Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, August 22, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.
City Council Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL

The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor:	Christine Hoffman		
Council Members:	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes (absent)

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, Parks and Recreation Office Administrator Molly Alleger, Police Commander Thomas Crumley, and City Attorney Sandra Robinson.

Purpose of Briefing
The purpose of the Briefing was to update the Council members about ongoing items in the City.

City Manager
Fence Height
Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland explained during the Council Briefing held on April 25, 2022, the Council requested a review of the City's current code for fences and fence heights. Ms. Ireland stated staff researched neighboring and comparable Florida cities with oceanfront property and their fence height requirements and regulations. Ms. Ireland reviewed information on current fence heights for comparable cities.

Ms. Ireland stated staff supported improvements and changes to Section 34-406 of the Land Development Code (LDC) and recommended any modifications to the Section not be stand-alone but become part of the overall update of the entire LDC.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to address specific sections of the fence code prior to the LDC update.

Gonzales Park Update
Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides reviewed design options for adding two additional pickle ball courts into the approved concept redesign for Gonzales Park. A conversation ensued regarding possible design changes to include the additional pickle ball courts.

It was the consensus of the Council to change the layout of the current location of the planned pickle ball courts to add two additional courts totaling four courts at Gonzales Park as long as it doesn't substantially impact any other park amenities.

Special Events Policy

Parks and Recreation Office Administrator Molly Alleger reviewed a summary of comments received by the Council at the Council Briefing held on August 9, 2021 and staff's recommended changes to the Special Events Policy.

A conversation ensued regarding the proposed changes in the policy. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to make the requested revisions and provide the Council with a draft policy for consideration.

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

None

Committee Assignment Report

Council Member Janson stated he would replace Council Member Stokes on the Florida League of Cities Land Use and Economic Development Committee.

Council Member Golding stated she would be part of the Florida League of Cities Municipal Administration Committee again.

Future Briefing Topics

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated the following topics would be discussed at upcoming Council Briefings:

- Council discussion regarding the results of the second Open House held on July 11, 2022, regarding building height
- Council discussion regarding different meeting and Briefing days and start times once the new Council is seated after elections
- A reminder of a special Council Briefing scheduled for September 7, 2022, regarding Mayor Hoffman's proposed process for filling Council Member Chet Stokes' seat after the upcoming elections

Council Member Golding proposed a future briefing topic allowing the Council to have an open discussion regarding options moving forward with the Volunteer Life Saving Corp (VLSC) situation. City Attorney Sandy Robinson informed the Council there had been no new updates to discuss with the VLSC but already proposed options could be re-discussed.

A conversation ensued about discussing the current VLSC situation during pending litigation. It was the consensus of the Council to postpone any briefing topics regarding the VLSC situation.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
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Approved:

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 9/19/22