

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 6:01 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, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, Electrical Engineering Supervisor Don Cuevas, Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam, Interim Legal Counsel Cliff Shepard, 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:

- Regular City Council Meeting held on January 16, 2024
- Council Workshop held on January 24, 2024

Council Member Horn noted it was Council Member Janson, not him, who spoke about the sports courts at the Council Workshop. Mayor Hoffman confirmed the scrivener's error would be corrected on the January 24, 2024 Council Workshop Minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda with a modification to move Resolution Item A to be done at the same time as the proclamation under Mayor and City Council Item A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos read the following statement on the recent cybersecurity event:

"Good evening, members of the City Council, colleagues, and citizens of our community. I would like to provide you with an update on the recent cybersecurity event that has impacted our city's digital infrastructure. I want to assure you that our team, in collaboration with law enforcement and cybersecurity specialists, is working diligently to address this situation. However, please understand that due to the active investigation into this matter, I am limited in the details I can provide.

First and foremost, I want to emphasize that the safety and well-being of our community remain our top priority. I am pleased to report that our Beaches Energy utility is fully operational, ensuring our energy services remain uninterrupted. Similarly, the Public Works Pollution Control Plant and Water Plants are fully functional, safeguarding our city's environmental health and public safety.

Our Police Department's dispatch and processing operations remain fully functional, ensuring no disruption to their vital services to our community.

While we have encountered some challenges with our accounting functions, I want to reassure our employees and vendors that we can process pension payroll and employee payroll. We are also making progress in restoring our ability to pay vendors, albeit in a limited fashion.

Our email system and call centers are functional, which allows us to maintain effective communication within our city government and with our citizens.

Our IT teams and external cybersecurity specialists are conducting a thorough forensic investigation to understand the full scope of this event. Concurrently, we are working diligently to safely and fully restore the technical environment, enhance our cybersecurity posture, and prevent future incidents.

In closing, I express my gratitude for the patience and support of our community during this challenging time. Rest assured, we are committed to resolving this issue as swiftly as possible. We will keep the council and the public informed within the constraints of the ongoing investigation.

Thank you for your attention and continued trust in us to protect and serve our community."

Ms. Golding provided an update on the recent Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee, including Senate Bill [SB] 280 on vacation rentals, which passed the Senate. She announced the Beaches Watch meeting would be held on February 7, 2024, featuring Scott Dudley with the Florida League of Cities talking about the Legislative Session and the bills impacting our communities. She acknowledged the success of the DONNA Marathon weekend.

Council Member Janson also commented on the success of the DONNA Marathon weekend. He shared information regarding the changes to sovereign immunity. He asked for patience with the cybersecurity event.

Mayor Hoffman congratulated all those involved in the DONNA Marathon weekend. She announced the State of the Cities luncheon for Jacksonville Chamber Beaches division would be held on February 8, 2024.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Jacob Wallace Crenshaw, 1012 Fantasy Drive, Atlantic Beach, spoke about his concerns related to a property eviction.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A **Approve a Community Development Block Grant application for FY 2024-2025**

Item B **Approve a Commercial Lease Agreement with Heart Utilities of Jacksonville, Inc., for property in the Industrial Park retroactive to February 1, 2024**

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 McQueen Proclamation

Mayor Hoffman announced a proclamation proclaiming Monday, February 5, 2024, as Margaret McQueen Day.

RESOLUTION:

Item A Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2167-2024 approving the honorary street name designation application for Honoree Margaret McQueen.

Parks and Recreation Director Jason Phitides provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2167-2024 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATION AND HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION SIGN LOCATION FOR AN HONOREE UNDER THE HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION POLICY; AUTHORIZING SIGN INSTALLATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adopt Resolution No. 2167-2024 approving the honorary street name designation application for Honoree Margaret McQueen.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the program and Mrs. McQueen's contributions.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Item B Discussion on Appointment of Council Seat 4 - District 1

Mayor Hoffman introduced the item and opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Golding nominated Ronda Steinke-McDonald.

Council Member Sutton nominated John Wagner.

Council Member Meza nominated Matt Metz.

Mayor Hoffman closed the floor for nominations.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the nominees and their qualifications.

Public Comment:

The following did not wish to speak but submitted a speaker card in support of Ronda Steinke-McDonald:

- Luanne Lentz, 831 7th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Mary Phillips, 934 10th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- W.E. Trey Phillips, 934 10th Street North, Jacksonville Beach

The following spoke about the candidates:

- Jennifer Crews, 3782 Sanctuary Way South, Jacksonville Beach, in support of John Wagner
- Darrell Shields, 315 18th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, in support of Ronda McDonald
- John Tipton, 503 6th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, in support of Ronda McDonald
- Michelle Tipton, 2333 Azalea Drive, Jacksonville Beach, in support of Ronda McDonald
- Deirdre Dwyer, 636 3rd Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, in support of Ronda McDonald
- Kevin Brown, 1833 Kings Court, Jacksonville Beach, in support of John Wagner

Each candidate addressed the City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Horn – Wagner
Janson – Wagner
Meza – Metz
Sutton – Wagner
Golding – Steinke-McDonald
Mayor Hoffman – Metz

John Wagner was appointed to Council Seat 4 – District 1.

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS:

Item A **Award/Reject RFP No. 01-2324 to Trayer Engineering Corp. and Wesco Distribution, Inc., for the supply, repair, and upgrade of switchgears for Beaches Energy Services**

Electrical Engineering Supervisor Don Cuevas provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to award RFP No. 01-2324 to Trayer Engineering Corp. and Wesco Distribution, Inc., for the supply, repair, and upgrade of switchgears for Beaches Energy Services.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Award/Reject Bid No. 2223-13 to Stuart C. Irby for the purchase of high voltage circuit breakers for an amount not to exceed \$718,009**

Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to award Bid No. 2223-13 to Stuart C. Irby for the purchase of high voltage circuit breakers for an amount not to exceed \$718,009.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the number of bids, cost, and vendor.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item A

Resolution Item A was moved directly after Mayor and City Council Item A.

Item B **Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2168-2024 scheduling a municipal election for certain offices, scheduling qualifying period for candidates, designating places of polling, and opening and closing of poles**

City Clerk Sheri Gosselin provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2168-2024 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, SCHEDULING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR CERTAIN OFFICES, SCHEDULING QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES, DESIGNATING PLACES OF POLLING, OPENING AND CLOSING OF POLLS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adopt Resolution No. 2168-2024 scheduling a municipal election for certain offices, scheduling qualifying period for candidates, designating places of polling, and opening and closing of poles.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about charter amendments.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES: None

ADJOURNMENT:

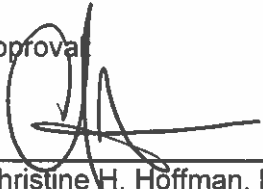
Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Golding, Janson, Meza, Sutton, Mayor Hoffman
 Nays: Horn
 The motion passed 5-1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting
February 5, 2024

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval: 

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR
Date: 2/20/24