

OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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: Sandy Golding Bill Horn Dan Janson
Fernando Meza Cory Nichols Greg Sutton

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Police Services Division Commander Thomas Bingham, and 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:

- Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023
- City Council Workshop held on March 13, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve the agenda with Ordinance No. 2023-8193, Downtown CRA Height Incentive, stricken from the agenda.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the impact of approval of the motion and the stricken item [Ordinance Item C].

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Janson, Meza, Nichols, Sutton, Mayor Hoffman
Nays – Golding, Horn
The motion passed 5-2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding announced the March 21, 2023 election for the Jacksonville Mayor and At-Large Council Members. She mentioned the hazardous and e-waste collection at Public Works on March 25, 2023. Ms. Golding also announced the City Council Workshop on March 28, 2023, to discuss the Supplemental Standards of the Land Development Code. Finally, she noted paid parking began downtown, and residents could park for free following vehicle registration with the City.

Council Member Sutton recognized elected women officials in Jacksonville Beach for Women's History Month and thanked them for their service, including Bennie Furlong, Margaret McQueen, Martha Ann Sibley, Penny Christian, Jeanell Wilson, Georgette Dumont, Sandy Golding, and Christine Hoffman. Mayor Hoffman included Linda Spence on the list.

Council Member Janson asked Police Services Division Commander Bingham to describe the bicycle registration program. Commander Bingham described the process and noted plans for an event next month.

Council Member Meza addressed Ken Marsh's February 27, 2023 email and apologized he did not previously respond. He spoke on legislation, House Bill 833 [Vacation Rentals], and asked residents to email state representatives to retain home rule.

Mayor Hoffman announced she visited St. Andrew A.M.E. Church and read a proclamation honoring late Council Member Margaret McQueen. She noted the opening of the Oaxaca Club restaurant.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Mary Phillips, 934 10th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, shared her concerns about short-term rentals and a backlog of inspections.
- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the City's Downtown Vision Plan.
- Colette Sellers, 115 3rd Street South #1509, Jacksonville Beach, shared her concern about the Latham Plaza development.
- Kevin Brown, 1833 Kings Court, Jacksonville Beach, spoke in opposition to the height amendment and overdevelopment.
- Rich Reiss, 429 16th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, expressed concern about nuisance smoke.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *None*

CITY CLERK: *None*

CITY MANAGER:

Item A **Accept/Reject the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022**

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022.

Discussion: Mr. Nichols and Mayor Hoffman thanked Ms. Gossett and the staff for their hard work.

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

Item B **Accept/Reject the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of February 2023**

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of February 2023.

Discussion: *None*

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

Item C Approve/Reject purchase of Stormwater Pipe for Dune Outfall Replacement to Ferguson-Jacksonville in the amount of \$48,800.60

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the purchase of Stormwater Pipe for Dune Outfall Replacement to Ferguson-Jacksonville in the amount of \$48,800.60.

Discussion: *None*

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Item A Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2140-2023 amending the Position Classification and Pay Plan for Managerial, Professional and Administrative (Nonunion) Positions

Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett explained this Resolution adds a new position title in Human Resources, adds two new position titles in Planning and Development, reclassifies three positions in Parks and Recreation, reclassifies one position in Beaches Energy Services, and adds one job title to the positions eligible to receive an automobile allowance.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2140-2023 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL, PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE (NONUNION) POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, ADOPTION OF THE PLAN, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Public Comment:

- Barbara Bauer, 604 13th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, shared recommended amendments to the legislative policy manual.

Mayor Hoffman noted that Ms. Bauer’s comments addressed Resolution 2023-2141 (Resolution Item A) on the March 6, 2023, City Council agenda.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2140-2023 amending the Position Classification and Pay Plan for Managerial, Professional and Administrative (Nonunion) Positions.

Discussion: *None.*

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

Item B Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2142-2023 amending and extending the Contract Between the City of Jacksonville Beach and Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., for Primary and Alternate Special Magistrate Services for Code Enforcement

City Attorney Sandra Robinson explained this Resolution extends the contract for Special Magistrate services, amends the contract to provide for an increase in fees, and replaces current Special Magistrate Wayne Flowers with Brenna Durden at the end of the 2023 calendar year.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2142-2023 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH AND LEWIS, LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A., FOR PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE SERVICES FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2142-2023 amending and extending the Contract Between the City of Jacksonville Beach and Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., for Primary and Alternate Special Magistrate Services for Code Enforcement.

Discussion: *None*

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

ORDINANCES:

Item A Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2023-8194 on the second reading amending City Code of Ordinances Sec. 31-61 "Paid Parking Program"

Commander Bingham provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2023-8194 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 31 “TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES,” ARTICLE III “STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING,” DIVISION 3 “PARKING REGULATIONS,” SECTION 31-61 “PAID PARKING PROGRAM;” 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. 2023-8184."

Public Hearing:

The following did not wish to speak but submitted a speaker card in opposition to the ordinance:

- Mike Stang, 1020 19th Street North, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-8194 on the second reading amending City Code of Ordinances Sec. 31-61 "Paid Parking Program."

Discussion: A brief discussion ensued about kiosk signage, first-come, first-serve for parking spots, and the 7th Avenue North end zone.

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

Item B **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2023-8195 on the second reading for a Charter amendment to increase the building height limitation on City Property, Latham Plaza Parking Lot**

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2023-8195 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH; PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE, SUMMARY, AND TEXT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR APPROVED AMENDMENTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE."

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. 2023-8195."

Public Hearing:

The following submitted a speaker card in support of the ordinance but was not present when called:

- John Wadman, 104, 109, 125/127, 120, 170, and 118 1st Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

The following did not wish to speak but submitted a speaker card in opposition to the ordinance:

- Harry & Pam Feuerherm, 1853 Tanglewood Road, Jacksonville Beach
- John Tipton, 503 6th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Luanne Lentz, 831 7th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Mary Phillips, 934 10th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Salvatore Piraino, 1610 Shetter Avenue #226, Jacksonville Beach
- Martha Skipper, 2603 Liberty Lane, Jacksonville Beach
- Bonnie Moale, 509 10th Place South, Jacksonville Beach
- Margaret Vest, 615 4th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Robin Smith, 2706 Colonies Drive, Jacksonville Beach
- Toni Ruffino, 410 North 6th Street, Jacksonville Beach
- Darrell Shields, 315 18th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Margaret Fishback, 525 3rd Street North #408, Jacksonville Beach
- Gail Edgell, 525 3rd Street North Unit 405, Jacksonville Beach

The following spoke in opposition to the ordinance:

- Chris Wheeler, 1424 Blue Heron Lane, Jacksonville Beach
- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach
- Michelle Tipton, 2333 Azalea Drive, Jacksonville Beach
- KC Braun, 804 13th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Roger Whiting, 1103 2nd Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Barbara Bauer, 604 13th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach
- Bobby Welton, 1032 1st Street South #2, Jacksonville Beach
- Jacqueline Phillips, 75 Oakwood Road, Jacksonville Beach
- Stephen Fouraker, 387 6th Street, Atlantic Beach
- Terry DeLoach, 405 32nd Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach
- Anne Kern, 3409 1st Street South, Jacksonville Beach
- Rich Reiss, 429 16th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Georgette Dumont, 507 15th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-8195 on the second reading for a Charter amendment to increase the building height limitation on City Property, Latham Plaza Parking Lot.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the proposed height, downtown activation, safety and crime prevention, potential litigation, Downtown Vision Plan, market analysis, the P3 process (public-private partnership), Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan, the number of years since the previous height referendum vote, Section 52 of the City Charter, parking challenges, and resident input.

Ms. Ireland clarified the project would only be on the current Latham Parking Lot owned by the City. It would not include Latham Plaza, the lawn in front of the bandshell, Sneakers, or the Sneakers parking lot.

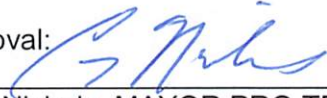
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Janson, Meza, Nichols, Sutton, Mayor Hoffman
Nays – Horn, Golding
The motion passed 5-2.

Item C **This item was stricken from the agenda.**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval: 
Cory Nichols, MAYOR PRO TEM

Date: 4/3/23