

**Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, March 13, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
City Council Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL**



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

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, Ocean Rescue Division Lieutenant Maxwell Ervanian, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, and Assistant to the City Manager Molly Alleger.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Special Events Policy

Assistant to the City Manager Molly Alleger provided the Council with an updated draft of the Special Events Policy. A conversation ensued regarding suggested edits and revisions. The consensus of the Council was for the City Attorney to review the final draft and for it to be presented to the Council at an upcoming Council meeting for formal consideration.

Amendments to Position Classification and Pay Plan for Managerial, Professional and Administrative (Nonunion) Positions

Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson explained the proposed amendments to the Position Classification and Pay Plan for Managerial, Professional and Administrative (Nonunion) Positions to Council. Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland and Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides spoke about their department-specific proposed changes and additions.

Additional information was requested for the proposed change of adding the Communications Manager to the list of eligible positions for an automobile allowance. Ms. Nelson stated she would provide the requested information to the Council for review. It was the consensus of the Council for the proposed amendments be presented for formal consideration at the March 20, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

Ocean Rescue Update

Ocean Rescue Division Lieutenant Maxwell Ervanian reviewed the State of the Ocean Rescue Division report [on file].

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos spoke about recent communications from the Florida League of Cities regarding the J-Bill, a solid waste bill, and other bills being discussed at the state level in Tallahassee.

Community Assignment Report

Council Member Golding spoke about a program by the Northeast Florida League of Cities that offers \$500 (per Member City) to non-profit organizations that “fills in the gaps” in communities. A conversation ensued regarding local non-profit organizations, and it was the consensus of the Council to nominate Beaches Go Green. Ms. Golding would complete and submit the nomination form.

Ms. Golding informed the Council that Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) would be a topic of discussion for the Senate Regulated Industries Committee meeting scheduled for March 14, 2023. Ms. Golding suggested the Council Members reach out to Senator Tracie Davis or all committee members showing support for further enforcement efforts regarding STVRs.

Ms. Golding brought up a bill which was being discussed at the state level in Tallahassee regarding current and upcoming City officials and Council and Board members to be required to complete Form 6 (Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests) instead of Form 1 (Statement of Financial Interests).

Council Member Janson updated the Council stating the City’s Pension is solid and additional diversification models for future investments were discussed at a Pension Board meeting held on February 14, 2023.

A conversation ensued regarding the status of the Penman Road project. No updates have been given, but the project is scheduled to be packaged with other projects and should begin later this year.

Council Member Nichols stated he would meet with Erika Young (a representative from Washington, D.C.) on March 16, 2023, to discuss possible funding options to assist with the Urban Trails project.

Future Briefing Topics

Mr. Nichols spoke about different parking issues throughout the City, including semi-trucks parking along 3rd Street. Mr. Staffopoulos stated he and the Mayor received information from Police Chief Gene Paul Smith and summarized the information. He stated he would forward the information to all Council Members. Mr. Staffopoulos also stated Chief Smith was scheduled to be at the next Council Briefing on April 10, 2023, and would address the parking issues then.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated at the next Council Briefing, Chief Smith would provide an update on Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards, and there would be a drone and TASER demonstration. He stated Finance would present the FY 2024 Budget Assumptions.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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