

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Janson 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: Sandy Golding Bill Horn Dan Janson
Fernando Meza Greg Sutton

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Utility Plant Operations Supervisor Phillip Brown, and City Clerk Sheri Gosselin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, and passed unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Special City Council Meeting held on December 18, 2023
- Regular City Council Meeting held on December 18, 2023
- Special City Council Meeting held on December 20, 2023
- Special City Council Meeting held on January 5, 2024
- Council Briefing held on January 8, 2024

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated that staff would like to pull Consent Agenda Item C and Ordinance Item B from the agenda.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda with the City Manager's proposed changes.

Voice Vote: In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding thanked Mayor Hoffman for her participation in the 2024 State of the Beaches meeting. Ms. Golding recognized the Martin Luther King Celebration hosted by the Rhoda L. Martin Cultural Heritage Center. She announced a [Council] workshop would be held on January 24, 2024, to discuss the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan amendments. Ms. Golding also attended the weekly Florida League of Cities call and noted Senate Bill (SB) 280 on vacation rentals would be heard in the Fiscal Policies Senate Committee this week. She mentioned some Enterprise Fund Transfer bills that would be considered could negatively affect the City fiscally. Ms. Golding encouraged everyone to reach out to Representative Wyman Duggan on those bills. She noted the bill to repeal the local business tax [HB 609] now had a House Companion bill. She also issued a reminder the Donna Marathon weekend would be held February 2-4, 2024.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Denise DiDonato, 1226 9th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the vacant City Council seat.
- The following spoke about the Urban Trails Project:
 - Robert Sherman, 1103 15th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach. Mr. Sherman provided a handout [on file].
 - Bronwyn Fillion, 63 37th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach
 - Cathy Hilf, 3627 1st Street South, Jacksonville Beach
 - Delina Auld, 130 15th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
 - Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach. Mr. Marsh provided a handout [on file].
 - Michele Matisoo, 139 37th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach
 - Pete Matisoo, 139 37th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Item A Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of December 2023**
- Item B Approve a Commercial Lease Agreement with Franklin Electric Service, Inc., for property in the Industrial Park**
- Item C ~~Approve a Commercial Lease Agreement with Heart Utilities of Jacksonville, Inc., for property in the Industrial Park~~ This item was pulled from the agenda.**
- Item D Adopt Resolution No. 2166-2024 amending towing and storage of vehicle fees**
- Item E Accept a Training and Education Grant from the United States Lifesaving Association in the amount of \$1,000 for the Ocean Rescue Division**
- Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote: In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

- Item A Proclamation for Arbor Day**

Mayor Hoffman announced the proclamation declaring Friday, February 2nd, 2024, as Arbor Day.

- Item B Presentation of Resolution of Esteem to Council Member Cory Nichols**

Mayor Hoffman presented a Resolution of Esteem to former Council Member Cory Nichols.

- Item C Election of Mayor Pro-Tem**

Mayor Hoffman introduced the item.

The following spoke on the item:

- Michelle Tipton, 2333 Azalea Drive, Jacksonville Beach

- John Tipton, 503 6th Street North, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Hoffman opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Sutton nominated Council Member Janson.

Council Member Horn nominated Council Member Golding.

Mayor Hoffman closed the floor for nominations.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the nominees.

Roll Call Vote: Horn – Golding
Janson – Janson
Meza – Janson
Sutton – Janson
Golding – Golding
Mayor Hoffman – Golding

Council Member Golding was elected Mayor Pro-Tem by a coin toss due to the tie vote.

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Item A** **1. Appoint Thad Moseley as the 1st Alternate Member to the Community Redevelopment Agency to serve a four-year term beginning in January 2024, and expiring December 31, 2027; and**
- 2. Appoint a new 2nd Alternate Member to the Community Redevelopment Agency to serve an initial three-year term beginning in January 2024, and expiring December 31, 2026**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to appoint Thad Moseley as the 1st Alternate Member to the Community Redevelopment Agency to serve a four-year term beginning in January 2024, and expiring December 31, 2027.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Horn, Janson, Meza, Sutton, Golding, Mayor Hoffman

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hoffman opened the floor for nominations for the 2nd Alternate Member of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Council Member Janson nominated Ron Whittington.

Council Member Golding nominated David Smith.

Mayor Hoffman closed the floor for nominations.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the nominees.

Roll Call Vote: Janson – Whittington
Meza – Smith
Sutton – Whittington
Golding – Smith
Horn – Whittington
Mayor Hoffman – Whittington

Mr. Whittington was appointed as the 2nd Alternate Member to the Community Redevelopment Agency to serve an initial three-year term beginning in January 2024, and expiring December 31, 2026.

Item B Approve/Disapprove an Employment Agreement with Mr. David Migut for the position of City Attorney

Mayor Hoffman provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve an Employment Agreement with Mr. David Migut for the position of City Attorney.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Meza, Sutton, Golding, Horn, Janson, Mayor Hoffman

The motion passed unanimously.

Item C Approve/Disapprove emergency replacement of two sanitary sewer pumps at Lift Station #10 for an amount not to exceed \$240,704

Utility Plant Operations Supervisor Phillip Brown provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve emergency replacement of two sanitary sewer pumps at Lift Station #10 for an amount not to exceed \$240,704.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the life expectancy of the pumps.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sutton, Golding, Horn, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Item A Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2023-8208 on the second reading amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 28 - Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Section 28-12(m) Expiration

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2023-8208 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 28 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, SECTION 28-12(m) EXPIRATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, 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. 2023-8208."

Public Hearing: No one came forward to speak. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-8208 on the second reading amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 28 - Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Section 28-12(m) Expiration.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Golding, Horn, Janson, Meza, Sutton, and Mayor Hoffman

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-8209 on the first reading to Rezone property owned by South Jax Rentals, LLC, located at 501 1st Street South, and schedule a second reading for February 5, 2024**

Item B was removed from the agenda.

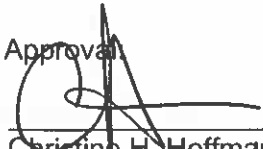
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Golding, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman,
Nays: Horn, Sutton
The motion passed 4-2.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval: 
Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR
Date: 2/5/24