

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Special City Commission Meeting
December 16, 2008

The City Commission met in a formal session Monday, December 16, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the de Aviles Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boles, and the following were present.

Roll Call:

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

William B. Harriss, City Manager
Ron Brown, City Attorney
Karen Rogers, City Clerk
Susan Goins, Recording Secretary

2. Discussion Regarding 450th Commemorative Consultant.

Mayor Boles stated that the Commission was required to establish a consulting fee for Mayor Jean Zeidler. He said the fee would pay for food, travel and lodging for one week.

MOTION

Commissioner Crichlow MOVED to approve a \$2,500 consulting fee and capped at that amount. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Freeman.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ron Brown, City Attorney, stated that the Commission would meet in a shade session for a discussion regarding settlement negotiations and strategies related to litigation for three lawsuits. He noted that the participants would be limited to the

Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, and a court reporter. He explained the proceedings as follows:

- The lawsuits must be discussed independently of each other
- After the lawsuit was concluded, the proceedings would become public
- The court reporter had been instructed to prepare three separate volumes of discussions; including the starting and stopping time
- At the time that each action was resolved and no longer pending, the transcript could be released
- The negotiations were confidential and the matter must not be discussed outside of the shade meeting
- Acceptance of an agreement or resolution must be reached at a public meeting

Susan Parker, Executive Director, St. Augustine Historical Society, provided a

letter to the Commission offering assistance with planning the 450th celebration.¹

3. Recess To Shade Meeting²

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 2:16 P.M.³

4. Discussion regarding settlement negotiations and strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures as to the following lawsuits. Participants shall be limited to the City Commission, the City Manager, the City Attorney and a certified court reporter.

- Avalon Carriages
- Wendler
- Fish Island, LLC.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK, CMC

¹ Attached to original minutes

² Recess to shade meeting at 2:16 P.M.

³ Transcribed by Susan Goins