



Update on City Business

November City Commission Meeting

- The City Commission and staff said goodbye to Commissioner Judith West, who retired after 29 years as a City Commissioner and swore in re-elected Commissioner Lisa Kane DeVitto and new Commissioner Christopher J. Bailey.
- The City Commission scheduled the second reading of Ordinance 2022-29 Amending the FY2021-22 Budget for November 29th at 6pm. State Statute requires us to amend the previous fiscal year's budget with our actual revenue and expenditure numbers and close it out by November 30th. We amend our budget by Ordinance and Ordinances require two public hearings. Since the City Commission only meets once per month, a Special Meeting is required to pass the Ordinance before November 30th.
- The City Commission approved the Special Event Application for the Crescent City Yacht Club's 4th Annual Holiday Fireworks Festival for December 3rd. The event will run on Central Avenue from 11am to dusk when they light up the sky over Lake Crescent. The request was approved unanimously.
- The City Commission waived the Special Event Permit fees for the Fireworks Festival, the Christmas Parade and the Gospelfest on the stipulation that the Gospelfest is free to the public instead of charging \$10 per person. The requests were approved unanimously.
- The City Commission was introduced the results of the water rate study commissioned by the City several months ago. The study will be on the December 7th agenda for a presentation and discussion. The City Commission took no action on a rate study completed in 2019 and the water fund has been in financial deficit nearly every year since then.
- The City Commission approved the Second Reading of an Ordinance to increase rental residential water deposits and change the calculation for commercial water deposits. This was requested by staff to make up for some of the revenue lost every year from renters walking out on unpaid water bills that were larger than their deposits. The Ordinance was approved 4 to 1 with Commissioner DeVitto voting against it.
- The City Commission approved the Second Reading of an Ordinance to move Wastewater Expansion funds to the Water Fund to pay for the expansion of the wastewater system with a new sewer line to accommodate new development on Oakwood. The development currently underway on Oakwood has plans to install septic systems, since city sewer is not currently available. This new line would prevent new septic tanks from being installed and the city from having to pay for conversion to sewer in the future. The Ordinance passed 3 to 2 with Commissioners DeVitto and Bailey voting against it.
- The City Commission approved the Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the trash can size in our code to accommodate the new 96-gallon rolling containers. Currently, our code defines a trash can as a 35-gallon container. The Ordinance was approved 3 to 2 with Commissioners DeVitto and Bailey voting against it.
- The City Commission approved the Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the Police Pension Plan to a Substituted Trust. This is a requirement of the State of Florida that must be completed by February of 2023. The Ordinance was approved unanimously.

- The City Commission approved the First Reading of an Ordinance to Close Out and amend FY2021-22 Budget. As explained above, this is a requirement of the State. The Ordinance was approved on First Reading unanimously.
- This Ordinance was tabled at the November 29th meeting due to corrections to the Ordinance that needed to be readvertised.
- The City Commission rescheduled the December 8th Commission meeting for December 7th so Mayor Myers could attend.
- CRA Meeting
- The CRA Board unanimously approved the Sidewalk Mural Renderings submitted by local artists.
- The CRA Board tabled a Grant request for 11 South Lake Street for painting the building and re-painting the signs. The Board requested the application be brought back in December along with several other grant requests, with a budget report on all available funds that could be used for grant awards. The motion to table was approved unanimously.
- The CRA Board tabled a Grant request for 311 Summit Street for installing concrete for a parking lot and painting the building. The Board requested the application be brought back in December along with several other grant requests, with a budget report on all available funds that could be used for grant awards. The motion to table was approved unanimously.
- The CRA Board tabled, as requested, the Request for Proposal results for the development of a downtown marketing website until the City receives a proposal from our current website provider, to embed the proposed website into our existing site. The request to table the decision was approved unanimously.

Other City News:

- Karen Hayes has been promoted from Deputy City Clerk to City Clerk.
- Congratulations to the Crescent City Downtown Partnership on a successful trip to Tallahassee! Leaders of the Partnership and the City went to Tallahassee to make a presentation to support their application for Florida Main Street status. Designation will mean additional support in our revitalization efforts such as consulting services, training and education.
- Congratulations to the Crescent City Downtown Partnership on a successful Fall Festival!
- Congratulations to the Crescent City Downtown Partnership on a successful Dia de los Muertos event! There was a great response from our entire community.
- City crews hung new brand banners on Central Avenue and then added some new Fall banners and then Happy Holiday banners. Public Works also hung the flags on US17 for Veteran's Day, and then switched to a mix of holiday and brand banners. Crews will also be lighting the trees in the medians as well as the ground cover.
- The City planted new Crepe Myrtles on Central Avenue in the area that will have brick pavers installed in the coming weeks. The irrigation was first adjusted to water the new trees, the palm trees, and future potted plant locations.
- We have rejuvenated the irrigation and re-landscaped the front of the City Hall Annex.
- Public Works has also added new mulch to the playgrounds at Harry Banks Park and Eva Lyon Park, and we are in the process of adding more sand to Dexter Beach.
- The City will be applying to FEMA for reimbursement to necessary repairs to our piers at Sunrise Park and Fletcher Park as well as other various storm-related expenses.