

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, March 15, 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 (Late)	Chet Stokes

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, Golf Course Facility Manager Bruce Mohler, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Ms. Dumont, and passed 6-0 to approve the following minutes:

- Council Briefing held on February 22, 2021
- Council and Community Redevelopment Agency Special Meeting held on February 24, 2021
- Council Workshop held on February 27, 2021
- Regular Council Meeting held on March 1, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hoffman announced a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) COVID-19 vaccine site opened on March 14, 2021, at the Carver Center, 777 5th Avenue South. The site would be open until March 23, 2021, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and returning to administer the second vaccine shot. The site was administering the Pfizer vaccine. Mayor Hoffman stated the age requirement had dropped from 65 years old to 60 years old. She said there were approximately 270 vaccinated on Sunday, March 14, 2021, and 408 on Monday, March 15, 2021.

Mayor Hoffman congratulated Planning and Development Director Heather Ireland on her recent promotion.

Council Member Golding announced she and Council Member Dumont attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Detailz Barbershop, located at 315 10th Avenue North.

Ms. Golding stated Senate Bill 522 was amended to remove the preemption, which would have taken away the City's ability to regulate and license short-term vacation rentals. She said House Bill 219 still had the preemption in it and was moving forward.

Council Member Nichols congratulated local professional golfer Tyler McCumber, who placed 25th in the 2021 Players Championship. Mr. Nichols said that Mark McCumber and Josh McCumber, whose family had built and run golf courses throughout Florida, shared positive comments about the Jacksonville Beach Golf Course and the staff.

Council Member Stokes stated he spoke with the legislative aid for State Representative Jason Fischer about the short-term vacation rental bill. Mr. Stokes was hopeful House Bill 219 would change, following Senate Bill 522.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the City's Vision Plan and shared his suggestions on how the Council and CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) could move forward on the Plan.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item #21-043 – Accept/Reject the Financial Reports for the Month of February 2021

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos explained this item was to accept the monthly financial reports.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to accept the financial reports for the month of February 2021.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-044 – Accept/Reject the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Both Redevelopment Districts' Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020

Mr. Staffopoulos stated this item was to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and both redevelopment districts' financial statements. He explained the City is required to have an independent third-party auditor come out and audit the City's financial processes and practices annually. Mr. Staffopoulos said new state regulations this year required the City to do financial statements for each of the CRA districts.

Meagan Camp, Audit Manager for Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP, clarified Purvis, Gray issued an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that can be attained, on all three financial statements

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and both Redevelopment Districts' Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

Discussion:

Mayor Hoffman stated the reports had been discussed at a Council Briefing [March 8, 2021]. There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-045 – Authorize the Following Elected Officials to Attend the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) II Training, April 23-24, 2021, in Daytona Beach, Florida, and Future IEMO I Training (Date and Location to be Determined): Georgette Dumont, Sandy Golding, Cory Nichols, Chet Stokes, Dan Janson, and Fernando Meza

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item was for authorization for individual Council members to attend Florida League of Cities training.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to authorize the following elected officials to attend the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) II training April 23-24, 2021, in Daytona Beach, Florida, and future IEMO I training (date and location to be determined): Georgette Dumont, Sandy Golding, Cory Nichols, Chet Stokes, Dan Janson, and Fernando Meza.

Ms. Golding stated she, Mr. Nichols, and Ms. Dumont attended IEMO I training in 2020. Ms. Golding said she was interested in attending the IEMO II class.

Ms. Dumont noted Mayor Hoffman's name was not included, and she was also eligible for IEMO II training.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Ms. Dumont and seconded by Mr. Nichols to amend the motion to add Mayor Hoffman's name if she is interested in attending IEMO II.

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

Discussion:

Mr. Stokes stated he would be interested in attending IEMO I training.

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

Item #21-046 – Approve/Disapprove the Appointment of Council Member Dan Janson to the General Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees

Mr. Staffopoulos stated this item was to appoint Council Member Dan Janson to the General Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees. He explained the Council had two positions serving on the Board, and Council Member Dumont had resigned the position due to her outside workload.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the appointment of Council Member Dan Janson to the General Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-047 – Declare TurfHound Synthetic Grass Surfacing as the Sole Source Provider of the Panel System for Artificial Driving Range Tee Surfacing and Approve the Purchase for the Replacement of the Driving Range Tee from TurfHound Synthetic Grass Surfacing in the Amount of \$36,008.48

Mr. Staffopoulos said this item was for authorization to replace the artificial turf used at the driving range at the golf course. Golf Course Facility Manager Bruce Mohler explained the need for the replacement and summarized the TurfHound panel system.

Motion 1: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to declare TurfHound Synthetic Grass Surfacing as the sole source provider of the panel system for artificial driving range tee surfacing.

Discussion:

Mr. Stokes mentioned the replacement was also needed for safety reasons. Mr. Meza said the panels were supposed to last five years and asked whether the panels would have to be replaced before five years with the continued amount of use at the golf course. Mr. Mohler stated it should not be an issue.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Nichols, Mayor Hoffman
Motion 1 passed unanimously.

Motion 2: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the purchase of replacement driving range tees from TurfHound Synthetic Grass Surfacing in the amount of \$36,008.48.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Mayor Hoffman
Motion 2 passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item #21-048 – RESOLUTION NO. 2075-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this resolution was to change the title of the new Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Manager to CRA Coordinator and make the position eligible for an automobile allowance. He said this position would drive to meet with the development community and business owners in the Jacksonville metropolitan area related to activities within the two CRA districts.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2075-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE (NON-UNION) POSITIONS TO REVISE THE TITLE OF, AND PROVIDE AN AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE TO, THE CRA COORDINATOR POSITION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, ADOPTION OF THE PLAN, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2075-2021, amending the Position Classification and Pay Plan for Managerial, Professional, and Administrative (Nonunion) Positions to revise the title of the CRA Coordinator and add the position to the list of those eligible for automobile allowance.

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 #21-049 – RESOLUTION NO. 2078-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos requested to address Item #21-049 and Item #21-050 simultaneously. Mayor Hoffman approved.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained when he started with the City approximately 18 months ago, there were vision statements and CRA plans for the two districts. There was no strategic plan for the rest of the City. There were nine community conversations held to get public feedback, and a Council Workshop was held to develop a vision statement for the community and a mission statement for the organization. Two draft statements were developed. The City’s leadership team proposed modifications to the mission statement.

Mr. Staffopoulos said the City established core values before COVID-19 in 2020. He explained with the adoption of both a vision statement for the community and a mission statement for the organization, along with the established core values, the three foundational elements necessary to move forward with a strategic plan would be laid out for the community.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2078-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT A NEW CITY VISION STATEMENT;

**PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR
INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT AND AUTHORIZATION,
SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2078-2021 establishing a Vision Statement for the community.

Discussion:

Mayor Hoffman stated these two items were discussed at the Council Workshop held on February 27, 2021, and at the Council Briefing held on March 8, 2021.

Ms. Dumont read the Vision Statement, *A vibrant coastal community that embraces ‘the beach life.’* She shared the hashtag (#thebeachlife) for the Vision Statement. Ms. Dumont said the Statement was good for marketing and a descriptive statement of what the City seeks to be in the future.

Mr. Janson stated the City had secured *thebeachlife.org* as a domain name.

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

Item #21-050 – RESOLUTION NO. 2079-2021

*See Mr. Staffopoulos’ staff report comments related to this Item under Item #21-050.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2079-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH,
FLORIDA, TO ADOPT A NEW CITY MISSION STATEMENT;
PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR
INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT AND AUTHORIZATION,
SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2079-2021, establishing a Mission Statement for the organization.

Discussion:

Mr. Stokes explained there was a draft Mission Statement following the Council Workshop on February 27, 2021, and the staff did an excellent job taking the Council’s rough draft and making the proposed Mission Statement; *Responsive government focused on safety, service, and sustainability.*

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

ORDINANCES:

Item #21-051 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8161 (Second Reading)

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2021-8161 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE I, BY CREATING SECTIONS TO SET FORTH THE REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS PRECEDENT FOR EFFECTING SERVICE OF NOTICE OF CLAIMS ON THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 768.28, AND ESTABLISHING A FALSE CLAIMS CODE SIMILAR TO THE FLORIDA FALSE CLAIMS ACT PROVIDED TO STATE AGENCIES; 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. 2021-8161.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward to speak on the ordinance. Mayor Hoffman closed the public.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve Ordinance No. 2021-8161.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-052 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8163 (First Reading)

Mr. Staffopoulos said this item came from a Council Briefing discussion on changes to Council processes held on February 22, 2021. He explained the start time of the Council meetings was codified at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Staffopoulos stated this ordinance would allow the Council meeting time to be reset by the Mayor and/or City Manager conducive for citizen input. It allowed for more flexibility rather than firm time.

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 OR 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 first 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.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve 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 or the Mayor, on the first reading and schedule a second reading for April 5, 2021.

Discussion:

Ms. Dumont was concerned the way the ordinance was written was vague, which made it look like the meeting times could change often rather than a consistent or standardized timeframe.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Dumont to change the wording to “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, on the first reading and schedule a second reading for April 5, 2021.”

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council on the amended motion.

Amended Motion

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

Mayor Hoffman said the ordinance intended to remove the 7:00 P.M. start time out of the Code of Ordinances to allow more flexibility. Mr. Ambrosio explained the ordinance was vague because he expected a decision on a regular Council meeting start time, which would remain the same unless an emergency situation arose where the revised wording would allow leverage to change the time if necessary.

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

Item #21-053 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8155 (First Reading)

Mr. Ambrosio explained this item was to repeal and replace Chapter 5, the Animal Code ordinance.

He said Ms. Golding's suggested corrections had been made.

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 first 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.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve Ordinance No. 2020-8155, on the first reading, repealing and replacing the Code of Ordinances Chapter 5, and schedule a second reading on April 5, 2021.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:


Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

4/5/21

LS: sg