
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 (absent) Cory Nichols Chet Stokes

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, General Manager of Jax Beach Golf Course Bruce Mohler, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Fire Marshal Steve Sciotto, Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith and Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson anticipated bringing the LIUNA and FOP negotiation agreements and non-union pay plan to the Council for approval at the November 7, 2022, Regular Council meeting. Ms. Nelson asked for the Council's direction regarding the upcoming market adjustment pay increase being applied to the two Charter positions (City Manager and City Attorney). A conversation ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council for the two Charter position contracts to be amended to include market adjustment increases. The market adjustment pay increases would be retroactive to October 1, 2022, and given to all City employees.

Ms. Nelson informed the Council about the upcoming ordinances regarding the General Employees and Police Officer's Pension Plans increase for maximum annual accrued benefits and explained the changes. She stated the first reading of these ordinances was scheduled for the November 7, 2022, Regular Council meeting, and the second reading was scheduled for the Special Council meeting on November 14, 2022. Cost analysis and additional information would be included in the meeting agenda packet for the Council to review.

RFP for Solid Waste & Recycling Update

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron reviewed the recent Request For Proposal for Solid Waste & Recycling contract ranking. Final contract negotiations would be held, and a final contract would be presented to the Council at a future meeting for formal consideration.

Outdoor Dining Pilot Program

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos spoke about a possible upcoming pilot program for additional outdoor dining, coinciding with the recent Council-approved initiative for the J-Bill. He explained the program would require eliminating some on-street parking and widening sidewalks, allowing for additional outdoor seating for eating establishments only. The pilot program would only affect

the north side of 2nd Street North between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue in the Downtown area. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the Council would be presented with an item asking for authorization to pursue the creation of an ordinance for consideration for a pilot program and partnering with property owners adjacent to the pilot program area.

Lease and Use Agreement with Rising Leaders of North Florida, Inc (First Tee)

General Manager of Jax Beach Golf Course Bruce Mohler spoke about a lease and use agreement with First Tee. He stated First Tee would like to build a learning center at the golf course to facilitate youth programming and education. Mr. Mohler briefly explained the details of the program, the building, and the lease and use agreement. A conversation ensued regarding edits to the proposed contract, and City Attorney Sandra Robinson answered questions from the Council.

The consensus of the Council was to move forward with making the proposed changes to the contract and bring the contract back at a future Council meeting for formal consideration.

Short-term Vacation Rental Update

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland spoke about proposed changes to the Ordinance for Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR). Mr. Staffopoulos and Ms. Robinson spoke about preempted legislation regarding STVRs. Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd spoke about the documentation required by the current ordinance. Fire Marshal Steve Sciotto and Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith spoke about the difficulties of enforcement and provided a map of STVR locations [on file] and a list of recent complaints [on file] for STVR locations.

A conversation ensued regarding possible upcoming legislation, local enforcement, and ideas to streamline the certificate process. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to revise the current ordinance and bring the revision back to the Council for review and further discussion at a future briefing.

Committee Assignment Report

Council Member Janson stated the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Land Use and Economic Development Committee recently met and discussed mobility plans and fees and residential in-fill zoning.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the FLC Municipal Administration Committee met and discussed STVRs and the possible implementation of Form 6 (replacing the currently used Form 1) to be completed for all elected officials and City/County Managers.

Miscellaneous topics

Council Member Golding asked about the availability of information for the public regarding the 16 Charter Amendments listed on the sample ballots. Mr. Staffopoulos stated information was placed on the homepage of the City's website, and a social media post would be made.

Mr. Staffopoulos reminded the Council of the following meeting dates:

November 7, 2022 – Regular Council meeting

November 21, 2022 – Regular Council meeting

November 14, 2022 – Special Council meeting for new Council Member selection and previously mentioned reading of ordinances regarding pay study and Pension changes.

November 2, 2022 – Council Briefing regarding Volunteer Life Saving Corp.

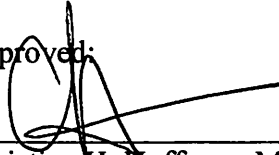
Future Briefing Topics

N/A

The Briefing adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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