexander opened the public hearing; however, there was no comment.

MOTION

Commissioner Connor MOVED that Ordinance 2002-18 be placed on first reading, read by title only and approved. Commissioner Green SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA; RATIFYING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OR BUDGET EXTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2002, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PRESCRIBING TIME FOR TAKING EFFECT.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES: Connor, Green, Burk, Lennon, Alexander

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:12 p.m. ²

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

² Transcribed by Karen Roger, Recording Secretary