

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	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols (Late)	Greg Sutton

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith, Police Commander Thomas Bingham, Police Detective Allan Ford, Police Sergeant Brian Wallace and Police Commander Eric Shaughnessy.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Assumptions for FY2024 Budget Preparation

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett provided an overview of the Assumptions for FY2024 Budget Preparation. She specified the millage rate is estimated at 3.9947 and remains unchanged. Budget estimates assume the continued 50% return of Southend Tax Increment Trust Funds (TIF) to the General Fund and other taxing authorities.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the presented Assumptions for FY2024 Budget Preparation.

FY2024 Budget Workshop Schedule

Ms. Gossett reviewed the FY2024 Budget Workshop and Adoption Schedule and stated the dates might change subject to the dates chosen by the Duval County School Board or Duval County.

It was the consensus of the Council to accept the presented dates and make changes if needed.

Repeal of Code of Ordinance Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II "City Council, Division 2 "Rules of Order"

City Attorney Sandra Robinson explained the City Council formally adopted the Legislative Policies Manual (LPM) on March 6, 2023. Because the majority of the items addressed in Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 of the City Code of Ordinances are contained in the LPM, Division 2 has become unnecessary due to redundancy.

It was the consensus of the Council for Ms. Robinson to move forward with the repeal process for City Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 in its entirety.

Police Department CALEA Accreditation Presentation

Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith provided an overview of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Accreditation Program. Commander Thomas Bingham presented a PowerPoint presentation [on file] of the details of the program.

Drone and TASER Demonstration

Detective Allan Ford presented a PowerPoint presentation [on file] regarding the drones used by the Police department. Detective Ford provided a live drone demonstration of both drones.

Sergeant Brian Wallace presented a PowerPoint presentation [on file] of the TASERs used within the City's Police Department. Sergeant Wallace performed a TASER presentation on a target and tased volunteers Council Member Horn and Council Member Meza as a demonstration.

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

Chief Smith provided an update regarding previously discussed parking issues within the City. He reviewed the information in an email to all Council [on file]. Commander Eric Shaughnessy provided background stats regarding parking complaints throughout the City. He provided stats regarding parking citations issued within the last year.

It was suggested by Mayor Hoffman for staff to reach out to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) again regarding semi-truck parking within the City, specifically on South 3rd Street near Jacksonville Drive. Chief Smith stated he would keep the Council updated on their progress.

Community Assignment Report

N/A

Future Briefing Topics

Council Member Sutton requested an update on the Volunteer Life Saving Corp (VLSC) case. City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated no information could be made public due to pending litigation, but a second mediation was scheduled for April 11, 2023.

Council Member Meza suggested adding a 9/11 memorial on the corner lot previously used for the old Veteran's Memorial that was moved to Ocean Front Park. Mr. Staffopoulos suggested the Council have a conversation with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Coordinator to provide an update regarding the plan for the specific location. It was the consensus of the Council to have CRA Coordinator Taylor Mobbs provide an update at a future briefing.

Council Member Nichols spoke about the Live Local Act and requested more information about the act be presented to the Council for information purposes. It was the consensus of the Council to place this topic on a future briefing agenda.

Mr. Nichols requested a future discussion regarding a possible pilot project for ticketed events at the Seawalk Pavilion. It was the consensus of the Council to place this topic on a future briefing agenda.

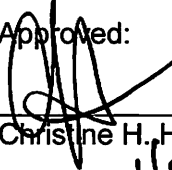
Council Member Golding explained the project on 4th Street has been problematic for the residents. She requested the City do a better job of communicating updates to the Council and residents regarding upcoming and ongoing projects. Mr. Staffopoulos suggested a debriefing regarding previously discussed contract negotiations and mechanisms to incentivize the contractors to work more quickly. The debriefing would allow staff to better understand the Council's expectations for residents and business owners.

Ms. Golding stated she spoke with the City Attorney regarding her concerns with information about public hearings for citizens to obtain regarding procedures and preparation recently being removed from the City's website. Ms. Golding requested a future briefing with the City Attorney to further discuss the concerns of providing such information on the website. It was the consensus of the Council to add this topic to a future briefing.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

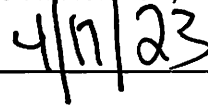
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Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:



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