

Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting AMENDED
held Monday, April 5, 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, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

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 March 8, 2021
- Council Briefing held on March 22, 2021
- Special Council Meeting held on March 25, 2021

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 15, 2021.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Ms. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Nichols, and passed unanimously to include the word 'add' to the Amended Motion for Item #21-045, before "Mayor Hoffman's name."

The original Motion passed unanimously, as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hoffman announced she attended a press conference on March 30, 2021, held by the Women's Center of Jacksonville, the City of Jacksonville, and the three Beaches communities to designate the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She noted Council Member Meza had also attended.

Mayor Hoffman stated she and Council Member Golding attended the Jacksonville Housing Authority's The Waves residential grand opening on April 2, 2021.

Mayor Hoffman also attended the 37th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2021.

Mayor Hoffman announced the Carver Center reopened on April 4, 2021, to administer the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Finally, Mayor Hoffman announced the Police Department was monitoring information and planning for the Orange Crush event scheduled in July 2021. The Council would receive an update at the April 12, 2021, Council Briefing.

Ms. Golding announced Beaches Watch would hold a virtual Town Hall on April 7, 2021, with the Beaches representative, Jacksonville City Council Member Rory Diamond.

Ms. Golding stated the Florida League of Cities opened registration for policy committees. She served on the Administrative Policy Committee last year and encouraged other Council members to consider registering for a committee.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Martha L. (Tina) Skipper, 2603 Liberty Lane, Jacksonville Beach, relayed her concerns about the Orange Crush Festival.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item #21-058 - Approve/Disapprove ERP Planning and Program Oversight and Implementation Support to be Provided by Gartner, Inc. Utilizing the State of Texas Contract #DIR-TSO-4030 and Approve/Disapprove \$100,000 for Temporary Over-Hire of Staff in Utility Billing, Human Resources, and/or Business Analysis Divisions as Needed to Provide Coverage for Existing City Employees Participating in the Implementation Process.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos explained this item was to move forward utilizing Gartner, Inc. to assist City staff on the implementation of the City's ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) conversion project. He stated the Council had a recent briefing on this topic [March 22, 2021]. Mr. Staffopoulos said the item sought approval for temporary over-hiring so staff can dedicate time to the conversion project while others can work the day-to-day operations.

Motion 1: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve ERP planning and program oversight and implementation support to be provided by Gartner, Inc. utilizing the State of Texas Contract #DIR-TSO-4030.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Motion 2: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve \$100,000 for temporary over-hire of staff in the Utility Billing, Human Resources, and/or Business

Analysis divisions as needed to provide coverage for existing City employees participating in the implementation process.

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 #21-059 – Approve/Disapprove a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$35,531.71 to Upgrade BES Substation Communications Equipment

Mr. Staffopoulos said this item was to upgrade some of the substation communication equipment. Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam explained processor technology had significantly improved since the 2000s. He said the two processors being purchased would replace one that failed at Ft. Diego substation, and the other would be used at Butler substation when it is upgraded.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve a Purchase Order in the amount of \$35,531.71 to upgrade BES substation communications equipment.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-060 – Award/Reject RFQ 08-1920 Infrastructure Improvements – Downtown/Southend Redevelopment Areas and Adjacent Areas, Project Areas #2 (Phase IIIC-Project 4), #3 (Phase IIIC-Project 5), and #4 (Phase IIID-Project 6) to GAI Consultants, Inc., and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute the Contract

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item and the following item (Item #21-061*) were related to design projects the Public Works Department would be overseeing for major infrastructure improvements starting in the Downtown area, extending down to the Southend CRA (Community Redevelopment Area).

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron provided an overview of the projects. He explained the design would get the project to 60% of the design later this year, which could then be brought before the public for feedback at public meetings.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to award RFQ 08-1920 Infrastructure Improvements – Downtown/Southend Redevelopment Areas and Adjacent Areas, Project Areas #2 (Phase IIIC-Project 4), #3 (Phase IIIC-Project 5), and #4 (Phase IIID-Project 6) to GAI Consultants, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the contract.

Mr. Barron answered questions from the Council related to the scoring process, construction issues from previous projects, and the possibility of issuing penalties/bonuses during the construction phase.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-061 – Award/Reject RFQ 08-1920 Infrastructure Improvements – Downtown/Southend Redevelopment Areas and Adjacent Areas, Project Areas #1 (Phase IIIC-Project 3), #5 (Southend Redevelopment Area) to Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute the Contract.

*Note: See staff comments for this item under Item #21-060.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to award RFQ 08-1920 Infrastructure Improvements – Downtown/Southend Redevelopment Areas and Adjacent Areas, Project Areas #1 (Phase IIIC-Project 3) and #5 (Southend Redevelopment Area) to Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the contract.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Item #21-062 – RESOLUTION NO. 2076-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this resolution was to approve the mid-year budget modification.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2076-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.”

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2076-2021 authorizing the mid-year budget adjustment.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Mayor Hoffman
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Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
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Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-063 – RESOLUTION NO. 2077-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this Resolution was related to changes made in 2017 by the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) to their design standards for signage around schools where the speed limit changed with an associated time frame.

The Public Works Department was recently notified the FDOT had funding to make the necessary modifications for Jacksonville Beach. The FDOT would install some of the signs around 18th Avenue North and 10th Street North, and the City would take over the maintenance of the signs.

Mr. Staffopoulos said if the City did not sign the agreement with the FDOT, the City would be required to install the signs at our own expense to be compliant.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2077-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR SAN PABLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE SIGNAGE, SIGNALS, AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, 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. 2077-2021 approving the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for the FDOT project (FIN#444990-1-52-01) as described therein relating to San Pablo Elementary School signage and signals.

Responding to questions from the Council, Mr. Barron explained San Pablo Elementary School met the signage criteria based on traffic numbers and the size of the school for the area, while Jacksonville Beach Elementary and Seabreeze Elementary did not qualify. He said FDOT had projects in 33 counties in the northern part of the state.

Mr. Nichols announced he had a conflict related to this item, and he would be abstaining from voting [Form 8B on file].

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Stokes, Mayor Hoffman
Abstain – Nichols

The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Nichols abstaining.

ORDINANCES:

Mr. Staffopoulos explained if the Council had any substantive changes on the second reading for Ordinance No. 2020-8155 or Ordinance No. 2021-8163 he would request the ordinance be delayed for 30 days to allow the City's appropriate legal representation to look at the ordinances and draft any changes accordingly.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated Ordinance No. 2021-8164 and Ordinance No. 2021-8165 were prepared prior to the City Attorney's current suspension. He asked if the Council had any changes to either of these ordinances that the item be deferred until the City had a new City Attorney.

Item #21-064 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8155 (Second Reading)

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2020-8155 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 5 – ANIMALS AND FOWL, IN ITS ENTIRETY, INCLUDING A NEW TITLE, ARTICLES, AND SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR 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 second reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-8155."

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 adopt Ordinance No. 2020-8155, repealing and replacing the Code of Ordinances Chapter 5.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council. Mayor Hoffman stated the Council had previous extensive discussion on this ordinance at various Council Briefings and Council meetings.

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

Item #21-065 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8163 (Second Reading)

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2021-8163 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-16, OF

THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPLACE THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M. START TIME WITH OPTIONAL START TIMES THAT ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR TO BE CONDUCTIVE TO CITIZEN INPUT, CITY COUNCIL OPERATIONS, OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTS, 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 second reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-8163."

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 adopt Ordinance No. 2021-8163, replacing the regular City Council meeting start time of 7:00 P.M. with optional start times as determined by the City Manager and the Mayor.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-066 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8164 (First Reading)

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this ordinance was to repeal Chapter 33, Article III, Rental Motorcycles, in its entirety, from the Code of Ordinances. It was determined motorized vehicles were no longer allowed on the beach, and rentals of motorcycles on the beach were already prohibited; therefore, this section was no longer needed.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2021-8164 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO REPEAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 33, ARTICLE III, "RENTAL MOTORCYCLES," IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, 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 No. 2021-8164."

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. 2021-8164 on the first reading and schedule a second reading for April 19, 2021.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-067 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8165 (First Reading)

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the Council previously approved the creation of the Fire Code Board of Appeals. The current version of the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Code no longer requires an appeals board as long as there is an appeal process. This ordinance would amend that section.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2021-8165 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND AND RETITLE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE V, “BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS;” 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. 2021-8165.”

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. 2021-8165 on the first reading, amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article V, “Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals,” and schedule a second reading for April 19, 2021.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

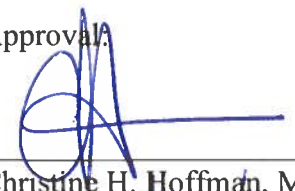
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 4/19/21

LS: sg