1. Mayor Blackwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Blackwell asked everyone to please keep Nate and his family in your thoughts and prayers during the holidays. Nate is a 13 year old boy recently diagnosed with cancer and his prognosis did not look good.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

♦ Mayor Nathan Blackwell   William S. Sturgeon, City Manager
♦ Deputy Mayor Linette Matheny  Daniel Mantzaris, City Attorney
♦ Council Member Chuck Cooper   City Clerk Linda P. Jaworski,
♦ Council Member Dave Askew   Deputy City Clerk, Ivy De La Cruz
♦ Council Member Keith Trace   Members of the Press

All members present with the exception of Council Member Cooper who was absent.

5. Council Action

1. Resolution No. 2018-196R, a resolution of the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida amending Resolution Number 2017-167R which adopted the fiscal year 2017/2018 budget for the City of St. Cloud, finding the City Manager has certified there are prior year fund balances and or current revenues available in the budget for additional projects and programs in various funds not included in the original budget, requiring the budget to be increased to include said additional funding in the various funds and making supplemental appropriations within the funds.

Ivy De La Cruz, Deputy City Clerk, read Resolution No. 2018-196R into the record by title.

Rick Kisner, Finance Director, reviewed the final budget amendment for fiscal year 2017/2018.

The Finance Director said staff recommended approval.

City Manager Sturgeon noted there have been questions about budget amendments and why they are done said very simply, our revenues have to equal our expenditures. The budget is a dynamic
instrument and things come up throughout the year. The budget amendment process is part of the City’s legal process, in our charter, and its state statute.

Mayor Blackwell announced Resolution 2018-196R for public comment.

**David Meisner**, 3410, Stevens Plantation, expressed concern about the budget particularly in the area of personnel expenses and concerned this would affect the budget for fiscal year 2018/2019.

Council Member Trace asked if the 1.1 million dollars being moved to the building contingency would be used for the expansion of the O’Doherty building.

The City Manager said yes that was correct if the City continue with that strategy but they were going to present a different strategy at the CRA Meeting on December 6, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Matheny asked the Finance Director to address Mr. Meisner’s concerns.

Mr. Kisner said the personnel items in some cases are related to overtime during Hurricane Irma. He presented the budget based upon actual personnel costs, added on a 2% COLA raise which City Council approved and added new positions. These new expenditures and associated revenues are associated to the Fiscal year 2018-2019 budget.

Deputy Mayor Matheny asked the estimates and accounting for these changes have already been calculated in the budget and Mr. Kisner replied yes.

Mayor Blackwell noted the grant money we are receiving currently going for Police & Fire staffing eventually stops coming and the City of St. Cloud has to take over payment, so we need to think about this and be ready.

Council Member Askew made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-196R. Deputy Mayor Matheny seconded the motion.

Mayor Blackwell called for roll call. After roll call by City Clerk, Linda Jaworski, motion carried. (Vote 4-0) Council Member Cooper was absent.

6. Adjournment 6:15 p.m.

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Mayor Nathan Blackwell

ATTEST: City Clerk, Linda P. Jaworski

Minutes Approved: _______________________

11/29/2018