

*From the Desk of Commissioner Romney Rogers.....*

*And So We Begin.....*

It is with heartfelt thanks that I write this first article as your new District IV Commissioner. I am both humbled and honored to be representing the district I grew up in and the city I love. You have honored me with your vote of confidence and as always, your attendance at the polls was twice the city average.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our out-going commissioner Cindi Hutchinson, and we wish her the best. She served our district and city well during the last 9 years and worked very hard to address all of our concerns and quality-of-life issues.

The new commission is set to continue the work of addressing our budget, public safety, neighborhoods and economic development issues, all with decreases in our available revenues. We also need to develop plans for our city's future and we need input from all of you to do that effectively. We will need to find ways to deliver services at lower cost and help jumpstart our economy by streamlining the permitting process.

I am excited about working with this commission who will have many talents and a depth of historical knowledge about our city with everyone having graduated high school locally (2 from Stranahan and 2 from Gibbons) with a combined presence in the city of 207 years. It always helps to know where you have been in order to have a clear view of where you want to go. We will look forward to taking great strides in the city's progress. As pledged by each during our campaigns, this accomplishment will take a spirit of cooperation. Again, I pledge this to you and am looking forward to this spirit of cooperation permeating the entire city.

I trust I can count on all of you to share your concerns with me. Contact my office any time during normal business hours at (954) 828-5004. If you would like to meet with me in person please call my aide, Sharon Brooks at (954) 828-5028, to set up an appointment.

Now, lets get to work!