

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Council Member Janson provided the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Public Works Director, Dennis Baron, Director of Parks & Recreation Jason Phitides, Office Assistant Molly Alleger, and Acting 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:

- Council Briefing held on April 12, 2021
- Regular Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding stated she and Council Member Dumont attended the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) II training.

Mayor Hoffman announced Baptist Medical Center Beaches received an A rating in the Spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for the fifth consecutive time.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors. No one came forward to speak.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Item #21-079 – Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week

Mayor Hoffman recognized Dr. Mark Vitry, Flotilla Commander, and Bill Hulburt from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla, and presented the proclamation.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

**Item #21-080 – Authorize the Following Elected Officials to Attend the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) III Virtual Training on May 14-15, 2021:
Georgette Dumont and Sandy Golding**

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos explained May 14, 2021, was also the date of Council's retreat, so he proposed amending the item to indicate the elected officials would be authorized to attend within the next 12 months.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to authorize the following elected officials to attend the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) III virtual training with the Florida League of Cities within the next 12 months, Ms. Georgette Dumont and Ms. Sandy Golding.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-081 – Award/Reject Bid No. 2021-02 to the Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Contractors for Landscape Maintenance

Mr. Staffopoulos explained there were a total of four sections to be awarded. The City planned to keep Section 2, the O & M (Operations and Maintenance) grounds, and items C, D and E, related to tree trimming and irrigation repair, in-house.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to award Bid No. 2021-02 to the Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Contractors as outlined in the table in the staff memo for Landscape Maintenance.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-082 – Award/Reject TankRehab's Emergency Repair Estimate in the Amount of \$213,800 for Structural Repairs to the North Water Tower and Approve the Budget Adjustment for this Project

Mr. Staffopoulos explained during the structural analysis it was noted there were an excessive number of needed structural repairs and the tank should not be refilled to maximum capacity until those repairs are made.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to award TankRehab's Emergency Repair Estimate in the amount of \$213,800 for structural repairs to the North Water Tower and approve the budget adjustment for this project to account for same.

Discussion:

Council Member Meza asked how the structural issues were missed during previous inspections. Public Works Director, Dennis Baron, explained the difference between the previously estimated work needed and this request. Council Member Nichols suggested having a third party, instead of

the City's contractor, perform the inspections. Mr. Baron said the painting contractor performed yearly paint inspections and they also had tank engineering evaluations.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Item #21-083 – RESOLUTION NO. 2082-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) requested two perpetual easements for the 2nd Avenue North Crossing.

Mayor Hoffman requested the Acting City Clerk read Resolution No. 2082-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING TWO PERPETUAL EASEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR USE OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO FACILITATE AN FDOT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALONG STATE ROAD A1A AT 2nd AVENUE NORTH; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, PUBLIC PURPOSES, DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2082-2021, authorizing the Mayor to execute the Perpetual Easements for parcels 804 and 805.

Discussion:

Mr. Meza asked how long this process had taken and Mr. Staffopoulos said it was at least two and half years.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Mayor Hoffman
Abstain - Nichols
The motion passed 6-0, with Mr. Nichols abstaining.

Item #21-084 – RESOLUTION NO. 2084-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this Resolution was to amend the Honorary Street Name Designation policy. Office Administrator, Molly Alleger, from Parks and Recreation stated there had been seven applications for the Honorary Street Sign Designation Program, specifically for fallen wartime veterans. She outlined the proposed amendments:

- Designate the sign color as royal blue with a white border.
- Waive the \$400 fee if the applicant provides the sign.
- Waive the letter of consent from the Honoree's estate representative after proving a good faith effort to locate them has been made and was unsuccessful.

- Remove the 5-year term with City Council reserving the right to amend the term at any time.

Mayor Hoffman requested the Acting City Clerk read Resolution No. 2084-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION POLICY TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR FALLEN WARTIME MILITARY VETERANS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Public Hearing:

The following spoke in favor of the agenda item:

- Lenny Jevic, Beaches Veterans Memorial Park Historian, 239 Seminole Road, Atlantic Beach, FL

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2084-2021, amending the Honorary Street Name Designation Policy to include provisions for Fallen Wartime Military Veterans.

Discussion:

Ms. Alleger explained the blue signs would only be for fallen wartime veterans; honorary signs would remain brown.

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

ORDINANCES:

Item #21-085 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8166 (First Reading)

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the hours of operation for the Huguenot Tennis Center were codified in an ordinance. This amendment was necessary to remove the specified hours and allow more flexibility.

Mayor Hoffman requested the Acting City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2021-8166 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 20 "PARKS AND RECREATION," ARTICLE IV "PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTIONS 20-14(b) "HOURS OF OPERATION" AND 20-14(c) "FISCAL YEAR HOLIDAY HOURS;" PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, 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 No. 2021-8166.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward to speak on the ordinance. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve Ordinance No. 2021-8166 amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Article 4, Section 20-14(b) and 20-14(c) on the first reading and schedule the second reading for May 17, 2021.

Discussion:

Ms. Dumont said residents wanted to know why the facility was locked when they wanted to use the tennis courts.

Amended Motion 1: It was moved by Ms. Dumont and seconded by Mr. Meza to include, “The courts are available for open play from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. daily” in Chapter 20, Article 4, Section 14.

Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Phitides, said this would apply to weekdays only. Mr. Staffopoulos suggested indicating the courts would be available a minimum of three hours per day on weekdays instead of stating specific times.

Ms. Dumont withdrew her amended motion.

Amended Motion 2: It was moved by Ms. Dumont and seconded by Mr. Meza to amend the original motion for clarity to include “The courts are available for open play for three hours per weekday.” to Chapter 20, Article 4, Section 14.

Amended Motion

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

Original Motion

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

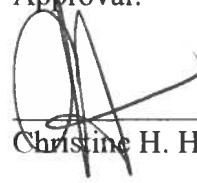
ADJOURNMENT:

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Hoffman thanked Special Events Coordinator Kathy Butler in Parks and Recreation, who worked behind the scene on events in the city.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
Acting City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

5/17/2021