

**Amended Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, August 14, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers 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 Cory Nichols Greg Sutton

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allan Putnam, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron and Assistant to the City Manager Molly Allegger.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

PURPA Discussion

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos and Director of Beaches Energy Services Allan Putnam reviewed the recently proposed Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) standards:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Programs
- Demand Response and Demand Flexibility

A conversation ensued regarding issues with previously installed electric vehicle charging stations and future plans to assess the impact of future stations.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to prepare a resolution not to adopt the PURPA standards.

Effluent Elimination Discussion

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron presented the Council with a packet of information [on file] regarding the City of Jacksonville Beach Surface Water Discharge Elimination Beneficial Reuse Plan. A conversation ensued regarding the next steps of the project, yearly updates to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and annual updates to the Council.

Public communication efforts and expectations for construction projects

Mr. Barron spoke about the efforts made by staff to keep the community updated on current and upcoming construction projects within the City. A conversation ensued regarding suggestions for additional information, such as possible project maps and QR codes, to better inform the community of project information.

Improvements and funding for 13th Ave S

Council Member Janson updated the Council on the road condition and issues on 13th Avenue South in front of Baptist Beaches Hospital. He stated he has been in contact with Representative John Rutherford's office regarding available federal funding to be used for repair on 13th Avenue South. A conversation ensued regarding possible temporary or permanent fixes for the area of concern. It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Janson to be the point of contact for the project and to obtain more information regarding the requirements for available funding. Mr. Barron would work with Baptist Beaches staff to prepare a project scope.

Special Event Policy

Assistant to the City Manager Molly Alleger asked for guidance from Council regarding the following topics within the Special Event Policy:

- Variable fee schedule
- Request annual approval from the Council for all City-sponsored events
- Creating a new policy for commercial businesses and private entities to hold events not in the City's event spaces

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to prepare a draft variable fee schedule for review at a future Council Briefing. The Council would review all City Sponsored events annually before approval. Staff would draft a new permit policy for commercial business and private entity events.

Miscellaneous City Manager Items

Mr. Staffopoulos reviewed the schedule [on file] of upcoming Council Briefing dates and topics.

Council Member Golding mentioned she and Mr. Staffopoulos had compiled a list of issues involving Short Term Vacation Rentals within the municipality to be submitted to Senator Yarborough. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the list would be emailed to all Council Members for review before sending it to Senator Yarborough.

Community Assignment Report

Mr. Janson provided a brief update on the recently held Quarterly Pension Board meeting and stated the City Pension is doing well.

Mr. Janson stated he recently attended the Florida League of Cities (FLC) conference and attended a meeting session held by Senator Yarborough. Mr. Janson provided a brief overview of the session.

Mayor Hoffman reminded the Council of the upcoming Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) vacancy, and interviews were held last week. She stated an item would be on the upcoming Council agenda for an appointment to the CRA. The City Clerk's office would send login information to the Council for applicant information and audio recordings for each interview session.

Mr. Janson provided additional information regarding the recent FLC conference. He spoke about the upcoming required Form 6.

Ms. Golding stated FLC President Ross asked her to serve as the new Vice Chair of the Municipal Administration Committee, and she accepted.

The Briefing adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

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Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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