



City of Jacksonville Beach

Briefing Notice

City Council

11 North Third Street
Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Monday, September 11, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers Conference Room

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos will conduct a Council Briefing to update the City Council about ongoing items in the City. The Briefing will include, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- A. Future Briefing Topics
- B. Public Affairs Consultants Post Legislative Session Debrief
- C. City Attorney Annual Performance Evaluation Discussion
- D. Lifesaving Station Update
- E. Huguenot Park Rename Discussion
- F. STVR Update
- G. Miscellaneous City Manager Items
- H. Committee Assignment Report

Council Members in attendance may include:

Mayor:	Christine Hoffman		
Council Members:	Sandy Golding	Bill Horn	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Greg Sutton

Please note: Council Members in attendance may vary according to their schedules.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (904) 247-6299, no later than one business day before the meeting or by sending an email to CityClerk@jaxbchfl.net.



CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING TOPIC	
TO:	Michael J. Staffopoulos, City Manager
FROM:	Kimberlee Bennett, Director of Human Resources
DATE:	September 11, 2023
SUBJECT:	City Attorney's Annual Performance Evaluation

BACKGROUND

Ms. Robinson is approaching her second anniversary on October 6, 2023, and in accordance with her employment agreement, City Council is required to review her performance at least once annually.

The Mayor and City Council members each completed the City Attorney's evaluation form. A compilation of those responses was created and provided to the Mayor and City Council on September 1, 2023. The City Attorney will meet with the Mayor and City Council members to discuss her performance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

None

ATTACHMENTS



CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING TOPIC	
TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Michael J. Staffopoulos, City Manager
DATE:	September 11, 2023
SUBJECT:	Lifesaving Station Update

BACKGROUND

The existing building is approximately 75 years old, having been constructed in 1948. The Station is two stories in height, and the peg (observation tower) is approximately five stories in height. A one-story training room was added to the building (north side) in 2011. The exterior walls of the original portions of the building are poured concrete. In 2014, the Station was added to the National Historic Register (NHR), due in large part to its architectural design (silhouette).

Ownership of the Station and land was transferred from the American Red Cross (ARC) to the City of Jacksonville Beach in 2023. The City's intent is to continue use of the Station for Ocean Rescue operations into the foreseeable future.

Facility Improvements (Information Only)

The City hired an architectural and engineering firm to perform a facility and site assessment of the grounds and building to identify areas of needed investigation, improvement, or maintenance. The assessment was broken into categories of: site; architectural; mechanical; electrical; and structural.

A total of 46 noted deficiencies were identified, ranging from replacing door hardware to performing further structural assessments at specific locations. Over the past two months, staff has been evaluating the results of the assessment to determine a course of action. Priority is being given to the structure of the building, specifically the foundation and building envelope. Staff is engaging firms to perform structural investigations at the southeast corner of the building (site of historical settling and foundation repair), and two locations on exterior walls where delamination/deterioration is suspected.

Staff is also reviewing options for the replacement or upgrade of the building window system. The roof system is estimated to have up to five years of remaining life, and will be scheduled for replacement within the future five-year Capital Improvement Program. Cost for the first phase of work at the Station is unknown at this time; it will depend on investigation results, and/or remedial options chosen (if necessary).

Historical Marker (Information Only)

The ARC requires, as part of the transfer, the City to install a historical monument at the site. The site currently has three historical "markers":

- Station cornerstone
- Reinhold marker (affixed to the Station)
- Historical marker (adjacent to the site)



Discussions with the ARC have identified that the installation of a memorial plaque, commemorating its listing on the National Historic Register, would fulfill this requirement. The placement of the plaque would be at the City's discretion. The City is currently researching available plaque styles, and developing plaque wording for ARC approval.

Station Re-Branding (Consensus Sought)

The ARC, as a condition of the transfer, required their name and logo be removed from the Station. As such, the City needs to rebrand the Station. This issue was originally discussed with Council on May 8, 2023, with direction provided to staff. Graphic renderings of the four sides of the Station will be presented at the briefing. If there is consensus on the rebranding concept, staff will prepare a resolution for Council to consider formal adoption of the Station branding. Staff does not recommend rebranding until after the first phase of structural work is done at the Station.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

For informational purposes only.

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Does City Council concur to placing a resolution on a future meeting for adoption of Station branding?

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING TOPIC	
TO:	Michael J. Staffopoulos, City Manager
FROM:	Jason Phitides, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE:	September 11, 2023
SUBJECT:	Huguenot Park Rename

BACKGROUND

[Resolution No. 2061-2020](#) provides the City Council, by majority vote, the final authority to name and rename all City buildings and facilities.

During several outreach meetings with Huguenot Park residents, renaming the park has been a consistent theme and has popular support among the community, as well as Parks and Recreation staff. On a daily basis, we receive calls for the RV campground of the same name in North Jacksonville.

During a City Council Briefing in August 2021, the City Council indicated they would be amenable to changing the name of Huguenot Park. However, there was no consensus on the following proposed names: Ocean Park; Seaside Park; Pablo Beach Park; Turtle Park; Seabreeze Park; Sunrise Park; Ibis Park; Lakeside Park; Lakeview Park; and Fountain Park.

A subsequent review of the warranty deeds for alternative names revealed the following:

In 1941, the Marlemco Corporation donated most of the property to the west of the park, including the lagoon. In 1955, Christobel Engel (formerly Permenter) donated most of the property to the east of the lagoon.

- 16th Avenue South was formerly known as Hillsboro Avenue.
- 3rd Street South was formerly known as Lakeside Drive.
- 2nd Street South was formerly known as Palm Avenue.
- 19th Avenue South was formerly known as Esther Avenue.

The subdivision is known as Ocean Park. Other names that occurred in the various deeds were Oceanside Park and Seaside Park.

In March of this year, community residents and City staff held further meetings relating to a change in name. The overall objective was to seek a name that would:

- Identify the park environment.
- Be descriptive and inviting.
- Be unique.
- Avoid cause for confusion.

It was agreed that the lagoon, together with the lighted fountain, provide a unique identity for the

park. As a result, Fountain View Park was the unanimous first choice.

The following is the tabulation of votes by first and second choice:

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Fountain View Park	33	-
Seaside Park	-	10
Ibis Park	-	10
Lakeview Park	-	6
Lakeside Park	-	3
Sunset Park	-	2
Osprey Park	-	1
Lagoon Park	-	1
Total	33	33

FINANCIAL IMPACT

TBD

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Does City Council wish to formally consider renaming Huguenot Park to Fountain View Park?

ATTACHMENTS

1. Huguenot Park Pictures

Huguenot Park – Pictures of the Lagoon and Fountain





