

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Special City Commission Meeting  
September 26, 2002

The City Commission met in a formal session Thursday, September 26, 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  
Henry F. Green, III, City Commissioner

**Absent:**

Susan Burk, City Commissioner (Excused)  
William Lennon, City Commissioner (Excused)

William B. Harriss, City Manager  
Jack E. Cubbedge, Assistant City Manager  
James B. Wilson, City Attorney  
Martha V. (Nell) Porter, City Clerk (Recording)  
Timothy A. Burchfield, Director, General Services  
Mark Litzinger, Director, Financial Services  
Loren Lueders, Assistant Chief, Police Department  
James Whitehouse, Staff Attorney  
Jason Sheffield, Deputy Director, General Services  
Mark Simpson, Deputy Director, Financial Services  
Karen Rogers, Recording Secretary

**2. Public Hearing – Resolution 2002-10, establishing the millage rate for the FY 2002/2003 Budget.**

Mr. Litzinger, Director, Financial Services, stated that the current year the City experienced a rolled back rate of 6.2061 mills. He said 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 \$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.

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

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Connor MOVED that Resolution 2002-10, lowering the millage to 6.6 mills be adopted. Commissioner Green SECONDED the motion.**

Mr. Wilson read the resolution 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: Connor, Green, Alexander**

**NAYES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Mr. Litzinger explained that the ordinance incorporated Commissioner Connor's suggested amendment. He added that it had been another good year with a balanced budget.

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

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Connor MOVED that Ordinance 2002-18 be placed on second 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, Alexander**

**NAYES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 5:09 p.m. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Transcribed by Karen Roger, Recording Secretary

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK