

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District was held at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barry Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Barry Benjamin, Commissioners Herb Rippe, Jerry Dixon, Chuck Hennessey and Jay Bliss were in attendance. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Steve Schropp of Taylor Engineering, District Counsel Jim Bedsole and Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper delivered the report. September 30, 2013 marked the end of the 2012-2013 fiscal year. As of that date, the District had spent only \$15,444 of the total of \$243,215 in funds committed for the year. Total funds available were \$1,908,308, consisting of \$1,516 in Board of Administration Fund A, \$16,313 in Fund B, \$185,405 in the District operating account, and \$1,705,074 in the money market account. As of October 14, 2013, funds available for use by the District totaled \$1,882,566. All but \$54.00 of the tax revenue expected for the 2012-2013 fiscal year has been collected.

Commissioner Bliss asked about Florida Board of Administration Fund A. Ms. Kemper explained the District would never get all of its investment back from Fund A, but that she has been assured by the State the District would receive most of it back.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Chairman Benjamin, seconded by Commissioner Hennessey, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2013, the final public hearing on the budget and millage held September 18, 2013, and the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2013, was unanimously approved.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Dr. Steve Schropp delivered the engineering report on behalf of Taylor Engineering. He reported that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has announced the permit application for the restoration of the Summer Haven River is complete. The next step is the creation of the draft permit, which should be issued soon by FDEP. Dr. Schropp said he would circulate the draft as soon as he receives it.

He attended the second construction meeting last week for the inlet dredge project. The weather has caused delays in the work but the contractor has been authorized to remove a total of 185,000 cubic yards of sand. Commissioner Rippe said he took his own boat into the inlet to check the work and that he was very impressed with the depth of the water in the designated channel. Dr. Schropp said some of the dredged areas have experienced in-filling already as a result of heavy wave activity, but the contractor will be going back out to touch up the areas already dredged if in-filling is a problem.

OLD BUSINESS There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Augustine Yacht Club. Dan Floryan, Commodore of St. Augustine Yacht Club, reported the Tourist Development Council awarded the club \$6,750.00 for the annual Regatta of Lights and that they expected to receive another \$500.00 from the Florida Inland Navigation District. He said the two biggest expenses for the event are advertising and commercial printing costs for flyers. Commissioner Hennessey asked if the Yacht Club would be paying for police assistance. St. Augustine Police Commander Steve Fricke said the City of St. Augustine would not be paying for police as it had in the past. He said the City Commission had recently decided to charge these costs to event organizations because the expense had grown large in recent years and the City could no longer afford it.

A motion by Commissioner Rippe, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to provide the St. Augustine Yacht Club \$5,750 for advertising the District as a sponsor of the Regatta of Lights, was unanimously passed.

Commander Fricke then went on to explain that each separate organization holding an event in St. Augustine now has to pay its own expenses for police, firefighters, EMT's, trash, signage, barricades and any other expense. In the future, the City will pay for expenses of its own events, such as Nights of Lights and the Fourth of July.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Dixon said the new breakwater at the City Marina was working very well and provided a new level of protection for boats docked at the marina. Commissioner Rippe said he would like to place the discussion of the funding process proposed by Commissioner Hennessey on the agenda for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Benjamin announced the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Chairman Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer

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Chairman