

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MAY 23, 2017
9:00 A.M.**

Proceedings of a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of St. Johns County, Florida, and St. Augustine City Commission, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Proof of publication of the joint meeting was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on May 9, 2017.

Present: James K. Johns, District 1, Chair
Henry Dean, District 5, Vice Chair
Jeb S. Smith, District 2
Paul M. Waldron, District 3
Jay Morris, District 4
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

City Commission: Nancy Shaver, Mayor, Chair
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner
Leanna Freeman, City Commissioner
Nancy Sikes-Kline, City Commissioner

Absent: Todd Neville, Vice Mayor

(05/23/17 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Johns called the meeting to order. The clerk called the roll: All Board members were present, with Vice-Mayor Todd Neville absent.

(05/23/17 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Slavin, PO Box 3084, expressed his concerns with the rules for public speakers and suggested a variety of County positions be created.

(05/23/17 - 1 - 9:08 a.m.)

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the BCC and the City Commission introduced themselves and outlined their time on their respective boards and shared some personal details. Staff members Wanchick and McCormack, John Regan, City Manager, and Isabell Lopez, City Attorney, also made their introductions.

(05/23/17 - 1 - 9:15 a.m.)

4. CITY UPDATE ON MAY STREET AND LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

Ruben Franklin, Mobility Program Officer, presented an update on the May Street/Library Improvement project, highlighting the current remodeling of the library parking lot and the future reconfiguring of the May Street intersection, via PowerPoint. He noted that the library improvements should be completed by the end of May or

mid-June; and the intersection construction should commence in August or September and be completed by September 2019. He said that when the construction was complete, the Department of Transportation (DOT) would provide \$200,000 for landscape design. He provided details of the design.

(9:21 a.m.) Dean requested the construction of the May Street intersection be completed as quickly as possible, to lessen the inconvenience to residents.

(9:22 a.m.) Franklin noted that the intention was to get the intersection completed as they worked on the May Street drainage project. He noted that there would be public workshops to allow community input.

(9:23 a.m.) Waldron questioned how southbound traffic would access the library. Franklin responded and stated there would be signage for guidance.

(9:25 a.m.) Johns requested that commissioners be notified of the workshop dates.

(9:26 a.m.) Lisa Lloyd, 132 Surfside Ave., spoke on the congestion on May Street due to road closures and noted her disagreements with some of the City's decisions.

(9:30 a.m.) Ed Slavin, PO Box 3084, spoke in favor of the City's data based decisions to reconstruct May Street, to alleviate the traffic through the adjacent neighborhoods. Additionally, he spoke on annexing Vilano Beach and West Augustine.

(9:33 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, noted the illegally parked vehicles on Douglas and Magnolia Streets. Additionally, she spoke on the Library's entrance and offered plants for the round-about landscaping so those funds could be used for needed street paving. She spoke against adding a sculpture, due to the costs involved.

(9:36 a.m.) Smith questioned the one-way road versus the two-way road, through the center of the round-about.

(9:37 a.m.) Tim Burchfield, City of St. Augustine, explained that originally the design was for a two-way road; however, to prevent the removal of two large trees and damage to the Water Works building, a one-way road was chosen.

(05/23/17 - 2 - 9:38 a.m.)

5. COUNTY UPDATE ON STATE ROAD 313 PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION

Phong Nguyen, Transport Development Division Manager, provided the history of the SR 313 project. Additionally, he presented an update of the SR 313 extension, running from SR 207 to US 1, north of the Northeast Florida Regional Airport.

(9:44 a.m.) Sikes-Kline noted the project was ranked third on the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) list of priorities; however, funding for specific projects may alter the rank. She spoke on the importance of the project to the County. Discussion ensued on the prioritization of the project list, funding them, and the perspective and ultimate goals to achieve them.

(9:54 a.m.) Ed Slavin, PO Box 3084, questioned the necessity of SR 313 and suggested re-evaluating the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Additionally, he spoke on the importance of mass-transit.

(05/23/17 - 3 - 9:58 a.m.)

DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Discussion ensued on future topics of interest for the Board to address, once the Mobility Study was completed.

(05/23/17 - 3 - 10:02 a.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Boards, Johns adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Approved _____ June 20 _____, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
James K. Johns, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

