

The City Commission of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the City Commission Chambers. Present were Mayor Robin C. Lentz presiding, Vice Mayor Len Kreger, Commissioners John A. Miller, Roy G. Smith, and Tim Poynter. Also present were City Clerk Caroline Best, City Manager Dale L. Martin and City Attorney Tammi Bach.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The invocation was then given by Reverend Ed Coop, Sr. of Joy Ministries Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA OR ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. David Smith, 1641 Scott Road, explained he is a twelve year member of the community and an active affiliate of the Nassau Sport Fishing Association; a 501c3 nonprofit organization, incorporated in 1983. Over the past thirty-five years, the Nassau Sport Fishing Association has sponsored the Kingfish Tournament; a fundraiser to benefit the Nassau Sport Fishing Association, which through the years, has sponsored events for and with the Fernandina Beach High School, the United States Coast Guard, Fish and Wildlife Conservation, Fort Clinch State Park kids fishing events, Big Brothers/Sisters and the Shrimp Boat Festival. On behalf of the Nassau Sport Fishing Association, Mr. Smith requested relief from the special event permit fee that has increased from \$290 to \$1800 this year; particularly the \$1000 environmental impact fee.

Commissioner Miller remarked that when the new special event fees passed he was aware event organizers would seek relief on a case by case basis and he would support a special event fee rollback for the Nassau Sport Fishing Association's Kingfish Tournament. Commissioner Miller asked how the environmental impact fee portion of the special event fee (\$1000) works. City Manager Martin responded the environmental impact fee helps facilitate the cleanup of events through Advanced Disposal, to ensure site cleanup during and after special events. The money is retained in a fund facilitated to promote local recycling efforts. Mr. David Smith noted that the Nassau Sport Fishing Association works with United Services for portable toilets, Advanced Disposal for trash cans and trash removal, Taylor Rentals for tents; all move in on Friday prior to the event and are vacated Sunday after the event. Thus, there is no environmental impact.

Vice Mayor Kreger stated this is not the first time the City Commission has granted a special event fee waiver; they did it for Americas Youth, Inc.'s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day special event. Vice Mayor Kreger stated he would be open to discussing special event fee waivers on a case by case basis provided the City does not end up subsidizing any special events. After additional discussion among the City Commissioners **a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Poynter to waive the environmental impact special event fee of \$1000 for the 2017 Nassau Sport Fishing Association's Kingfish Tournament.**

City Manager Martin remarked that he would meet with Mr. Smith to review the special event fee, confirm the total fees and noted the newly hired Public Information Officer will handle special events. Also as a goal by the end of June, there will be a complete review of the special events policy, procedures and amendments to ordinances. **Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

Dr. Chip Ross, 210 N. 3rd Street, cited the following concerns regarding waterfront consultants; what is the budget, is there a not to exceed price so that all the consultants are competing on a level playing field, what is the City Commission willing to pay for a consultant and what is the status of the Alachua Street railroad crossing opening; noting the Fernandina Observer blog recently ran an excellent article regarding same. Dr. Ross presented several slides, one of which included a Florida Department of Transportation algorithm. Based on the algorithm and assuming the City Commission wants to precede a “stipulation of parties and notice of intent” must be filed. Dr. Ross stated he and a number of other members of the community would like to know what the City Commissioners plan to do next, asking will the City Commission abandon the idea of a crossing (at Alachua Street) or file an Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) “notice of intent” and move that process along since a consultant is being hired. Dr. Ross proposed pursuing a pedestrian only crossing which he believes would work well and be price compatible. Mayor Lentz thanked Dr. Ross and noted City Manager Martin has an update in his City Manager report at the end of this meeting.

Vice Mayor Kreger noted he appreciates Dr. Ross’s patience and stated at this point the City Commission does not need to address the Alachua Street railroad opening until the waterfront consultant process is completed. Vice Mayor Kreger stated the March 21st City Commission meeting agenda is going to be jam-packed and proposed to convene at 4:00pm for a public meeting and to allow the three waterfront consultants 30 minutes each to make their presentations. Commissioner Poynter responded that the public may not be able to arrive at 4:00pm which would defeat the purpose and offered it would be better to let the meeting run later. Mayor Lentz offered to start the special meeting at 5:00pm and then go right into the regular meeting.

Commissioner Smith asked if there would be a decision made that night as he would prefer more time to think about it. City Manager Martin said the intent was that the three consultants would make their presentations and the City Commission would rank the presentations after which City Manager Martin and City Attorney Bach would enter into contract negotiations based upon the scope and size of the project. Commissioner Smith expressed his discomfort in making the decision that night. Commissioner Poynter stated if homework was done over the next two weeks he would be amenable to making a decision.

Vice Mayor Kreger noted another point to address with Dr. Ross’s is putting a price tag on the scope of work the waterfront consultants will perform. He believes this would be a mistake as once a number is assigned it becomes trouble. Mayor Lentz agreed and would like to know a price too, however if there are too many constraints then the City Commissioner’s won’t get the expected outcome from the consultants.

Commissioner Poynter noted one of the mistakes Fernandina Beach makes over and over again is not having a sufficient and comprehensive plan to present to FDOT and the railroad regarding the opening of the Alachua Street railroad crossing. Commissioner Poynter noted the concerns are well known, that the consultants have long heard the concerns and it makes sense to him to present (to FDOT and the railroad) a sufficient and comprehensive plan as to why the City desires the Alachua Street railroad crossing to be opened or remain closed. Noting a well thought out plan goes a long way in demonstrating what the City is trying to accomplish as opposed to just saying we want the railroad crossing opened or closed.

Mayor Lentz stated the special meeting would be March 21st at 5:00pm in City Hall Commission Chambers to hear each consultant give a thirty minute presentation and the regular City Commission meeting would be pushed back with a later start time.

Ms. Amy Petroy, 2702 Gregor McGregor Blvd. and 416 Ash Street d/b as The Patio Place Restaurant asked the City Commission for assistance as she bought the building and opened the restaurant with the intent to have live music on the patio. Ms. Petroy expressed confusion and direction as to who to talk to regarding the live music, once per month until 9:30pm - 10:00pm she would like to have at her restaurant as do other establishments in Fernandina Beach. Ms. Petroy asked whom to speak with sooner rather than later as of right now she has had to cancel event dates. Commissioner Miller expressed he never liked the noise ordinance that is currently in place. City Attorney Bach stated there is a time limit for the twenty five feet and no time limit for one hundred feet noise ordinance.

Commissioner Miller expanded that anyone can call at 6:00pm and say the noise is bothersome. This has become a way for businesses to compete and businesses to go after one another. It's too arbitrary, a time limit and a distance are needed. Commissioner Smith asked that it become a future agenda item to tweak it as it is currently not working. Mayor Lentz agreed and asked the Commission for permission to put it on the April agenda to bring a draft or suggestions.

Commissioner Poynter asked that the Police Department weigh in before the City Commission meets to discuss the noise ordinance because he was a City Commissioner the last time this was discussed and there is no easy solution. The people who live two doors away residentially argue there is noise; that there should be quiet enjoyment. Commissioner Poynter noted The Green Turtle Restaurant and the Florida House Inn Bed & Breakfast are next to each other and had a fight which brought in other City establishments. Noting if you choose to live downtown two blocks off Centre Street in a business district there is going to be noise at night. There is somewhat of an obligation to the community to allow businesses to thrive until a reasonable hour which is 11:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 10:00pm on Thursdays. City Attorney Bach stated the twenty five feet rule is plainly audible with words not just music.

Ms. Petroy noted her understanding of the timely process and there are many other pressing agenda items however she is losing revenue and has already cancelled the band once and will have to cancel it again the last weekend in March. Ms. Petroy definitely wants a band in April and for Shrimp Boat Festival, playing until 10:00pm at night, as the Ordinance states would be allowable even though she has been issued a citation and asked the City Commission what to do in the meantime. Commissioner Poynter remarked that Ms. Petroy is within the law but is not within the spirit of the law.

Mayor Lentz asked if Ms. Petroy could meet with City Attorney Bach for a full explanation and discussion for options. City Attorney Bach offered her contact information to Ms. Petroy. Commissioner Smith asked what the rule stated until 10:00pm. City Attorney Bach clarified it's just plainly audible that it is not by a certain decibel level.

Mr. Lynn Williams, 1899 S. Fletcher, reminded the City Commissioners that some weeks ago he was before the City Commission and there was discussion about the possibility of dredging the south

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basin using the Army Corps of Engineers plans for the river and extending that into the Fernandina Harbor Marina. At that time it was agreed the City Commission desired the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to spend \$20k to complete the necessary engineering so that the dredging could be extended to the Fernandina Harbor Marina. Mr. Williams explained the time has come to make some decisions because in April, the FIND plans will be firm enough to go to permitting and then out for proposal. An alternate plan in the FIND proposal will be the dredging of the Fernandina Harbor Marina. Mr. Williams explained this is a serious dredging, a big machine will move the Fernandina Harbor Marina docks aside and take out 80-100,000 cubic yards of silt which will be pumped to the FIND site on the north end of Crane Island but it isn't free and a dredging charge of approximately \$10-11 per cubic yard that compares with the current charge of \$30-35 per cubic yard should the dredging need to be redone. There are a few choices, when the Army Corps of Engineers completes the south basin work in early July, they could come into the Fernandina Harbor Marina in late August/beginning of September and clean out the silt. There is also a plan to realign the Fernandina Harbor Marina docks which should be done at the same time as the dredging so they (the docks) are only moved once making the dredging time itself more streamlined and cost effective for all parties involved. Mr. Williams hope is that a decision is made for this \$1.5 million dollar bill that can't be put off until the fall because the Army Corps of Engineers will be here in the summer and we can't ask them to come back next year. In terms of the agreement with Big P and FIND regarding the docks that are at the Fernandina Harbor Marina now which were paid for - the City is obligated to keep them operational for twenty years until 2026 if not the City is obligated to return the money. The docks are not useful right now (as a result of Hurricane Matthew damage) and this is a good deal that Mr. Williams is hopeful will be considered as we move forward.

Commissioner Poynter asked when is the drop dead date and when are they planning on mobilizing. Mr. Williams replied mobilizing is July 1st and going out for bids mid-April. Commissioner Smith had asked to do a bathymetric survey of the marina because there is a lot of mud which is uncharacteristic but could have been pushed in from Hurricane Matthew and if that is the case it's possible to ask for FEMA money to the degree that it would be helpful.

City Manager Martin commented he received an email yesterday from Fernandina Harbor Marina Manager Joe Springer which indicated FIND is stating the City needs to let them know in the next two - three weeks if the schedule is feasible because they (FIND) plan on advertising the project in April. Mr. Williams replied that July construction means that the Fernandina Harbor Marina would be finished before they dredged the river if we want to come at the end of the river because of convenience moving boats around it could be late August or 1st of September so there are two dates to work in. Vice Mayor Kreger stated he is not prepared to discuss what is going on in terms of costs and where we are in next year capital improvement plan, it needs to be looked at that and it cannot even be considered at the front end of their program. Vice Mayor Kreger noted there are two FIND grants and wondered how money fits together and agreed it should be done soon.

Commissioner Smith noted that to do the Fernandina Harbor Marina dredging, the docks and pilings would have to be removed resulting in an added cost to put those back in addition to the cost of dredging. Mr. Williams agreed with Commissioner Smith and noted the plan is that there is a good Applied Technology & Management (ATM) write up on the south basin and to take those docks out anyway and realign hence it's not extra, just something that would be done anyway. Commissioner

Smith replied the problem is if \$1million dollars were received for dredging and then it has to be redone what would that cost. Mayor Lentz replied \$1.5 million total.

Mr. Williams replied there is an estimate ranging from \$400k to take the docks out and realign them using the same pilings. All the pilings and docks were removed in 2006 and replaced and it goes pretty quickly. Mayor Lentz thanked Mr. Williams and noted that it is a discussion for another time at a future meeting to really talk about it. Vice Mayor Kreger expressed the need to find where the money is coming from and what do we have in the capital improvement account. Mayor Lentz asked City Manager Martin to make a note to look into where the Commission could find the money.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: The following two items were on the Consent Agenda and were approved by one motion.

5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: According to the agenda support documents, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - December 6, 2016; Visioning Workshop - December 14, 2016; and Regular Meeting - January 3, 2017 were presented for approval. **A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Poynter to approve the recommendation. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

5.2. FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT – DRIVING DYNAMICS, INC. - RESOLUTION 2017-31 APPROVING A FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH DRIVING DYNAMICS, INC. FOR THE USE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY TO CONDUCT DEFENSIVE DRIVER SAFETY TRAINING: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-31 approves a Facilities Use Agreement with Driving Dynamics, Inc. for defensive driver training at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. **A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Poynter to approve Resolution 2017-31. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

5.3. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY - RESOLUTION 2017-32 DECLARING CERTAIN TITLED CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-32 declares certain property as surplus, and authorizes the disposal of such. **A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Poynter to approve Resolution 2017-32. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

5.4. FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT - FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD – RESOLUTION 2017-33 APPROVING A FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2-111TH REGIMENT, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS BATTALION, FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TO PROVIDE LOCAL AIRPORT ADVISORY SERVICES DURING THE 2017 AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURSE D'ELEGANCE: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-33 approves the Facilities Use Agreement for the 2-111th Regiment, Airfield Operations Battalion, and Florida Army National Guard to provide local Airport advisory services at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport during the 2017 Amelia Island Concourse d'Elegance. **A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Poynter to approve**

Resolution 2017-33. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.

6.1. BUDGET AMENDMENT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - RESOLUTION 2017-34 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOVERY FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-34 approves a budget transfer of \$8,000 from the Law Enforcement Recovery Fund capital account to the Non Capital Equipment account. City Manager Martin explained this is a reclassification of funds in the Police Department that had been mistakenly categorized to purchase night vision equipment in the budget. As a capital purchase under policy, it is actually a non-capital purchase and this amendment reestablishes this. **A motion was made by Commissioner Poynter, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution 2017-34. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

6.2. BUDGET AMENDMENT – POLICE DEPARTMENT - RESOLUTION 2017-35 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-35 approves a transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund Contingency account to the Police Department Improvement account. City Manager Martin stated there have been issues with the Police Department roof experiencing a significant amount of leaks; this budget amendment capitalizes \$40,000 worth of repairs to the Police Department roof. **A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Poynter to approve Resolution 2017-35.** Vice Mayor Kreger noted he will vote to approve Resolution 2017-35 but believes this is a big expenditure on what should have been a budgeted item. Vice Mayor Kreger indicated that with a sufficient preventative maintenance program these types of structural issues could be identified and properly budgeted for in the future. City Manager Martin clarified this particular expense is related to plumbing issues at the Police Department, noting the summary states it is for unexpected, unbudgeted plumbing replacement in the Police Department buildings. Police Department Captain Bishop explained the plumbing issues were unexpected and related to copper plumbing that has developed pinhole leaks around the entire roof area which is making a mess of the building. Captain Bishop explained that the two main buildings of the Police Department are the ones experiencing leaks and the back building will wait until next year and will be a budgeted expenditure. **Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

6.3. TASK ORDER 2017-01 APPROVAL - OLSEN ASSOCIATES, INC. & BUDGET AMENDMENT - RESOLUTION 2017-36 APPROVING TASK ORDER #2017-01 WITH OLSEN ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE NASSAU COUNTY SHORE PROTECTION ALTERNATE RENOURISHMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE AND BEACH CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-36 approves Task Order #2017-01 with Olsen Associates, Inc. for coastal engineering services for the Nassau County Shore Protection Project. Also approves an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget by transferring \$10,000 to the Beach Renourishment account from the Capital Improvement Reserve account. **A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Poynter to approve Resolution 2017-36.** Commissioner Poynter questioned whether the monies to

pay for services associated with Resolution 2017-36 should come out of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), fund as he believes they should. Vice Mayor Kreger explained the MSTU monies to pay for these services have not been collected yet and agreed with Commissioner Poynter that “all of this should come out of the MSTU as anything that is related to the program should come out of this fund.” Commissioner Poynter responded the City and Nassau County should get reimbursed from MTSU funds for these expenditures. Mayor Lentz noted Resolution 2017-36 doesn’t say anything to that and asked City Attorney Bach how the City can be reimbursed once the money is collected. City Attorney Bach replied the City has to do it by agreement with Nassau County as it is unknown, at this time, how the MSTU monies will be distributed and noted there is a contract with Olsen & Associates stating the City is going to pay. Vice Mayor Kreger stated the question is how it gets administrated. **Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

6.4. QUALIFYING DATES FOR THE 2017 CITY GENERAL ELECTION - RESOLUTION 2017-37 APPROVING AND SETTING THE QUALIFYING DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 CITY GENERAL ELECTION: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-37 set the Qualifying Dates for the November 7, 2017, City General Election to begin on July 10, 2017, and end on July 14, 2017. Commissioner Poynter stated this Qualifying period is too early and questioned why it’s in the beginning of July. City Clerk Best explained it’s a one week Qualifying period and that the Qualifying period represents the period of time that a candidate brings in the required Qualifying documents. Anyone can come to the City Clerk’s office at any time and fill out the appropriate paperwork to become a candidate and begin campaigning, the Qualifying period is just that window of opportunity to bring in the paperwork. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kreger to approve, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution 2017-37. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and was as follows:**

Commissioner Poynter:	Nay
Commissioner Smith:	Nay
Commissioner Miller:	Aye
Vice Mayor Kreger:	Aye
Mayor Lentz:	Aye

Motion carried.

6.5. OPPOSE FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 17 - RESOLUTION 2017-38 OPPOSING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 17 (HB 17) AND ANY SIMILAR OR SUBSTITUTE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT THE LOCAL REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS TO THE STATE BY PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM IMPOSING OR ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, RULES LICENSES, PERMIT OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED FEES; OPPOSING ANY STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT AND REPEAL BY OPERATION OF STATE LAW ANY EXISTING LOCAL REGULATIONS; OPPOSING ANY STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD LIMIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MODIFYING OR IMPOSING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-38 opposes Florida House Bill 17 (HB

17). City Attorney Bach explained she wrote this initially as a draft to oppose House Bill 17 which has already moved through State committees and basically pre-empts local governments from regulating businesses including anything from signage, Local Business Tax Receipts, etc. City Attorney Bach explained that City Manager Martin received a telephone call today from the City's Lobbyist Mr. Buddy Jacobs, Esquire who said the language in Resolution 2017-38 should be broadened as there are other bills cooking out there that may have other things besides business in them. The new draft proposal which City Attorney Bach crafted removed businesses, regulations specific to businesses and said any attempt by State legislature to pre-empt local regulations of any kind the City of Fernandina Beach opposes. **A motion was made by Commissioner Poynter, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution 2017-38.** Vice Mayor Kreger stated the City Commission needs to do more and have it go further to Representative Boyd and indicated the other preemption bill came up today has to do with cell towers. City Attorney Bach offered that a vacation rental bill also came up. Mayor Lentz suggested a telephone call be put in to Senator Bean whom she telephoned yesterday. Commissioner Miller encouraged citizens to get involved stating any preemption bill is terrible. Every community is unique, everybody has different situations. Any time the State tries to move and tie our local hands it's not a good thing. Commissioner Miller noted he is going to Tallahassee on Tuesday. Commissioner Smith asked whether HB 17 is part of the Uber deal that got distorted. Mayor Lentz replied she kind of thought that's where it originated but then it wasn't specific as it was only two pages long. **Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

7.1. PAY & CLASSIFICATION PLAN AMENDMENT – ORDINANCE 2017-07 ESTABLISHING AN AMENDED CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017, PURSUANT TO SECTION 120 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND SECTION 62-247 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY: According to the agenda support documents Ordinance 2017-07 amends the Pay and Classification Plan for FY -2016/2017. City Manager Martin noted this amends the Pay & Classification plan by officially adding the Public Information Officer position, changes to the Fire Department's classification of Ocean Rescue Lifeguards, changing the Purchasing Agent in the Finance Department from exempt to non-exempt and eliminating an unused position of Service Technician in the Maintenance Department. City Attorney Bach then read Ordinance 2017-07 by title only which was as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN AMENDED CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017, PURSUANT TO SECTION 120 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND SECTION 62-247 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Ordinance 2017-37. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

8.1. BOARD APPOINTMENT - FERNANDINA BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY: According to the agenda support documents there was one appointment for the Fernandina Beach Housing Authority. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kreger, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the appointment of Ms. Elaine Roberts. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.**

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

CONGRATULATIONS: City Manager Martin congratulated Fernandina Municipal Airport Operations Superintendent Mr. Bobby Kozakoff on the successful Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) airport inspection last week. The issues raised in previous years have been addressed and Bobby is doing a great job.

THANKS: City Manager Martin thanked City Attorney Bach for the Ethics Training provided to City staff last week and thanked the Community Development Department Planning Staff for the 8th Street coordination meetings with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Utilities yesterday.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING: City Manager Martin met with Chamber of Commerce representatives who have a desire to become more involved in supporting community efforts that especially impact businesses represented by the Chamber.

WATERFRONT CONSULTANT REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ): City Manager Martin stated that he provided the City Commissioners copies of all twelve proposals received for the Waterfront Consultant RFQ. Of the twelve proposals, the RFQ Waterfront Selection Committee selected three consultants for the City Commissions consideration. City Manager Martin intends to invite these three consultants to show their presentations to the Commission at the March 21ST City Commission Regular Meeting or possibly hold a City Commission Special Meeting in order to rank the Waterfront Consultants; with subsequent negotiations to follow. The successful contract will be submitted in April. City Manager Martin thanked the selection committee members Mr. Steve Colwell from Fantastic Fudge, Mr. Kevin McCarthy of Amelia River Cruises, Mr. Bill Tilson of the Historic District Council and Ms. Kelly Gibson, Community Development Department Senior Planner.

NASSAU COUNTY OFFICIALS MEETING: City Manager Martin announced he will meet with Nassau County Manager Ms. Jones and Office of Management and Budget Director Mr. Stankiewicz. These meetings take place every other month and provide an opportunity to stay abreast of issues affecting the sister municipalities. City Manager Martin stated if the Commissioners have any county issues they would like him to broach, please send an email.

BILLY CASPER GOLF OFFICIALS MEETING: City Manager Martin will meet with the Billy Casper Golf officials who are in town due to the high visibility of the Bonhams Car Show & Auction; the auction will take place Thursday, March 9TH.

RIBBON CUTTING: City Manager Martin announced he will attend the Thursday, March 9TH ribbon cutting ceremony for the new B&B Movie Theatre located at 1750 South 14TH Street.

BID OPENING: On Thursday, March 9TH City Manager Martin will receive the bid opening for the airport terminal project.

SPORTSCAR VINTAGE RACING ASSOCIATION: City Manager Martin will meet with the Sportscar Vintage Race officials and schedule a safety briefing on Monday, March 13TH in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration conditional approval.

WORKDAY: City Manager Martin will have his monthly “workday” next Wednesday, March 15th at the golf course.

NEWCOMERS CLUB: City Manager Martin will give a lunch speech on Wednesday, March 15TH to the Newcomers Club.

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM: City Manager Martin will be in Orlando on Friday, March 17TH for a meeting with the Florida Resiliency and Energy District.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (PAB) MEETING: City Attorney Bach will attend the PAB meeting Wednesday, March 8TH and offered regrets in not being able to attend the Bonham’s dinner being held the same evening.

AIRPORT FEE SCHEDULE: City Attorney Bach commented that long term airport hangar leases are up for renewal and some tenants are surprised at the fee schedule increases that has been in effect for several years. If current tenants are unable or unwilling to pay the increased lease rates there is a long waiting list. If phone calls are received regarding this matter they should be referred to City Manager Martin or City Attorney Bach.

CITY CLERK REPORTS:

NASSAU COUNTY TRANSITIONING ADULT (TAP) PROGRAM: City Clerk Best in conjunction with the Fernandina Beach Fire Department, Fernandina Beach Police Department and Fernandina Harbor Marina are looking forward to hosting the Nassau County Transitioning Adult Program Friday, March 10TH, 10:00AM at City Hall Commission Chambers.

ELM STREET LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY: City Clerk Best announced Saturday, March 11TH is the Elm Street Little League opening day ceremonies.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

THANKS: Vice Mayor Kreger gave thanks for delivering the Proclamation to Ms. Maple Russell Pratt at the Elm Street Church and expressed the nice community feel of going outside City Hall to deliver the Proclamation and noted the photo in the Fernandina Observer newspaper.

MEETING: Vice Mayor Kreger will be at the PAB meeting on Wednesday March 8TH for the new wildlife lighting ordinance that was staffed through Florida Public Utilities, Florida Wildlife Commission and the turtle people and will be a good ordinance.

OCEAN, HIGHWAY, PORT AUTHORITY (OHPA) MEETING: Vice Mayor Kreger reminded his fellow Commissioners about the Tuesday, March 14TH OHPA meeting which will take place in City Hall Commission Chambers at 6:00PM.

NORTH FLORIDA TRUST MEETING: Vice Mayor Kreger will be meeting Thursday, March 9TH with the North Florida Trust to discuss school district property.

BEACH CLEANUP: Vice Mayor Kreger announced the City is hosting the upcoming March 18TH beach cleanup at Fort Clinch.

OHPA PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT): Commissioner Smith asked City Attorney Bach to contact OHPA regarding the recent Supreme Court ruling on POLIT program fees. City Attorney Bach indicated she has a meeting with OHPA Monday, March 13TH and estimated OHPA owes the City between \$50K - \$60K.

MEETING: Commissioner Smith commented that he and Vice Mayor Kreger attended the Department of Transportation 8TH Improvement Plan meeting which had a large citizen turn out and seemed to be well received.

MEET AND GREET: Commissioner Poynter reminded all of his Thursday, March 9TH meet and greet gathering at Café Karibo with tea and cookies.

ROTARY EVENT: Commissioner Miller attended the Rotary Wine fundraiser and, as a member of the selection committee, played a role in allocating funds to Egans Creek Park playground equipment, the Fernandina Young Aviator scholarship program, and the COFB Fire Department for new CPR dummies. Commissioner Miller expressed thanks to Ms. Audrey Dollar of Amelia Tasting Tours who assisted him during the event.

THANKS: Mayor Lentz expressed thanks to the Take Stock in Children organization for the gala on Thursday March 2nd for a wonderful event.

BABE RUTH: Mayor Lentz thanked the Babe Ruth organization for inviting her to throw out the first pitch last weekend during their opening day ceremonies.

EGANS CREEK PARK: Mayor Lentz noted new lights have been installed at Egans Creek Park and they look great. Mayor Lentz noted they are on until approximately 8:00 PM and encouraged visitation.

MEETING: Mayor Lentz commented she is looking forward to the OHPA meeting on March 14TH, 6:00PM in City Hall Commission Chambers.

MEETING: Mayor Lentz reminded all of the Nassau County School Board/City Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 28TH, 6:00PM in City Hall Commission Chambers.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

ATTEST:

CAROLINE BEST
City Clerk

ROBIN C. LENTZ
Mayor-Commissioner