

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, March 1, 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, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Public Works Project Engineer Kayle Moore, 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 February 8, 2021
- Executive Session held on February 16, 2021
- Regular Council Meeting held on February 16, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hoffman spoke about a Council Workshop held Saturday, February 27, 2021, where the Council and select City staff discussed the City's Vision and Mission Statements. Mayor Hoffman stated the group came up with drafts of both the Vision and Mission Statements.

Mayor Hoffman announced the City's Paid Parking Program would start March 12, 2021.

Council Member Golding announced the Florida Legislative Session would start March 2, 2021, and encouraged residents to visit FloridaLeagueofCities.com to keep up to date on Bills that would affect the City.

Council Member Stokes announced residents who already registered their vehicles for the Paid Parking Program did not need to re-register. Mr. Stokes added there was a new pilot program for residents who had vehicles that were not registered in Jacksonville Beach, where they could go to the Police Station and show proof of residency to be included in the free parking for Jacksonville Beach residents.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated an item would be placed on the March 8, 2021, Council Briefing Agenda for the Council to review the draft Vision and Mission Statements to see if the Council had any recommendations for changes.

Mr. Staffopoulos advised the Council the City had been contacted by the City of Jacksonville about a possible COVID-19 vaccination site in Jacksonville Beach. A staff evaluation would be made

to determine the impact on City resources before committing to a location. Possible impacts would be to Parks and Recreation programs and a commitment of Police Officers to help staff the facility seven days a week.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors. No one came forward to speak.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item #21-034 – Approve/Disapprove the Legal Services Agreement with Bell and Roper, P.A.

City Attorney Chris Ambrosio explained this item was to retain Sherry Sutphen, Esq. of Bell and Roper, P.A., an expert in local government law, specializing in planning and development departments.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Bell and Roper, P.A.

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 #21-035 – Approve/Disapprove a Task Assignment to Dix-Hite for Final Design and Bidding Services for Downtown Bike Parking and Site Furnishings in the Amount of \$30,800.00 (\$28,000.00 Base Fee Plus \$2,800.00 Contingency)

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated this item was for a task assignment to Dix-Hite, a consultant working for Public Works and the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency), to do a final design and bidding services for downtown bike parking and site furnishings.

Public Works Project Engineer Kayle Moore explained Public Works assisted the Director of Planning and Development/CRA Administrator with implementing and constructing portions of downtown improvements. Public Works decided to go back to Dix-Hite to finalize and prepare plans in bid packages specifically for site furnishings and bike parking in downtown areas. Mr. Moore said bike parking designed for the pier entry area had been pulled from this request because of the current improvements being made to the pier.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve a task assignment to Dix-Hite for final design and bidding services for downtown bike parking and site furnishings in the amount of \$30,800.00 (\$28,000.00 base fee plus \$2,800.00 contingency).

Discussion:

Mr. Moore answered questions from the Council related to sidewalk repairs around the bike racks, design of the bike racks, benches, and the expected lifespan of fix-it stations.

Mayor Hoffman provided some background for the new Council members about previous workshops and input from staff and citizens that Dix-Hite used for the conceptual designs. She asked Mr. Moore to consider options other than ring bike racks.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Item #21-036 – RESOLUTION NO. 2074-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this resolution was to oppose Senate Bill 522 and House Bill 219, which would preempt regulation of short-term vacation rentals by local jurisdictions that did not have an ordinance in place prior to 2011.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2074-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FLORIDA SENATE BILL 522 AND HOUSE BILL 219, WHICH WOULD PREEMPT REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS TO THE STATE; 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 and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2074-2021 opposing short-term rental Senate Bill 522 and House Bill 219.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

ORDINANCES:

Item #21-037 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8143 (First Reading)

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item was for an Interlocal Agreement that would reduce the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) collected for the Southend Community Redevelopment District. He stated the Council held a joint meeting with the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) on February 24, 2021. Mr. Staffopoulos said the reduction in TIF funding was originally referenced publicly in 2017 at the Budget Showcase in preparation for the FY18 budget and referenced in every budget since then.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2020-8143 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR REDUCTION OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) FOR THE SOUTHEND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.387(1), FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE/DUVAL COUNTY, FOR MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE TIF REDUCTION BY BOTH TAXING AUTHORITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.387(3)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTS, 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. 2020-8143.”

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. 2020-8143 on its first reading, authorizing the execution and adoption of an Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach to reduce the amount of Tax Increment Funds (TIF) collection and distributed annually to the Southend Community Redevelopment District from the current amount of 95% of the TIF collected to 50%.

Discussion:

Council Member Dumont referenced the discussion at the joint meeting with the CRA held on February 24, 2021, and stated there were no plans for what the City wants for the Southend. Ms. Dumont said this was the opportunity to make sure the City had the funds needed for the Southend District before reducing the amount of funding the City keeps. She stated without a plan, the City doesn't know how much funding would be needed.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Ms. Dumont and seconded by Ms. Golding to postpone this item definitely for 12 months.

Ms. Dumont said the postponement would give the CRA 12 months to have a plan for the Southend District. The Council would revisit after that time to reassess reducing the amount to 50% or higher.

Mr. Staffopoulos and Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett responded to the Council's questions related to how the postponement would affect the budget. Mr. Staffopoulos advised that should the item be postponed, he would contact the City of Jacksonville to notify them. Council discussion ensued.

Amended Motion

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Mayor Hoffman
Nays - Nichols
The amended motion passed 6-1.

Item #21-038 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8161 (First Reading)

Mr. Ambrosio explained per Section 768.28, Florida Statute, this ordinance would provide the City with additional protections and defenses by defining and prescribing how to deliver a notice of claim to the City. The ordinance also would protect the City from false or fraudulent claims.

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 first 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 on the first reading and schedule a second reading for March 15, 2021.

Discussion:

Ms. Golding asked for clarification on who would determine the time frame a contractor, vendor, supplier, or service provider would be debarred from City contracting under Section 16-13(4)c.iv. of the Ordinance. Mr. Ambrosio responded he would discuss any debarment with the City Manager, and then it would be brought to the Council.

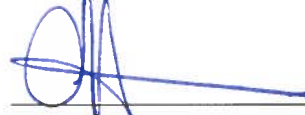
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Nichols Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
The amended motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH', written over a horizontal line.

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 3/15/21

LS: sg