Commission Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2025
5:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Milner opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner, Vice-Mayor Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Scott Roberts. Also in attendance were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Building & Zoning Office Manager Lance Campbell, Fire Chief Jason Clemons, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, Grants Coordinator Becky May, General Manager Drew Mullins and Attorney Scott Walker.

Mayor Redding called for any agenda additions or deletions. There were none. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the August 12, 2025 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-39 approving the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 commercial rate adjustment for solid waste and recycling services, Resolution Number 2025-40 seeking to initiate negotiations with Nassau County, Florida and the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida for an Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement and approving the execution and delivery of documents relating to said negotiations and the commissioner bill review. Commissioner Milner said he reviewed the bills for Commissioner Nugent and made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding said Representative Chuck Brannan has not made it here yet, so the commission will move further down and work him back into the agenda when he is physically present.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding called for citizen requests. Paul Still came forward and stated his address as 14167 SW 101st Ave Starke, FL 32091. He talked about the Edwards Bottomland Project and whether the City of Starke will be responsible for it or the Water Management District. Mr. Still thinks Mr. Mullins and Attorney Walker need to put something in writing to the Water Management District on what the city's realistic expectations are.

Mayor Redding asked Representative Chuck Brannan to give his presentation. Representative Brannan said he and his staff can help with the issues with the Water Management District. He talked about his legislative member appropriations projects for House District 10. Representative Brannan presented the commissioners with a check for $2,000,000 for the US Highway 301 Bypass Water Project.

Mayor Redding called for the General Manager Report. Mr. Mullins asked General Manager Kevin Smith with GFL to come up. Mr. Smith said if there is anything the city may need from him, he’s here. Vice President and Professional Engineer Justin deMello with Woodard & Curran presented the sewer extension alternative. Mr. deMello presented the Drinking Water Financial Initiative Plan. Mr. deMello presented the Wastewater Treatment Plant Update. Mayor Redding called for Resolution Number 2025-41. Attorney Walker read the resolution by title. A resolution of the City of Starke, Florida approving that certain Amendment Number 8 to the agreement with Woodard & Curran, Inc for engineering services; making certain findings of fact in support of the city approving said amendment; recognizing the authority of the mayor to execute and bind the city to said amendment; recognizing the authority of the vice-mayor to execute and bind the city to said amendment in the absence of the mayor; directing the mayor or vice-mayor, as appropriate, to execute and bind the city to said amendment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and approving an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2025-41 as read by title only. Vice-Mayor Mortimer made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-41 as read by title only. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Redding called for Resolution Number 2025-42. Attorney Walker read the resolution by title. This is a resolution of the City of Starke, Florida approving that certain Amendment Number 9 to the agreement with Woodard & Curran, Inc for engineering services; making certain findings of fact in support of the city approving said amendment; recognizing the authority of the mayor to execute and bind the city to said amendment; recognizing the authority of the vice-mayor to execute bind the city, to said amendment in the absence of the mayor; directing the mayor or vice-mayor, as appropriate, to execute and bind the city, to said amendment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Milner made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-42 as read by title by the attorney. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for public hearings Ordinance Number 2025-12 on first reading. Attorney Walker read the ordinance by title. An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, relating to Chapter 2, Article III; repealing and replacing the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager positions with the position of the City Manager's position in the City of Starke, Florida; repealing Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, entitled the General Manager; assigning all duties of the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager to the position of the City Manager; updating of policies, procedures and handbooks; providing direction for codification of this ordinance; repeating all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve Ordinance Number

2025-12. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to table it. It was seconded by Vice-Mayor Mortimer for discussion. Commissioner Nugent went over areas of the ordinance that he did not agree with. Mayor Redding called for a vote on tabling the ordinance. Commissioner Nugent yes, Commissioner Milner no, Commissioner Roberts yes, Vice-Mayor Mortimer no, Mayor Redding no. The motion failed 3-2. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-12. Commissioner Milner made a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-12 as read by title by the attorney. Mayor Redding passed the gavel to Vice-Mayor Mortimer and seconded the motion. Commissioner Milner moved on the motion to strike the second sentence, beginning on line 132 with the terms “no city commissioner”, and ending on 134 at “expiration of his term of office”. It was seconded by Mayor Redding. Vice-Mayor Mortimer asked to insert “or her” to expiration of “his term of office”. Vice-Mayor Mortimer called for a vote for the striked sentence. Commissioner Nugent voted nay. Commissioner Milner voted aye. Mayor Redding voted aye. Commissioner Roberts voted nay. Vice-Mayor Mortimer voted nay. The motion failed 3-2. Vice-Mayor Mortimer called for public comments. City Clerk Elect Chrissy Allen Thompson said she is in favor of the ordinance. Vice-Mayor Mortimer asked for any other public comments. Alvin Hunter said to give the person the people decided to put into that office the chance to be involved the way citizens want her to be involved. Vice-Mayor Mortimer called for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes but does not agree with everything in the ordinance. Commissioner Milner voted in favor of the ordinance. Mayor Redding voted in favor of the ordinance. Commissioner Roberts voted not in favor of the ordinance. Vice-Mayor Mortimer voted in favor of the ordinance. The motion passed 4-1. Vice-Mayor Mortimer passed the gavel back to Mayor Redding.

Mayor Redding called for quasi-judicial hearings. Attorney Walker swore in Mr. Campbell. Attorney Walker read Ordinance 2025-14 by title for first read. An ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida, pursuant to Petition Number ANX 25-01, by 144 Holdings, LLC, relating to a voluntary annexation; making findings; annexing certain real property located in Bradford County, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. Mr. Campbell said an applicant is starting a project for a preform plant and has 14 acres thathe would like to annex. Commissioner Roberts said he wanted the record to show that this has nothing to do with zoning. Mayor Redding asked for any public comments. There were none. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 5-0. Vice-Mayor Mortimer said that at the last meeting, the commission had a list of people that had applied for the Planning & Zoning Board, and they tabled it because somebody suggested checking with the other board members to see if they wanted to continue serving. Mr. Mullins said they do want to continue and it was advertised this week.

Mayor Redding called for the Attorney’s Report. Attorney Walker said the city’s charter was created in 1927 and much of it is outdated. He suggested creating a Charter Review Commission to fix it.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Vice-Mayor Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.