

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, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, Fire Marshal Steve Sciotto, 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

Biosolids Disposal

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron stated the Public Works Department currently uses Merrell Brothers for hauling Biosolids from the Pollution Control Plant (PCP) to the Jacksonville Trail Ridge Landfill. Mr. Barron informed the Council Merrell Brothers is not interested in renewing its contract.

Mr. Barron stated the City is considering other options, including more green options for Biosolids' disposal because of the needed change in trucking and the need to re-bid these activities.

A conversation ensued regarding price options. Mr. Barron stated he would get detailed pricing and present more information to the Council at a later Council Briefing.

JFRD – First Year Review

Fire Marshall Steve Sciotto presented an overview of the 2020 Year End Report [on file] with Fire-Emergency Medical Service (EMS) with the City of Jacksonville. Mr. Sciotto stated the service change had gone seamlessly with no interruptions in service and the City received no complaints regarding the services currently being provided.

Parks Assessment Review

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides stated an assessment [on file] of the City's parks was completed in June 2020 and was initially reviewed by the previous Council in September 2020. Mr. Phitides stated a priority issue realized from the assessment was the lack of amenities and vagrancy at Gonzalez Park.

A conversation ensued regarding the following topics:

- Engage a consulting firm to develop a "re-imagined" master plan for Gonzales Park (Fiscal Year 2022), and schedule recommended improvements accordingly.

- Perform staff Phase I improvements by renovating restrooms at Gonzales Park and constructing pickleball courts (Fiscal year 2021), and make Phase II improvements in later years.

The Council's consensus was to hold off on staff Phase I improvements. It was recommended to make this project a priority by engaging a consulting firm this year as an alternative to waiting another year. Mr. Staffopoulos stated more detailed information would be presented to Council at a later Briefing.

Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR)

Mr. Staffopoulos stated legislation was again being proposed to preempt all regulation of STVRs to the State. Companion legislation (House Bill 219 and Senate Bill 522) had been proposed in both the House and Senate, which, if adopted, would preempt any community regulations adopted after June 1, 2011. This legislation would effectively preempt the City's ordinance.

Conversation ensued regarding the following topics:

- Enforcement issues
- Current and upcoming contract with Host Compliance
- A posted contact number at each STVR location for direct owner contact

Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicles (MFDV) Update

Mr. Ambrosio stated the City Council had expressed interest in amending the current Land Development Code (LDC) to allow MFDV to operate in residential zoning districts. The particular areas being discussed were as follows:

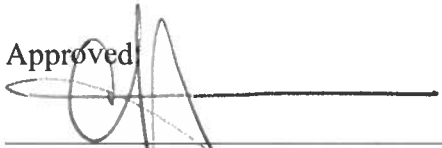
- Home Owner Association (HOA) areas
- Condominium Owner Associations (COA) areas
- Churches
- Schools (private)
- City park property and facilities

Mr. Ambrosio and Senior Planner Heather Ireland reviewed the proposed regulations. A conversation ensued regarding options for the different zoning areas and locations. Revisions would be made to include the Council's suggestions and brought back to Council for further review at a future Council Briefing.

The Briefing adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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Approved


Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

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