

**Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, September 11, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
City Council Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL**



The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett, City Attorney Sandy Robinson, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, Communications Manager Jacob Board and Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Future Briefing Topics

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos reviewed a calendar [on file] of upcoming Council Briefing dates and topics.

Public Affairs Consultants Post Legislative Session Debrief

Vice President of Public Affairs Consultants Erin Ballas reviewed a handout [on file] of the 2023 Legislative Session Wrap-Up. A conversation ensued regarding possible upcoming bills for the 2024 Session.

City Attorney Annual Performance Evaluation Discussion

Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett stated City Attorney Sandy Robinson was approaching her second anniversary with the City on October 6, 2023. Per Ms. Robinson's agreement, the City Council must review her performance at least once annually.

A conversation ensued regarding Ms. Robinson's performance, and the consensus of the Council was to proceed with a 3% salary increase for Ms. Robinson.

Lifesaving Station Update

Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson and Communications Manager Jacob Board presented the Council with printouts [on file] of the suggested re-branding of the Jacksonville Beach Lifesaving Station.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained an evaluation of the building was done, and 46 deficiencies were identified. He stated the focus of initial repair would be placed on the building foundation and two locations on the exterior walls.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the American Red Cross requires the City to install a historical monument marker at the site as part of the transfer. A conversation ensued regarding the type and location of the marker. The design and location were suggested to be brought to the Council for formal consideration.

The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the proposed new logo design for the Lifesaving Station and begin the trademark registration process.

Huguenot Park Rename Discussion

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides explained during several outreach meetings with Huguenot Park area residents, renaming the park has been a consistent theme. In March of this year, City staff and community residents held additional meetings regarding the park's name change. As a result, Fountain View Park was the unanimous choice. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to create a resolution for formal consideration by the Council to change the name of Huguenot Park to Fountain View Park.

STVR Update

Council Member Golding and Mr. Staffopoulos provided the Council with an update regarding a recent meeting with Senator Clay Yarborough regarding Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs). Ms. Golding and Mr. Staffopoulos stated Senator Yarborough was very receptive to the information provided. A conversation ensued regarding pending issues with STVRs and the possibility of adding an additional inspection fee.

Miscellaneous City Manager Items

N/A

Committee Assignment Report

Council Member Janson asked to be a representative for the City to participate in the Florida League of Cities, Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) Fly-In to Washington D.C. and participate in the 2023 Federal Action Agenda regarding the topic of the National Flood Insurance Program. It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Janson to represent the City and attend the event, and staff would add the topic to an upcoming agenda for formal consideration.

Council Member Sutton provided a brief overview of the recent Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations committee meeting he attended.

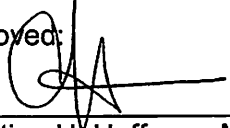
Ms. Golding highlighted the topics of discussion during the recent Municipal Administration Policy Committee.

Other Topics

Mayor Hoffman reported a possible new J Bill to allow Duval County to impose an additional tax for food, drinks, restaurants and hotels to fund homeless programs. Ms. Hoffman stated she would share more information as she received it.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

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Approved: 

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

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