

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 5, 2004

The City Commission met in a special session on April 5, 2004, in the Alcazar Room at City Hall with Mayor George Gardner presiding. The following were present:

Roll Call: George Gardner, Mayor/City Commissioner
Donald Crichlow, City Commissioner
Errol D. Jones, City Commissioner
William J. Lennon, Sr., City Commissioner

Timothy A. Burchfield, Chief Administrative Officer
James P. Wilson, City Attorney
Martha V. (Nell) Porter, City Clerk (Recording)
John Regan, Chief Operations Officer
Paul Williamson, Director, Public Affairs

Absent: Susan Burk, City Commissioner

2. Consideration of a lease agreement for the lot located on the corner of Bridge and Washington Streets.

Mr. Burchfield reported that he had met with Guy Batsel and negotiated the lease for parking to provide approximately 34 spaces on property previously owned by the St. Augustine Record at the corner of Bridge and Cordova Streets. He noted that the cost would be \$1,200 per year with annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index and payments would be made quarterly.

Mr. Burchfield responded to questions regarding the improvements the City would make to the property as outlined in the lease and noted that Mr. Batsel would repay the City for the costs

involved. He said the City would oversell the lot to make sure the 34 spaces were used in an effort to keep use as near 100% as possible.

MOTION

Commissioner Jones moved that the lease be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crichlow.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Lennon concerning the actual costs of improvements, Mr. Burchfield explained that the estimate was approximately \$13,000. He said that in the event the lease was pulled before five years, the City would be reimbursed preoperational.

Commissioner Lennon explained that due to the extreme need for

parking spaces, he would vote in favor of the lease. However, he stated that he felt it was inappropriate to lease parking when the City could have removed the old fire house and achieved 30 additional parking spaces. He said he wanted the record to show that it was inappropriate that the person who had said parking was not needed and had kept the City from building the Lightner Parking Garage was in charge of selling parking spaces to the City.

VOTE ON MOTION:

**AYES: Jones, Crichlow, Lennon,
Gardner**

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

Commissioner Jones thanked Commissioner Crichlow for making the City Manager aware that parking was available on the site.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK