

# CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Regular City Commission Meeting  
March 8, 2010

The City Commission met in a formal session Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in the Alcazar Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Boles, and the following were present:

## **1. Roll Call:**

Joe Boles, Mayor/City Commissioner  
Errol Jones, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner  
Donald Crichlow, City Commissioner  
Leanna S. A. Freeman, City Commissioner  
Nancy Sikes-Kline, City Commissioner

William B Harriss, City Manager  
Ron Brown, City Attorney  
Karen Rogers, City Clerk  
Timothy A. Burchfield, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Regan, Chief Operations Officer  
Mark Knight, Director, Planning and Building  
Martha Graham, Director, Public Works  
Jim Piggott, General Services Director  
Mark Litzinger, Comptroller  
Paul K. Williamson, Director, Public Affairs  
Dana Ste. Claire, Executive Director of the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration  
Celebration/Director, Heritage Tourism  
Carlos E. Mendoza, Assistant City Attorney  
Barry Fox, Commander, SAPD  
Mike Arnold, Fire Chief  
Darlene Kirkland, Recording Secretary

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## **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Lois Turner, Pentecostal Fellowship Center Church, delivered the invocation, and Commissioner Jones led the pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **3.A/ Modification of Agenda**

(None)

### **3.B/ Approval of Minutes MOTION**

**Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2010 and the special meeting of February 1, 2010. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Crichlow and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

### **3.C.1/ Proclamations**

2010-03 - MS Awareness Week  
2010-04 - Motorcycle Awareness Week  
2010-07 - Archaeology Month

Mayor Boles read and presented the proclamations.

### **3.C.2/ Recognitions**

2010-04 – Thirteen Archaeology Volunteers : Helen Gradison, Janet Jordin, Lin Masley, Lynne Ur, Margaret Perkins, Nicholas McAulliffe, Phillip Guileford, George Allen, Elizabeth Gessner, Antoinette Wallace, Pauline Larrivey, Mary Lea Klauder, Clara Waldhari

Mayor Boles and Commissioner Sikes-Kline acknowledged the volunteers with Certificates of Recognition and City Crest lapel pins.

Carl Halbirt, City Archeologist, gave a power point presentation of the 2009 accomplishments of the Archeology Department.<sup>1</sup>

2010-05 – Students from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind - Kinesha Battles interpreted the National Anthem for the Super Bowl and Keith Banks interpreted the National Anthem for the Pro Bowl

Mayor Boles and Vice Mayor Jones acknowledged the students with Certificates of Recognition and City Crest lapel pins.

### **4. Appeals**

(None)

### **5. Ordinances and Resolutions - Public Hearing Required**

#### **5.A/ Ordinances – First Reading**

(None)

#### **5.B/. Ordinances - Second Reading**

**5.B.1/ Public Hearing - Ordinance 2010-09, amending Section 28-31 of the Code of the City of St. Augustine to require amendments to applications relevant to**

<sup>1</sup> Presentation attached to original minutes

### **public hearings be submitted at least ten (10) days prior to hearing.**

Mark Knight, Director, Planning and Building, stated that currently when amendments were made to applications, City Code required that applications be submitted within five days prior to public hearing. He explained that proposed Ordinance 2010-09 extended the time to ten days to submit an amended application to allow additional time for review.

Public hearing was opened; however, there was no response.

### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to place Ordinance 2010-09 on second reading, read by title only and passed. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Jones.**

Ron Brown, City Attorney, read Ordinance 2010-09 as follows:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 28-31 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO REQUIRE AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION; 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: Crichlow, Jones, Freeman  
Sikes-Kline, Boles**

**NAYES: None**

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **5.C/ Resolutions**

(None)

## **6. General Public Comments and Presentations**

### **6.A/ General Public Comments (3 minutes per individual)**

Rick Rummell stated that the Colonial St. Augustine Foundation used proceeds from the sale of replica City monuments for their restoration of the Plaza monuments. He requested consideration by the Commission regarding an official designation for the Bridge of Lions, Spanish Cross and the Spanish Constitution monument statues.

B. J. Kalaidi emphasized that City officials and staff trips should not be paid through City funds. She felt that the Riberia Street force main should receive higher priority regarding federal funding requests. She stated that the restoration of the North City Historic Rail Station should not be considered for federal funding. She expressed concern regarding live music in the Aviles Street businesses, and the enforcement of City laws regarding street performances on St. George Street.

### **6.B/ Presentations (15 minutes per presentation)**

(None)

## **7. Resolutions and Ordinances- No Public Hearing Required**

### **7.A/ Ordinances – First Reading**

(None)

### **7.B/ Resolutions**

**7.B.1/ Consideration of Resolution 2010-05, authorizing the City Manager to execute documents relating to Disaster Relief Funding Agreement relevant to Tropical Storm Fay.**

Mr. Harriss stated that during Tropical Storm Fay, the City had incurred damage and expenses. He explained that to receive reimbursement from FEMA, a resolution had to be passed allowing the documents to be executed.

### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2010-05. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Jones and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Commissioner Jones explained that during a recent trip to Washington DC discussion had taken place with officials regarding procedure to apply for expense reimbursements from previous storm damage, which initiated the aforementioned Resolution.

**7.B.2/ Consideration of Resolution 2010-06, authorizing the City Manager to apply for Grant Assistance under the Florida Inland Navigation District's Waterways Assistance Program for Dredging of the Salt Run Channel.**

Mr. Harriss stated that the City could receive funds annually for dredging from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND). He explained that the City would receive \$400,000 from FIND and the Port and Waterway Authority agreed to provide an additional \$100,000 towards a dredging project. He pointed out that the City could receive funding for only one dredging project, and that the San Sebastian River Channel was the priority; however, they were still waiting for permit approval. He noted that if the permitting was not received for San Sebastian project, the funds would be applied to Salt Run.

Commissioner Crichlow questioned if the permits were received for San Sebastian, whether the application for Salt Run would then be pulled, and the response was affirmative.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline explained that the proposed dredging in the San Sebastian River would remove approximately 10,000 cubic yards of material from a channel that was 100 feet wide and 2.6 miles long, increasing the depth to 11 feet below mean tide. She stated that the project was important to the City's waterfront.

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2010-06. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Crichlow and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

**7.B.3/ Consideration of Resolution 2010-07, authorizing the City Manager to apply for Grant Assistance under the Florida Inland Navigation District's Waterways Assistance Program for Dredging of the San Sebastian River Channel.**

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Jones MOVED to pass Resolution 2010-07. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Crichlow and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

**7.B.4/ Consideration of Resolution 2010-08, relevant to the approval of three (3) Memoranda of Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of St. Augustine for operation and maintenance of lighting and landscaping as applicable to the Bridge of Lions.**

Mr. Harriss explained that negotiation of agreements had taken place with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the agreements related to the following:

- Maintenance of existing lights, landscaping maintenance and other reimbursable expenses

- Agreement to turnover hardscape and landscape that existed on the City's rights-of-way
- Proposed non-standard lighting for the Bridge of Lions

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2010-08. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Crichlow and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

#### **8. Staff Reports and Presentations**

**8.1/ Presentation relevant to 2010 Federal Appropriation funding applications.**

Mr. Harriss further referenced the success of staff and Commission related to the trips to Washington DC.

John Regan, Chief Operations Officer, stated that in early February funding requests had been put together, and were presented to Congressman John Mica for federal appropriations. He cited the four items for consideration as follows:

- King Street corridor improvements - \$1.76 million
- Infrastructure upgrades - \$3.71 million
- West King Street force main - \$1.4 million
- Restoration of the North City Rail Station - \$3 million

Mr. Regan said that the total was \$9.87 million. He reported that City staff would be making a trip to Washington DC to meet with a legislative delegation regarding the following:

- Ensure requests were appropriately applied
- 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Celebration
- Follow up on a \$4.7 million pending application with FEMA for the sea wall

- Paul Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program \$300,000 grant

**8.2/ Presentation on topics relevant to the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration.**

Dana Ste. Claire, Executive Director of the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Celebration/Director, Heritage Tourism, stated that during the City to City meeting with Aviles, Spain representatives, a recommendation had been made to place the Mayor of Aviles, Pilar Varela or her designee on the Regional Steering Committee for the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to appoint the Mayor of Aviles or designee to the Regional Steering Commission. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Sikes-Kline and approved by UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Mr. Ste. Claire said that a meeting had been scheduled in Washington DC with the Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar and Director of External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Ray Rivera to discuss the Federal Commission and \$500,000 appropriation funding results. He stated that Mr. Rivera was chairing the development of the Smithsonian National American Latino Museum, which could include St. Augustine's role in the cultural development of America. He explained that the purpose was to bring national and international recognition to St. Augustine, and to develop possible satellite programs for the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration. He presented draft copies of *First America*, which briefly explained St. Augustine's history and the planning of the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration.<sup>2</sup> He noted that it would be presented to the DC officials.

Mayor Boles added that a request would be made to the Secretary of the Interior to announce the appointments to the National Commission in St. Augustine.

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<sup>2</sup> Attached to original minutes

Mr. Ste. Claire stated that the Colonial St. Augustine Foundation was significant for the historical monument restorations and an important partnership for the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration. He advised that the Commemoration product trademark and copyright policy would be a complicated issue, and provided the model used for the Jamestown 2007 celebration.<sup>3</sup> He explained that Jamestown had partnered with an outside entity to manage their commemoration. He stated that the foundation had retained final rights to determine product selection for merchandising and licensing. He explained that the companies selected by the foundation compensated a percentage of the proceeds to Jamestown 2007 Commemoration and the foundation. He suggested that the Jamestown agreement could be a model for the City to follow. He reported that the Steering Committee would be meeting at the end of March, and the purpose of the meeting was to work through the organizational chart. He pointed out that a key committee would be product development and licensing to develop official products. He concluded that after reviewing several models regarding copyright and trademark policies, a comprehensive presentation would be brought before the Commission for consideration.

Mayor Boles questioned whether the policy would be for the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration and the City, and the response was affirmative.

Ron Brown, City Attorney, stated that there were separate issues regarding copyright and trademark, public records and official designation of products. He said that in certain cases city municipalities had a greater independence than the state or county, because in absence of a State Statute, the City could exercise reasonable authority for municipal purposes. He explained that in 1991 there had been an issue before the Florida legislature concerning the establishment of city seals and how to protect them, and it was

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<sup>3</sup> Attached to original minutes

determined that a city could pass an ordinance to establish a seal and protect its use, under which a violation could be punishable by a second degree misdemeanor. He further explained that the Commission could grant use of the seal based on certain criteria. He recommended that the City create a separate entity that would control all trademark and copyrights. He advised that the City should develop criterion prior to establishing an official designation for any group or organization.

Commissioner Crichlow felt that the St. Augustine Colonial Foundation should be given consideration for an official designation; because they had been established for the restoration of historical monuments for the City.

Mr. Brown suggested that an official designation criteria consideration could include a foundations general purpose.

Mr. Harriss stated that an official designation could be given for a limited period of time, and then designated under a long term plan when the copyright and trademark policy had been developed.

Mayor Boles pointed out that many merchandisers sold replicas of City monuments; however, the St. Augustine Colonial Foundation was the only one that had a replica sculpture created by the original artist. He stated that officially designated merchandise would be sold through the City's 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration; however, he felt that the City was not prepared, at that time, to make an official designation.

Commissioner Freeman felt that an official designation would be a positive marketing benefit for the St. Augustine Colonial Foundation, and she questioned the reason to delay the official designation.

Mayor Boles replied that a review should be conducted of other cities business plans prior to making any official designations,

because he did not want other merchandisers using the term official product until the City had a policy in place. He felt that the City should benefit from all merchandise sold regarding the 450<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Celebration.

Mr. Ste. Claire stated that the policy recommendations should be finalized before the formal opening of the Bridge of Lions.

Commissioner Crichlow questioned whether a committee would approve each product requesting an official designation.

Mr. Ste. Claire replied that a committee would create a policy and review criteria that would be fair and equitable to anyone that requested an official designation.

Commissioner Jones stated that the policy would enhance the future of the City; however, he felt that further information would be necessary to determine a merchandising plan.

## **MOTION**

**Commissioner Jones MOVED to establish a committee to create a proposed merchandising policy for consideration by the Commission. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Crichlow.**

## **VOTE ON MOTION**

**AYES: Jones, Crichlow, Sikes-Kline  
Freeman, Boles**

**NAYES: None**

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Commissioner Sikes-Kline expressed appreciation for the St. Augustine Colonial Foundation and their partnership with the City.

**8.3/ Final presentation by Reynolds, Smith & Hill (RS&H) relevant to the accent under-lighting for the Bridge of Lions.**

David Laffitte, Reynolds Smith & Hill, gave a power point presentation regarding the architecture and design for the Bridge of Lions under-lighting.<sup>4</sup> He explained that the proposed under-lighting design would be concealed to illuminate the bridge girders, and would consist of approximately 300 compact florescent flood light fixtures placed every six feet along the bridge. He noted that the towers would be illuminated up and down and alternated along each face of the tower to accent its shape. He stated that the final engineering and project bids had not been completed.

Mr. Harriss questioned the type of lighting for the street light poles, and whether the color was normal for that type of light.

Mr. Laffitte replied that the lighting was metal halide, and the yellowish color was not considered normal; however, he would verify the type installed. He estimated the average cost for evening illumination would be \$2,500 annually, and the estimated cost for lighting installation would be approximately \$280,000. He noted that the cost for installation might be higher due to the bridge being operational when the lights would be installed. He recommended considering LED lighting as an alternate for effective operating costs.

Commissioner Crichlow stated that the under-lighting would be an enhancement for one of the City's largest trademarks; however, funding had not been established. He expressed hope that funding for the lighting would be secured prior to the grand opening.

Mr. Regan stated that there would be discussions regarding funding for the bridge lighting project during the trip to Washington DC.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline expressed concern regarding the proposed number of lights to be installed, and the color variance of the under-lighting and street lights.

<sup>4</sup> Presentation attached to original minutes

Mr. Laffitte replied that the lighting would be verified for consistency prior to the final engineering and cost estimates.

## **9. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY**

### **10. ITEMS BY CITY CLERK**

#### **10.A/ Notification of Proclamations.**

2010-09 – Lincolnville : "The Way We Were Day"

#### **10.B/ Notification of four-year term vacancy on the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee.**

Commissioner Sikes-Kline explained that the City would advertise an appointment to the Transportation Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee, and make a recommendation for appointment to the Commission on March 22, 2010. She stated that St. Johns County had appointed the City's representative previously, and their appointment, Joseph Rubino, had served effectively. She said that there were two committees that served the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO); one was the Citizens Advisory Committee and the other was the Technical Advisory Committee, in which Mark Knight, Director, Planning and Building, was the City's representative.

## **11. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER (Includes Consent Agenda**

### **11.A/ Consent Agenda**

#### **11.A.1/ Preview of upcoming Commission meetings.**

#### **11.A.2/ Release of Liens for Utility Connection Mortgage at 680 N. McLaughlin Street, 517 Aiken Street, 525, 527 & 529 W. King Street; and 1059 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.**

#### **11.A.3/ Introduction and consideration of an Interlocal Agreement between the**

**City of St. Augustine and the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District (SAPWBD) relevant to the first phase of the Salt Run dredging project.**

**11.A.4/ Introduction and consideration of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of St. Augustine and the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District (SAPWBD) relevant to the first phase of the San Sebastian River dredging project.**

Commissioner Crichlow requested that item 11.A.5. be removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda items 11.A.1. through 11.A.4. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Jones and CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

**11.A.5/ Consideration of Agreement relevant to Trinity Episcopal Parish parking lot and the Aviles Street Project.**

Commissioner Crichlow expressed concern regarding increased traffic in the area.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline questioned the number of current parking spaces and the number of spaces after the proposed reconfiguration

Mr. Regan replied that currently there were approximately 50 parking spaces and after reconfiguration there would be 60.

Commissioner Freeman questioned whether there would be signage directing traffic to the parking lot.

Mr. Regan replied that signage would be the same as all the City's municipal parking lots. He pointed out that the project had been in the Parking and Traffic Master

Plan as a way to optimize the City's parking inventory.

Commissioner Freeman stated that while she understood the concerns regarding increased traffic, she felt that the project would make better use of an existing parking lot.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline stated that there was a need for additional parking south of the Plaza, and she felt it would be an effective way to fill parking spaces that otherwise would not be used. She explained that the shared parking concept between the church and businesses could create a model for future parking agreements.

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Freeman MOVED to approve item 11.A.5., consideration of agreement relevant to the Trinity Episcopal Parish parking lot and Aviles Street Project. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Sikes-Kline.**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**AYES: Freeman, Sikes-Kline  
Jones, Boles**

**NAYES: Crichlow  
MOTION CARRIED 4/1**

**11.B/ Discussion Items.**

**12. Items by Mayor and Commissioners**

Commissioner Sikes-Kline expressed appreciation for the presentation and update from the Archeology Department, and she requested an annual update during Archeology month. She announced that the U.S. census forms would be mailed within a week, and encouraged everyone to fill them out and send them in.

Commissioner Crichlow stated that he had attended the Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Awards ceremony, in which St. Johns County had received three awards.

He felt that there were categories the City could be nominated for next year.

Commissioner Jones requested an update on the West Augustine project and the interlocal agreement with St. Johns County.

Mr. Regan stated that City Resolution 2009-22 and St. Johns County Resolution 2009-226 provided an operating framework between St. Johns County and the City to promote the development of sanitary sewer service for West Augustine. He noted that the current cost estimate to provide sewer to the identified territories was \$21.5 million. He explained that the Master Plan prioritized installation to residents that participated in the West Augustine Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). He stated that King Street was an economic corridor that could provide future jobs. He said that the biggest issue for providing sewer service was transmission capacity. He pointed out that other key parts to the Master Plan were to determine the best use of funds, and to pursue grants and Congressional appropriation funding. He pointed out that grant funds were for communities below \$7,500 per capita and had public health issues or failing infrastructure issues. He noted that the City had filed a \$1.4 million appropriations application to build transmission capacity. He stated that one of the most important components to the master plan was to evaluate other financing mechanisms, and encourage a partnership with the public and private sectors to create funding. He referred to a utility developer agreement brought before the Commission regarding a proposed residential development that could provide the City with a large anchor customer; however, the agreement would place the cost burden on the City to build the transmission line to the area. He noted that negotiations with St. Johns County were being evaluated to transfer the territory; thereby, enabling the City to provide the utility services. He stated that if the St. Johns County Health Department could evaluate the West Augustine area

and determine a need for better water quality and public health improvement issues, the grant funding could be increased. He concluded that the final component of the Master Plan would be to develop and implement a connection policy.

Mr. Regan reported that Martha Graham, Director, Public Works, was attending a community meeting along with St. Johns County representatives to update residents regarding the West Augustine projects.

Commissioner Jones requested clarification of the Master Plan.

Mr. Harriss replied that the utility Master Plan for West Augustine was commissioned by City engineers to examine what would be necessary to provide the utilities.

Mr. Regan stated that the City had committed \$40,000 to create a sanitary sewer Master Plan formatted in the type of document used to seek funding under the State Revolving Fund.<sup>5</sup> He explained that the area had been divided into natural sanitary sewer drainage basin areas, provided estimated construction costs and cost per connection within each basin.

Commissioner Jones stated that there had been questions regarding West King Street being left out of the Master Plan, and he questioned the reason.

Mr. Regan replied that the Master Plan consultant had not included routing the West King Street force main in the preliminary drawing, because they required the City's final routing design; however, the final document would include the information. He stated that the community was being notified and concerns regarding inclusion would be addressed.

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<sup>5</sup> Attached to original minutes

Commissioner Jones questioned the proposed trade agreement with St. Johns County.

Mr. Regan replied that the proposed development would be a service anchor and provide future financial solvency for the City; however, it was not located in City territory, and the County would have to re-district that area. He pointed out that the proposed development would be a future revenue source for the County utilities; therefore, a territory trade would be necessary. He explained that the revenue created from the proposed subdivision would only minimally cover the City's cost to install the force main, and St. Johns County had not announced an official position regarding negotiations. He noted that the negotiations could result in a financial buy-out for the West Augustine project, because of the previous utility projects financial performance. He stated that in 2001, the City had provided utility connections for approximately 300 parcels along Butler Avenue for a total of nearly \$1 million through grant funding and the SHIP program; however, only 23 existing structures had connected. He said that the net revenue for that system had been less than \$100,000, which made investments in West Augustine challenging and grant funding critical.

Commissioner Freeman questioned the connection costs for the property owners of the Butler Avenue project.

Mr. Regan replied that the property owner costs were covered by \$220,000 in SHIP program funding assistance.

Commissioner Jones felt that the City had a commitment to the West Augustine area, and should make every effort to follow through.

Mr. Regan stated that the primary goal was to complete the Master Plan to submit to the State Revolving Fund grant process. He explained that by St. Johns County Health Department providing statistically

valid information regarding water quality data for private wells and failing septic tanks could enable the City to apply for grant funding instead of financing the project.

Commissioner Jones questioned the Riberia Street project progress.

Mr. Regan replied that the \$450,000 stormwater grant and the \$50,000 Water Management District grant would not be received until October; therefore, the City would begin advertising for bids during May and June, with contracts awarded in July. He stated that digging should begin approximately in September.

Commissioner Freeman questioned which phase of the project the grant funding could be used for.

Mr. Regan replied that the funding could be used for either phase; however, the City could not incur expenses prior to receiving the grant, because they would not be reimbursed.

Commissioner Jones questioned the process regarding the Riberia Street landfill agreement.

Mr. Regan replied that the State of Florida required an armament system for the landfill property, and the temporary bridge could be recycled to create that system. He stated that the riprap materials would be delivered free of charge by the bridge contractor. He noted that the bridge recycling would be an environmental and cost saving measure for the contractor. He stated that delivery of material, whether recycled or purchased, would have to be transported using Riberia Street during construction. He said that the riprap permits had been completed; however, the Army Corps of Engineers approval would be required, because construction would be in close proximity to the wetlands.

Commissioner Jones questioned whether the armament system construction would coincide with the Riberia Street project.

Mr. Regan replied that the armament system could be delivered prior to the Riberia Street project.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline stated that the City had promised to hold a public meeting regarding the Riberia Street projects.

Mr. Regan stated that a meeting could be scheduled at the beginning of April.

Mayor Boles expressed appreciation to Dana Ste. Claire and staff for the successful Noche de Gala and extended condolences to Anita McNutt, Heritage Tourism, for the loss of her daughter.

### **13. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.<sup>6</sup>

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK, CMC

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<sup>6</sup> Transcribed by Darlene Kirkland