

**Minutes of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Workshop
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
City Council Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL**



City Manager Mike Staffopoulos called the Budget Workshop to order at 5:00 P.M.

City Council Members in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Bill Horn (absent)	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols (absent)	Greg Sutton (absent)

Also present were Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, and Police Chief Gene Paul Smith.

Beaches Energy Services

Director of Beaches Energy Service (BES) Allen Putnam summarized the Strategic Plan priority, goals, and objectives for FY2024. Mr. Putnam highlighted FY2023 accomplishments, including receiving the Reliable Public Power (RP3) Award at Diamond Level and completing upgrades at several substations and transmission lines. He reviewed system reliability and noted an increase in the price of natural gas over the last several years. Mr. Putnam summarized the goals of the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) and discussed recent regulatory issues. Additionally, Mr. Putnam noted the addition of a Meter Reader position and the need to order two bucket trucks.

Parks and Recreation

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides reviewed the accomplishments for FY2023 and the goals and objectives for FY 2024 for the following divisions: Recreation Administration, Ocean Rescue, Grounds Maintenance, Tennis Center, Carver Center, Oceanfront Facilities, Special Events, and the Golf Course. Mr. Phitides noted the recent reclassification of two golf course positions.

Police Department

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith highlighted the recent accomplishments for FY2023 and reviewed the objectives and departmental goals for FY2024. He noted a budget increase for personnel services, health insurance, and pension. Chief Smith also noted an increase in funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

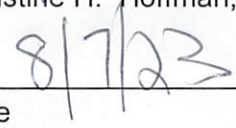
The workshop adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Submitted by: Lauren Loria
Administrative Assistant

Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR



Date