

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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 18, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Matt Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00, p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. INVOCATION

In lieu of an invocation, a moment of silence was taken for County Commissioner Paul Waldron.

4. ROLL CALL

Chairman Matt Brown, Vice-Chairman Chris Way, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner West were present at the start of the meeting and Commissioner Tom Rivers arrived at 3:03. The meeting was also attended by Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper and Clay Meek, General Counsel for the District. Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering, District Engineers, was present as well.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

As this agenda item was considered just before Commissioner Rivers's arrival, a **Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner West, seconded by Vice-Chairman Way, and passed by a 4-0 vote.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicholas Binder spoke on item 12D, Ocean Hammock Park beach access and indicated that the majority of the residents of that area were opposed to any changes to the walkway or the addition of an additional walkway.

7. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Patrick Harvey of the St. Augustine Police Marine Unit indicated other law enforcement representatives that are often present were deployed in southern portions of the state or in a class, so he would address the general law enforcement issues. He indicated that all post-hurricane adrift boats had just been given a 45 day placard to start the derelict process, except for one. There were nine boats that were displaced, but four were being addressed by their owners. The one exception was one that was an emergency removal of a boat that had run upon a seawall downtown, which was to be further discussed by Corey Sakryd at the meeting.

Eric Mauldin, St. Augustine Municipal Marina Harbormaster, indicated that the Salt Run pilings were replaced and in good shape.

Corey Sakryd, Deputy Director of General Services for the City of St. Augustine, indicated that the City was asking for partial funding for the removal of three vessels, one of which was the one mentioned by Patrick Harvey earlier. Application to FIND for 75% of the cost was being made as well and the City was asking the District for the 25% portion, which was \$6,891.25. **A Motion to approve the funding request was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner West, and passed by a 5-0 vote.**

8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper delivered the financial report. As of September 30, 2022, the District spent: \$3,860 for overtime hours of police officers of the City of St. Augustine; \$20,550 for overtime hours of deputies of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department; \$12,439 for derelict boats; and, \$1,599,000 for unspecified marine projects, including the Genovar contribution. The State Board of Administration account had a balance of \$23,364. The Operating Account had \$397,454 as of September 30, 2022. The money market account had \$0 in the reserve for projects and \$1,112,968 in addition. Taxes received as of September 30, 2022, were \$623,906.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022, regular meeting was made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Way, and passed by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Flowers abstaining.

A Motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022, first TRIM meeting was made by Commissioner West, seconded by Chairman Brown, and passed by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Flowers abstaining.

A Motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022, second TRIM meeting was made by Commissioner West, seconded by Chairman Brown, and passed by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Flowers abstaining.

10. ENGINEERING REPORT

Ken Craig advised that the Salt Run channel markers had been replaced in accord with the bid voted upon by the Commission at the August 9, 2022, meeting. Mr. Craig also indicated that there had been significant Hurricane Ian impacts in the area. The USACE estimates on beach sand loss were 300,000 to 500,000 cubic yards from St. Augustine Beach and 500,000 cubic yards estimated at Vilano Beach. If the USACE kept with normal emergency beach fill practices, it would be Summer before restoration would begin.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Emergency Request City Breakwater Dock Repair

Corey Sakryd, Deputy Director of General Services for the City of St. Augustine, presented information on a funding request being made to the Waterways Assistance Program at FIND to address the breakwater dock at the St. Augustine Municipal Marina following Hurricane Ian. Eric Mauldin joined him in the presentation. The estimated project cost was \$1,000,000.00 and the City was seeking \$250,000.00 from FIND, was asking the District for \$250,000.00, and was also seeking FEMA funding. The project included addressing 15 pilings that were damaged, leaning, or otherwise in need of replacement. Carl Blow of FIND also spoke on the potential for FIND funding being given and in what potential amount.

The District Commissioners gave comments on information and action by the City that was desired on the request beyond what had been submitted so far and discussed making and voting upon a Motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Mr. Sakryd indicated he appreciated the Commission's comments and concerns and stated the

request would be withdrawn from the current meeting and resubmitted at the next District Commission meeting to address the Commissioners' comments and concerns.

B. SAPD Boat Lift Damage/Replacement

Patrick Harvey of the St. Augustine Police Marine Unit presented a request for funding to address damage to the St. Augustine Police Department boat lift from Hurricane Ian. The final estimates for the cost were presented as totaling \$9,000.00. **A Motion to approve the funding request was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Way, and carried by a 5-0 vote.**

B. Beaches Go Green Funding Request

This agenda item was a request from Anne Marie Moquin, who was to present. However, she was not present at the meeting. Accordingly, the item was not addressed at the October 18, 2022, meeting.

C. Construction of Seawall Near Summer Haven

This agenda item was requested by Commissioner Flowers, who indicated she was interested in having the Commission direct Mr. Meek to investigate the matter. **No Motion was made on the agenda item prior to the end of discussion of the agenda item and no action was taken.**

D. Ocean Hammock Park Beach Access

Commissioner West indicated she had the item added to the agenda so that the Commission and public could be educated on the situation and public concern over a potential dune breach. Max Royle, City Manager of The City of St. Augustine Beach, addressed the Commission and indicated that an informal proposal had been made to consider moving the current walkway location. A group of residents of Sea Colony had indicated a desire to move the walkway and had offered to pay \$600,000.00 to do so, but the City was uncertain if such an amount was adequate. It was currently unknown if any required entity had or would permit the move and the City had not placed the matter on an agenda as potential conflicts of interest were being reviewed first.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicholas Binder spoke again and opposed to any changes to the Ocean Hammock Park beach access walkway or the addition of an additional walkway.

14. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

A Motion to have Secretary-Treasurer Kemper to send a condolence card to County Commissioner Paul Waldron's family on behalf of the District was made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Chairman Brown, and passed by a 5-0 vote.

15. NEXT MEETING

November 15, 2022, was announced as the next regular meeting date. As such, the **next regular meeting will be at 3:00, p.m., on November 15, 2022**, at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Matt Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:19, p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer

Commission Chairman Brown