

The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held via video conference using the Zoom platform.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos and City Attorney Chris Ambrosio.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Charter Review Phase II

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated City Council approved Ordinance No. 2020-8141, making four amendments to the City Charter as Phase I of the initiative. City Charter amendment expert Cliff Shepard, Esq. reviewed his synopsis [on file] of the recommended Charter review and amendment procedures.

A conversation ensued, and Mr. Shepard made the following suggestions regarding the process of the Charter review:

- The Council would serve as committee
- Workshop format, with sections performed at each meeting
- Time limits per review
- City Attorney present throughout

It was the Council's consensus to proceed with the review for the City Charter Phase II as proposed by Mr. Shepard.

Legislative Priorities

Mr. Staffopoulos presented Council with the 2021 Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Action Agenda [on file] and 2021 Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) Legislative Priorities [on file]. Mr. Staffopoulos asked Council if there were any other priorities the City Council would like to develop for the 2021 Legislative Session.

The following were the consensus of the Council for legislative priorities:

- Support legislative priorities of FLC
- Evaluate future relationship with NEFRC
- Prepare resolution against Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) legislation
- Provide Home Business/Home Office information to Council for review

- Bring topic back in six months for discussion on participating in FLC policy committees and NEFRC

Council Processes

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the Council previously mentioned the following requested process changes:

- Meeting procedures, particularly days and times, and sequence of the agenda items
- Ceremonial items, particularly the decision making of proclamations and WaveMaker awards
- Representation of the Council, particularly to their governing agencies, the media, or the community

A conversation ensued, and the consensus of the Council was to focus on the following changes:

- Remove gender references from the Charter
- Media calls for city-wide issues are directed to the Mayor or City Manager
- Keep WaveMaker award non-political
- Mayor and City Manager to develop a process for nominations and award of proclamations and Wave Makers
- Consensus for "redlines" of ordinances to be provided to Council during review/approval process
- Add the following sections to the Briefing agendas:
 - 10-minute section to discuss future briefing topics
 - 10-minute section for committee assignment report
- Change time of meetings (currently 7:00 P.M. by Code of Ordinances) to no direct time or "conducive to citizen input"
- Staff to revisit the timing of agenda packet distribution during electronic agenda management implementation; if possible, send a day earlier

Mr. Staffopoulos stated staff would make the appropriate immediate changes and would update Council regarding the status of pending changes at a future Briefing.

The Briefing adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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