

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting
February 13, 2006

The City Commission met in a formal session Monday, February 13, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. in the Alcazar Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor George Gardner, and the following were present:

Roll Call:

George Gardner, Mayor/City Commissioner
Susan Burk, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Joe Boles, City Commissioner
Donald A. Crichlow, City Commissioner
Errol D. Jones, City Commissioner

William B. Harriss, City Manager
James P. Wilson, City Attorney
Martha V. (Nell) Porter, City Clerk
Timothy A. Burchfield, Chief Administrative Officer
John Regan, Chief Operations Officer
Mark Knight, Director, Planning and Building Department
Mark Litzinger, City Comptroller
Bob Leetch, Director of Utilities and Public Works
Dr. William Adams, Director, Heritage Tourism
Paul K. Williamson, Director, Public Affairs
Loran Lueders, Chief of Police
Jimmy Owens, Fire Chief
Karen Rogers, Recording

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor David Alert, Historic St. Cyprians Episcopal Church, delivered the invocation, and Commissioner Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3.A/ Modification of Agenda

A brief discussion determined that the members of the public that wanted to speak regarding the two presentations would hold their comment until after the presentation instead of speaking during item four, and after the presentations the public would be allowed to voice their opinions.

3.B/ Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of January 23, 2006 were approved as presented.

3.C/ Proclamations

(None Scheduled)

4. General Public Presentations and Comments (3 minutes per presentation with maximum total time limit of 20 minutes).

Ed Slavin, P. O. Box 3084, recommended that the Commission pass a resolution apologizing to the Civil Rights demonstrators and annex West Augustine into the City. He further recommended a living wage. He expressed concern regarding approval of the final subdivision plat for property located on

Casanova Road, because it was on the consent agenda; therefore, not open to public hearing.

Jay Bliss, 12 Oglethorpe Boulevard, expressed concern regarding the construction of the temporary bridge, as recently loud work had taken place late at night and early in the morning disrupting the neighborhood and violating the City's noise ordinance.

Discussion determined that the noise problem related to work on the bridge was the result of miscommunication.

Sherry Badger, 2772 South Collins Street, expressed concern for the swampland on Lewis Speedway, but it was indicated by the Commission that the wetlands would be preserved.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS

Non Agenda Item – Bridge of Lions

John Regan, Chief Operations Officer, reported that the aforementioned noise problem related to the Bridge of Lions construction was a matter of miscommunication, but the matter was currently under control and URS and Tidewater would adhere to the City ordinances, but it was also made clear that during the upcoming years of construction on the bridge there would probably be some unavoidable noise related incidents.

5.A/ Report Regarding Leonardi Street¹

John Regan, Chief Operations Officer, reported that the City had tried to solve the problems concerning Leonardi Street since 2003. He indicated that the problems had lessened with the City's efforts; however, with development traffic problems remained. He once again covered the potential alternatives involved with relieving traffic on Leonardi

Street, none of which truly solved the difficulty. However, Mr. Regan pointed out that the situation regarding the City trucks refueling would be relieved in approximately nine months when the new Fleet Maintenance Center was completed, at which time City truck traffic would be redirected on and off King Street.

A discussion regarding reconfiguring the current Fleet Maintenance Center ensued revealing that under the circumstances the solution was not cost effective.

Mayor Gardner opened the public hearing and the following people expressed their concern regarding the situation:

- Nanette Phillips, 31 South Leonardi Street
- Jane Ziers, 17 South Leonardi Street
- Carlene Chapman, 315 Floridian Avenue
- Jerry Butterbaugh, 21 Leonardi Street
- Trevor Smith, 25 Leonardi Street
- David Thudersshield Queen, P.O. Box 270

Commissioner Burk suggested that the problem was unique, Leonardi Street was narrow as a result of parking on both sides of the street, and she recommended shifting the traffic to Pellicer Lane and finding a way to refuel City trucks without adding to the traffic on Leonardi Street or incurring a great cost.

Commissioner Jones stated that before any decisions were made he wanted to know how many homes, driveways and vehicles were on Leonardi Street. He pointed out that in the past Leonardi Street had been the major highway in St. Augustine. He suggested that there were not enough streets to accommodate the situation to the resident's satisfaction and recommended that the residents be patient until the new facility was open, but he asked them to consider that growth in the City would result in increased traffic. He disagreed that the situation was unique and pointed out that comparatively Leonardi Street was wide. He suggested that signage would not be helpful as people were always going to use a short cut. He concluded that he required more information.

¹ Power point presentation attached to original minutes

Commissioner Crichlow agreed that relocating the fueling station would alleviate a portion of the problem, but beyond that he could not envision what else the City could do. He referred to the situation in his neighborhood and pointed out that installation of a speed hump had made a big difference. He stated that they could not make Leonardi Street private for the residents, as it was a public street.²

5.B/ Presentation Regarding the VIC Parking Facility – Transit System³

Mr. Regan delivered a power point update report regarding the VIC Parking Facility and Transit System. He demonstrated open air Trams costing \$183,500 each and four units costing \$734,000 an enclosed vehicle alternatives with a low floor that cost \$130,000 each and three units would cost \$520,000, and he also demonstrated alternative cost combinations.

Mr. Regan stated that he had met with staff members of Flagler College who recommended that the City should not design a shuttle transit system around students, as after discussion with the students it was clear that they probably would not use the service.

Mr. Regan said that the City could contract with the Sunshine Bus Company, a division of the Council on Aging or the City could manage the transit system. He said that if the City ran the system it would run 14 hours a day 365 days a year and require 5.5 full time employees. He demonstrated comparative costs to use the COA or the City and recommended a City operation, because they could use City employees for other features within the VIC.

Commissioner Burk questioned whether they could defer a decision about the system at that time. She suggested that they make a

² End of standard audio tape used as a result of technical difficulty

³ Power point presentation attached to original minutes

decision after the parking garage was completed and they understood who and how many people would use the facility, at which time they could properly survey the situation. She also recommended deferring a decision on the type of vehicle until that time. She added that if they deferred the matter they might not need to hear all the speakers that wanted to express their opinion on the subject.

Commissioner Crichlow clarified that he was interested in using the right vehicle for the job. He stated that the most critical aspect was ridership and he felt strongly that it would be tourists, but there was no concrete evidence who would use the system. He stated that in his opinion a tram vehicle made more sense. He agreed to delay the decision about the system, but expressed concern about having nothing in place in the event that it was needed when the garage opened. He questioned whether they could contract a service in that event without making a huge investment.

Commissioner Boles said that while working with Cathy Brown she had pointed out that they were working with a solution that was looking for a problem, because they were not certain they required a shuttle. He suggested that the reconfiguration of the VIC might eliminate the need for a shuttle system. He added that he would vote to defer a decision at that time. He concluded that he believed the City would require a mass transit system and a parking structure south of the Plaza eventually.

Commissioner Jones agreed that something might need to be available in inclement weather when the garage opened, and he suggested that the tour companies might want to address an emergency need for the City.

Mayor Gardner stated that he wanted staff's opinion.

Mr. Regan suggested that it was a matter of rescheduling the master plan, but deferring a

decision would provide more information and considering the financial impact of the project it would be a good idea.

A discussion determined that consensus of the Commission was to defer making a decision regarding the proposed shuttle system.

The following citizens spoke regarding the matter:

- Harvey Wolf, 67 San Marco Avenue
- Ed Slavin, P. O. 3084
- Andy Fleming 218 South Matanzas, requested that the Commission lower the proposed parking meter fees from \$1.50 to \$1.00

A brief discussion determined that the parking meter fees proposal would remain at \$1.50 until the matter had been given further consideration. ⁴

6. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY

(None Scheduled)

7. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK

7.A/ Notification of Proclamations

- 2006-06 - Miss St. Augustine Scholarship Pageant
- 2006-07 - Jewish History Month

8. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER (Includes Consent Agenda)

8.A/ Consent Agenda

8.A.1/ Preview of upcoming Commission Meetings.

8.A.2/ Release of Liens on Unit Connection Fee Mortgages.

⁴ A brief recess from 7:02 until 7:26 p.m.

8.A.3/ Approval of final subdivision plat for property located on Casanova Road.

8.A.4/ Approval of final subdivision plat for property located on South Whitney Street.

8.A.5/ Consideration of accepting transfer of title to Orange Street from the National Park Service.

Mr. Harriss, City Manager, read the Consent Agenda items.

Commissioner Crichlow reported that he would have to recuse himself from Item 8.A.4.

MOTION

Commissioner Boles MOVED to approve all Consent Agenda Items except 8.A.4. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Burk and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Commissioner Crichlow recused himself.

MOTION

Commissioner Jones MOVED to approve Item 8.A.4. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Burk and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

8.B/ Discussion Items

(None Scheduled)

9. ITEMS BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Boles – Spanish Quarter

Commissioner Boles reported that the consultants had made the assessments and recommendations regarding the Spanish Quarter.

Mr. Burchfield noted that the cost for the assessments was approximately \$34,700 with a focus on the retail operations in the Heritage Tourism and Visitor Information gift shops.

Archeological Site at Whispering Creek Town Center

Commissioner Boles stated that it was his understanding that the park site at the Whispering Creek Town Center would be given to the City.

Mr. Knight said that the passive recreation area was dedicated to the City; however, the archeological site was in the upland buffer and it had not been given to the City.

A brief discussion determined that staff would look into the matter.

Commissioner Jones – Infrastructure

Commissioner Jones recommended that the Commission focus on a long term plan addressing the City's infrastructure.

Video Monitoring System

Commissioner Jones recommended video surveillance of some neighborhoods for crime prevention, and suggested that they look for the necessary funds for his recommendation.

Commissioner Crichlow – Parking Plan

Commissioner Crichlow stated that the concept behind the parking plan was to return the downtown to the residents of the City, and the proposed shuttle system would be strictly a public transit system and not in competition with the sightseeing tours. He concluded that the proposed shuttle vehicles would be handicapped accessible.

St. George Street

A brief discussion determined that the cost of repairing St. George Street from King Street to Artillery Lane would be \$30,000 and

currently there was \$20,000 in the budget for re-bricking streets.

MOTION

Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to take \$10,000 out of the contingency fund to move forward with re-bricking St. George Street. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Burk and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Zoning Signage

Commissioner Crichlow reported that staff would make zoning signage more descriptive and be certain that the signage remained in place until the boards had approved or denied an application without an ordinance change.

Mayor Gardner – Fort Mosé

Mayor Gardner reported that the Fort Mosé ground breaking had taken place and Congressman Mica, Senator Hill and Governor Bush had attended.

State Funding for Historic Properties

Mayor Gardner reported that Governor Bush was in support of the City receiving state funding for the historic properties, and a meeting would be scheduled in Tallahassee with the Governor.

Visitor Information Center

Mayor Gardner encouraged the public to be involved with the renovation of the VIC for the betterment of the City.

10. Appeals and Public Hearings

(None Scheduled)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (To include public hearing)

11.A/ Resolutions

11.A.1/ Consideration of Resolution 2006-02, amending the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption for the Record Building (154 Cordova Street).

Mark Knight, Director, Planning and Building Department, reported that the resolution was to amend a scrivener's errors found in the original resolution. He said that they were correcting the covenant placing restrictions on any future development of the building during the five year tax exemption.

MOTION

Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to approve Resolution 2006-02. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Boles and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

11.B/ Ordinances - First Reading

11.B.1/ Consideration of a Petition for Voluntary Annexation of Property located on Madeore Street.

Mark Knight, recommended addressing Ordinance 2006-07, 2006-08 and 2006-09 in conjunction with the petition. He explained that there was one single family lot on Madeore Street that was half in and half out of the City, and as a result the owner could not get a building permit from the City or county. Therefore, he said the applicant wanted to annex the county portion of the lot into the City and obtain residential low density land use with RS-2 zoning.

MOTION

Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to accept the petition for voluntary annexation. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Gardner and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

11.B.1.a/ Introduction and consideration of Ordinance 2006-07, Annexing Property located on Madeore Street.

MOTION

Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to place Ordinance 2006-07 on first reading, read by title only and approved. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 0.095 ACRES OF PROPERTY IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MADEORE STREET, WEST OF SOUTH WHITNEY STREET, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 1.08 OF THE CHARTER LAWS OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF A COPY HEREOF WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

11.B.2/ Introduction and consideration of Ordinance 2006-08, establishing a Future Land Use Plan designation of Residential Low Density relative to property located on Madeore Street.

MOTION

Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to place Ordinance 2006-08 on first reading, read by title only and approved. Commissioner Boles SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE MAP, TO INCORPORATE AND DESIGNATE APPROXIMATELY 0.095 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LYING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MADEORE STREET, WEST OF SOUTH WHITNEY STREET, AS RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

11.B.3/ Introduction and consideration of Ordinance 2006-09, establishing a zoning classification of Residential Single Family-Two (RS-2) relative to property located on Madeore Street.

MOTION

Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to place Ordinance 2006-08 on first reading, read by title only and approved. Commissioner Boles SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ZONING FOR PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.095 ACRES LYING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MADEORE STREET, WEST OF SOUTH WHITNEY STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY-TWO (RS-2); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

11.C/ Ordinances – First Reading – Public Hearing Required

11.C.1/ Public Hearing - Ordinance 2006-03, amending the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use from Open Land to Residential Low Density/Mixed Use relative to property located north of State Road 16, west of Florida East Coast Railway.⁵

Mr. Knight summarized that the PZB had recommended approval and should the Commissions approve the Ordinance it had to be transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs for a 60-day review and comments; whereupon it would be returned to the City to address the comments and conduct an adoption hearing.

A brief discussion determined that if the Commission approved the matter it would go to Tallahassee without the City's intent to adopt, because the City wanted to see a site plan before adopting; moreover, Commissioner Crichlow would be reviewing the matter with the Northeast Regional Planning Council and there would be no problem with him making a decision at that level.

George McClure, 170 Malaga Street, representing Flagler Development and Flagler East Coast Railway, referred to the map of the property in question and pointed out that Flagler Development would be obligated to extend Avenue D, across the railroad tracks to enter Route 1 across from the old Ponce Club and Golf Course and future Madeira project with a 150-foot heavily landscaped divided median right-of-way. He said that the property currently had an open land designation and according to the City OL was marsh and estuary etc., which was unusual for 58 contiguous upland acres. He

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said that Flagler Development was requesting a low density residential classification, and he explained the Department of Community Affairs review process, for the benefit of the Commission, as being a purely discretionary act that would not obligate the City's approval. He said that his client would submit a full PUD application with clear intention for the development after the matter came back from Tallahassee. He clarified that the Commission would not have to consider adoption of the amendment until they saw the exact proposal. He stated that the number of units would be less than the Comp Plan allowed and provided for infrastructure, roads and recreational amenities.

Mr. McClure said that his client wanted to have all the property that had not been sold to the county managed under one jurisdiction with one set of rules. He referred to the portion of the property that his client wanted to annex into the City and said his client would commit to developing that portion commercially, which would provide a better tax revenue with lower cost.

Mayor Gardner opened the public hearing and the following citizens spoke against the proposal:

- Ed Slavin, P.O. 3084
- David Thundershield Queen, P. O. Box 270

Mr. McClure concluded that his client was not just another developer trying to exploit growth in St. Johns County, as they had owned the property in question for more than 100 years and wanted to work with the City regarding development.

Commissioner Burk stated that OL designation allowed for one residential unit per acre; therefore, it could currently be developed with approximately 50 homes. She said the proposed plan was to increase the density to over 400 units, and there was no way that she would ever approve it; therefore, she saw no reason to approve the

proposal and send the matter to the Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner Boles stated that he was comfortable with sending the proposal to the Department of Community Affairs, as the City was past the point of designating property OL and allowing it to sit. He offered to motion to approve in order to see what the Department of Community Affairs had to say. He concluded that he appreciated the applicant's vision and the idea of the commercial development on Route 1.

Commissioner Jones clarified that an office complex could be built on the property as designated; therefore, because the City would not be obligated in any fashion, he had no problem with sending the matter to Tallahassee.

MOTION

Commissioner Boles MOVED to place Ordinance 2006-03 on first reading, read by title only and approved. Commissioner Crichlow SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-03
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE MAP, TO REDESIGNATE APPROXIMATELY 72.86 ACRES LOCATED NORTH OF STATE ROAD 16, WEST OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILROAD FROM OPEN LAND TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY/MIXED USE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Crichlow agreed that he had no problem sending the matter to Tallahassee. He said that the Commission would have the opportunity to determine how the land would be developed if they changed the land designation.

Mayor Gardner stated that he regarded the FEC highly and would be inclined to support their request; however, in this instance he understood that the FEC intended to sell the property to a developer that might not have good intentions regarding the future of the City. He emphasized that they had to get control to insure sensible development.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES: Boles, Crichlow, Jones

NAYES: Burk, Gardner

MOTION CARRIED 3/2

11.D/ Ordinances - Second Reading Public Hearing

11.D.1/ Public Hearing - Ordinance 2006-04, amending the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map designating property located on the west side of South Whitney Street, south of Madeore Street as Residential Low Density.

Mr. Knight stated that Ordinances 2006-04 and 2006-05 changed the land use and zoning designation of a piece of property on South Whitney Street to residential Low Density and RS-2 zoning in conjunction with the annexation that had been approved a few months earlier for a three lot subdivision, and he added that the plat had been approved on the consent agenda.

Mr. Crichlow recused himself from the item.

Mayor Gardner opened the public hearing for Ordinances 2006-04 and 2006-05, but there was no response.

MOTION

Commissioner Jones MOVED to place Ordinance 2006-04 on second reading, read by title only and approved. Mayor Gardner SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE MAP, TO INCORPORATE AND DESIGNATE APPROXIMATELY 0.57 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LYING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH WHITNEY STREET, SOUTH OF MADEORE STREET, AS RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. (4/0)

11.D.2/ Public Hearing - Ordinance 2006-05, designating a zoning classification of Residential, Single-Family-Two (RS-2) relative to property located on the west side of South Whitney Street, south of Madeore Street

MOTION

Commissioner Jones MOVED to place Ordinance 2006-05 on second reading, read by title only and approved. Mayor Gardner SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ZONING FOR PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.57 ACRES LYING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH WHITNEY STREET, SOUTH OF MADEORE STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER, TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY-TWO (RS-2); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. (4/0)

11.D.3/ Public Hearing - Ordinance 2006-06, amending the General Employees' Retirement System.

Timothy A. Burchfield, Chief Administrative Officer, reported that the modifications to the General Employees Pension Plan were a modified DROP plan and inclusion of the police and fire chiefs into the plan for the supplemental benefit only. He said that the actuarial impact statement detailed the impact on the plan.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Burk MOVED to place Ordinance 2006-06 on second reading, read by title only and approved. Commissioner Boles SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Wilson read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE III, ST. AUGUSTINE CODE, THE ST. AUGUSTINE CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 20-103 (PARTICIPATION IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM), PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF FOR PURPOSES OF A SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE; AMENDING SECTION 20-104 (CREDITED SERVICE), PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CREDITED SERVICE FOR PERIODS OF PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE OR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT; AMENDING SECTION 20-108 (NORMAL AND REDUCED EARLY RETIREMENT CONDITIONS), PROVIDING FOR A REDUCED

EARLY RETIREMENT PENALTY; AMENDING SECTION 20-141 (SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE), TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FOR THE POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF; CREATING A NEW SECTION 20-145, PROVIDING FOR A "BAC-DROP" PROGRAM; CREATING A NEW SECTION 20-146, PROVIDING FOR ROLLOVERS AND DIRECT TRANSFERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

12.A/ General Public Comments (5 minutes per individual).

The following people spoke:

- Ed Slavin, P. O. Box 3084, spoke regarding the dangers of the City manager having absolute power, the position of City Archeologist and the fact that the City Manager and Attorney were never seen on TV
- David Thundershield Queen, P. O. Box 270, spoke regarding the City Archeologist, a living wage and the fact that there were not enough women or people of color in director positions in the City of St. Augustine
- Jerry Butterbaugh, 21 Leonardi Street, spoke regarding the trucks on Leonardi Street

12.B/ GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS (15 minutes per presentations)

Harry Maxwell, 3333 Cedar Glen Way, requested that the City defer \$143,361 for the utility connection fees for his affordable housing project.

After discussion the Commission determined that while they appreciated Mr. Maxwell's project, they could not honor the request

especially considering that the project was for profit.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:45 p.m. ⁶

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

⁶Transcribed by Karen Rogers, Recording Secretary