

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, February 1, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Council Member Stokes provided the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson (<i>absent</i>)
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Council Meeting held on January 19, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding announced the following:

- The City of Jacksonville installed the 15th Avenue North pedestrian crosswalk on Penman Road.
- The City of Jacksonville Traffic Engineering Department restriped all the crosswalks on Penman Road – 18th Avenue North, Arden Way, and Seagate Avenue.
- The City of Jacksonville was moving forward with a consultant to work on a Penman Road study to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Beaches Watch would have a virtual meeting on February 3, 2021, where Scott Dudley, Florida League of Cities (FLC) Director of Field Advocacy, would speak about the 2021 Legislative session, the priorities important to our municipalities, and Home Rule.
- Recognition to the Police Department for several high profile cases recently solved.
- Recognition to Officers Thomas Harper and Marcus Williams for receiving the Meritorious Service Award for saving the life of a stabbing victim, and Corporal Morris Ingle and Officer Dustin Gibson for the recovery of a dog that had been stolen.

Council Member Dumont thanked residents who attended meetings at Huguenot Park to discuss issues they were having. Ms. Dumont stated residents were happy with the repaved avenues in South Jacksonville Beach, and there were concerns about speeding on Osceola Avenue and Sandra Drive. She said the Police were handling the speeding concerns.

Mayor Hoffman announced the new Margaritaville Hotel had opened, and demolition of the former Campeche Bay restaurant had begun for a new proposed project.

Mayor Hoffman mentioned there was a new statewide website to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccination. She said Representative Cord Byrd asked those eligible for the vaccine to sign up to justify a vaccination site at the Beaches.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Nicole de Venoge (Chair, First Coast Surfrider), 617 Oak Street, Neptune Beach, spoke about marine debris, especially balloons and lanterns. Ms. de Venoge believed an update to the ordinance was needed to address the damage that can be done to marine life. She wanted the City to look at straw-on-request programs, city compost sites, and working with vendors on City property to reduce single-use trash.
- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the need to advance the timeframe for replacing the children's playground at Sunshine Park. Mr. Marsh stated it is currently scheduled for 2024 at a cost of \$400,000, and he would like it moved up to 2022. He referenced photos provided to the Council [on file]. Mr. Marsh said money for the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) South Beach Redevelopment District could be used. He also spoke about the lack of a Capital Project plan for unimproved areas adjacent to South Beach Parkway and the park, the need for an urban trail for the south end community, and planning for the future when the CRA is disbanded in 2047.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Item #21-015 – Discuss City Manager’s Annual Performance Evaluation

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve a three percent annual merit increase for the City Manager.

Discussion:

There was no Council discussion. Mayor Hoffman stated the Council members went over Mr. Staffopoulos’ review in detail at a Council Briefing [January 25, 2021].

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER:

***Item #21-016 was pulled from the Agenda to be rescheduled to a later date.**

Item #21-017 – Approve/Disapprove and Authorize Retroactively the Four Current Grant Applications to be Submitted and the Beaches Energy Services (BES) Share Funding as Outlined

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve and authorize retroactively the four current grant applications to be submitted and the BES share funding as outlined in the graph in this memorandum for each BES project.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item was related to grant applications Beaches Energy Services had submitted. He stated going forward when the City pursues a grant with a potential financial contribution of more than \$25,000 from the City, staff would bring it before the Council in advance of the application process. If the City was selected for a grant and then rejected the grant, it affects the prospect of receiving future grants. Mr. Staffopoulos said Beaches Energy was pursuing multiple grants from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) for undergrounding the Beaches Energy system throughout the entire service district, including Neptune Beach, through Jacksonville Beach, and down into Ponte Vedra Beach in St. Johns County. He explained the City could only receive one of the grants, either the FEMA grant or the FDEO grant.

City Attorney Chris Ambrosio explained an accepted grant has many requirements tied to it, and if the City failed to meet any of the requirements or obligations, the money would have to be returned. There would also be the possibility of penalties.

Mayor Hoffman asked if Beaches Energy had someone responsible for the management of the grant. Beaches Energy Services Director Allen Putnam responded Engineering Supervisor Don Cuevas would manage the grant.

Discussion:

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Golding, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: *No items*

ORDINANCES:

Item #21-018 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8156 (Second Reading)

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2020-8156 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 32-180 THROUGH 32-184, TO MAKE CORRECTIONS CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT STATE AND NATIONAL PLUMBING CODE STANDARDS, AND ADAPT TO THE CITY’S FOG PROGRAM NEEDS; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following:

“This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-8156.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward to speak on the ordinance.

Mayor Hoffman closed the public.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-8156 on its second reading, amending Chapter 32 of the City Code of Ordinances by revising various articles and sections.

Discussion:

There was no Council discussion. Mayor Hoffman stated the Council discussed this item at a Council Briefing [December 14, 2020] and at the first reading of the ordinance on January 19, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #21-019 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8158 (Second Reading)

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2020-8158 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO REPEAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 24, “REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS,” IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following:

“This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-8158.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward to speak on the ordinance.

Mayor Hoffman closed the public.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-8158 on the second reading, repealing City Code of Ordinances Chapter 24, “Registration of Certain Persons,” in its entirety.

Discussion:

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #21-020 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8160 (Second Reading)

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2020-8160 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2-1.1(e) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE THE CITY MANAGER WITH LIMITED SOLE DISCRETION AND AUTHORITY TO SELL CITY-OWNED REAL ESTATE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS, AND TO PERMANENTLY DELEGATE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE SURPLUS CITY PERSONAL PROPERTY ITEMS, AND TO PLACE SUCH PROPERTY FOR SALE BY A COMPETITIVE AWARD PROCESS OR BY PUBLIC AUCTION OR OTHER MEANS OF DISPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following:

“This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-8160.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward to speak on the ordinance.

Mayor Hoffman closed the public.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-8160 on the second reading.

Discussion:

Mayor Hoffman stated the Council discussed this item at a Council Briefing [January 11, 2021]. Mr. Ambrosio explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Meza, Nichols, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH', written over a horizontal line.

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 2/16/21

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