

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, October 3, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Janson provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by James Carlson from Boy Scout Troop 15.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson	Fernando Meza
	Georgette Dumont	Chet Stokes	Cory Nichols

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett, Beaches Energy Services Acting Substation Supervisor Jameson Parker, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, Ocean Rescue Supervisor Rob Emahiser, and City Clerk Sheri Gosselin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, and passed unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Special City Council Meeting held on September 19, 2022 (Budget Adoption)
- Regular City Council Meeting held on September 19, 2022

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the following minutes:

- Council Briefing held on September 26, 2022

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Ms. Dumont, and unanimously approved to amend the September 26, 2022, minutes to include her request for a discussion on the VLSC (Volunteer Life Saving Corps) at a future Council Briefing.

The minutes were passed and unanimously approved as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos spoke on the devastation in Southwest Florida caused by Hurricane Ian. He stated the City would offer services when needed. He thanked the City staff for their efforts. He noted the City's vendor would continue to gather yard waste debris left by the hurricane.

Council Member Meza noted the response by Beaches Energy and Public Works. He thanked City staff.

Council Member Golding stated she met the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) canine Jamie and described her role. She thanked Beaches Energy, Public Works, and the Police Department. She announced Beaches Go Green would host a Jacksonville Beach Community Cleanup on October 8, 2022. She mentioned public workshops for the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code updates would be held in October, beginning with a Citizens Workshop on October 13, 2022. She announced, as of October 1, 2022 leashed dogs would be permitted on the beach.

Council Member Stokes thanked the City staff for their storm response.

Mayor Hoffman thanked the City staff and noted the effective communication during the response. She recognized Bono's, Cinotti's, and Angie's Subs for providing food free of charge for City staff.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Gary Paetau, 725 Bonaire Circle, Jacksonville Beach, spoke on the hurricane response and planning for future weather events.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Item A Action on the Declaration of State of Emergency (Hurricane Ian)

Mayor Hoffman stated the Jacksonville Beach State of Emergency had expired.

Item B Girls on the Run Presentation

Mayor Hoffman provided background on Girls on the Run. Two student representatives from the St. Pauls Catholic School Girls on the Run Chapter described their beach wheelchair project and fundraising efforts. They presented the beach wheelchair to Ocean Rescue Supervisor Rob Emahiser.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item A Approve/Disapprove Insurance renewals (effective January 1, 2023) with Florida Blue for Medical Insurance, MetLife for Dental Insurance, Superior Vision for Voluntary Vision Insurance, The Standard for Life Insurance and AD&D, and Voya for Voluntary Critical Illness, Gap, and Accident Insurance

Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett explained the changes to the options for medical insurance and stated the other insurance renewals remained the same.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Insurance renewals (effective January 1, 2023) with Florida Blue for Medical Insurance, MetLife for Dental Insurance, Superior Vision for Voluntary Vision Insurance, The Standard for Life Insurance and AD&D, and Voya for Voluntary Critical Illness, Gap, and Accident Insurance.

Discussion: *None*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Mayor Hoffman.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Approve/Disapprove a 6% salary increase, consisting of a 3% merit and a 3% cost of living adjustment, for the City Attorney**

Ms. Bennett provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve a 6% salary increase, consisting of a 3% merit and a 3% cost of living adjustment, for the City Attorney.

Discussion: *None*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Golding, Janson, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Mayor Hoffman.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item C **Award/Reject Bid Number 2122-12 to Electrical Power Products, Inc., for the purchase of the Line 803 Relay Panel**

Beaches Energy Services Acting Substation Supervisor Jameson Parker provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to award Bid Number 2122-12 to Electrical Power Products, Inc., for the purchase of the Line 803 Relay Panel.

Discussion: *None*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Janson, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Hoffman.
The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item A **Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2120-2022 for approval of Downtown CRA Plan Amendment for Maintenance**

CRA Coordinator Taylor Mobbs provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2120-2022 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1969, TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF TAX INCREMENT-FINANCED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2120-2022 for approval of Downtown CRA Plan Amendment for Maintenance.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued about bike racks.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Mayor Hoffman.
The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2022-8180 on the first reading declaring Juneteenth as an official paid holiday for all City employees and directing that the Employee Benefits and Leave Policy be amended to incorporate the same and schedule a second reading for October 17, 2022

Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson explained the ordinance added the new Juneteenth federal holiday for employees.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2022-8180 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING JUNETEETH AS AN OFFICIAL PAID HOLIDAY FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTING THAT THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND LEAVE POLICY BE AMENDED TO INCORPORATE SAME; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following: "This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its first reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-8180."

Public Hearing: Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing. No one came forth to speak on the item. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-8180 on the first reading declaring Juneteenth as an official paid holiday for all City employees and directing that the Employee Benefits and Leave Policy be amended to incorporate the same and schedule a second reading for October 17, 2022.

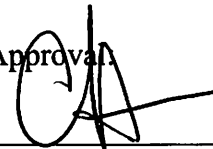
Discussion: *None*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman.
The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval


Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR
Date: 10/17/22