

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

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman (absent)

Council Members:	Sandy Golding	Bill Horn (late)	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Greg Sutton

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett and Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA") New Standards for Consideration

Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam explained PURPA and the two recently added standards:

- Demand Response and Demand Flexibility
- Electric Vehicle Charging Programs

Mr. Putnam explained the procedural requirements and timeline for consideration. City Attorney Sandra Robinson advised the Council of their options regarding the hearing procedures. A conversation ensued regarding upcoming dates and options for including public comments at the hearing. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a future hearing at the beginning of summer to discuss the recently added standards, and in-person comments from the public would be accepted during the hearing.

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Rate Adjustment Options

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett explained on December 5, 2022, City Council awarded RFP No. 10-2122 to Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling with twice-a-week residential collection. Ms. Gossett stated the current waste collection and disposal fees are insufficient to cover the new contract's cost and must be adjusted to sustain the Sanitation Fund.

Ms. Gossett reviewed four options for the Council to consider in adjusting solid waste fees. A conversation ensued regarding the four adjustment options and the possibility of creating a hybrid option combining two of the four proposed options. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to prepare a hybrid option for the resident fee adjustments. This hybrid option would be brought back to the Council at a future Council meeting as a resolution for approval.

Gonzales Park Update

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides presented the Council with a handout [on file] of a revised version of the redesigned master plan for Gonzales Park. A conversation ensued regarding the layout and suggested changes. It was the consensus of the Council to remove all volleyball courts, keep the exercise equipment centrally located and add seating near the pickleball courts.

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

Ms. Gossett spoke about restructuring the Finance Department. She explained the reclassification of positions and the addition of new positions. She stated the financial impact of the departmental restructuring would be approximately \$42,000 a year. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to prepare a resolution to be presented at the January 17, 2023, Council meeting.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos asked the Council if anyone was interested in replacing former Council Member Stokes' position on the Duval County Blue Zone Committee. A conversation ensued regarding the time commitment needed to be a part of this committee. Mr. Staffopoulos stated he would send the Council an email with information regarding the committee, and any interested Council Member could reach out to him for more information.

Council Member Janson spoke about The National League of Cities (NLC), stating the City of Jacksonville Beach is not currently a member. Mr. Janson provided the Council with a handout [on file] highlighting the organization and its membership benefits. It was the consensus of the Council to review the information provided and discuss the topic further at an upcoming Council briefing.

Community Assignment Report

N/A

Future Briefing Topics

N/A

The Briefing adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

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