

OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Janson provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Sheri Gosselin administered the Oath of Office to new Council Member John Wagner.

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 (absent)	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Greg Sutton	John Wagner

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Police Commander Thomas Bingham, Senior Planner Christian Popoli, 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 February 5, 2024
- Council Briefing held on February 12, 2024

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding provided an update on Senate Bill (SB) 280 on vacation rentals, which is on the House Commerce Committee agenda. She also spoke about the House Joint Resolution (HJR) 7017 bill, which would increase the homestead exemption based on Consumer Price Index (CPI). Ms. Golding announced the hazardous and e-waste collection to be held on February 23, 2024. She congratulated Kevin Brown for being named the 2024 Friend of the Beaches by Beaches Watch.

Council Member Janson noted Sovereign Immunity was still in committee. He welcomed City of Jacksonville (COJ) Councilman Rory Diamond to the meeting.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos announced City of Jacksonville Beach (COJB) linemen would be participating in the state competition for linemen rodeo.

Mayor Hoffman announced the Seawalk Music Festival would be held February 24-25, 2024.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Jacob Crenshaw, (no address provided), spoke about his concerns related to a property eviction.
- Sherry Chaney, 715 3rd Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the Gonzalez Park project.

- Justin Rawls, 403 12th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about semi-trucks parking on A1A (3rd Street South).
- Bob Benjamin, 854 13th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about a short term vacation rental.
- COJ Council Member Rory Diamond, 1515 Ocean Front, Neptune Beach, provided updates about the Penman Road project, the new COJ Mayor and City Council, the COJ/COJB interlocal agreement, and the upcoming budget season.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A Approve City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation

Item B Approve the fuel pump and canopy replacement at the Operations and Maintenance Facility by Guardian Fueling Technologies for amount not to exceed \$297,969

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: None

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS:

Item A 1. Approve/Disapprove the appointment of Jennifer Williams to fill the vacant Regular Member term of Alexi Gonzalez on the Board of Adjustment expiring December 31, 2024; and

Mayor Hoffman provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve the appointment of Jennifer Williams to fill the vacant Regular Member term of Alexi Gonzalez on the Board of Adjustment expiring December 31, 2024.

City Clerk Sheri Gosselin noted an additional eligible board applicant was added for consideration.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve/Disapprove the appointment of Matt Metz to the 1st Alternate seat on the Board of Adjustment to fill the remainder of the 1st Alternate term expiring December 31, 2025; and

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve the appointment of Matt Metz to the 1st Alternate seat on the Board of Adjustment to fill the remainder of the 1st Alternate term expiring December 31, 2025.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Appoint a new 2nd Alternate to the Board of Adjustment to fill the remainder of the 2nd Alternate term expiring December 31, 2025

Mayor Hoffman opened the floor for nominations.

Ms. Golding nominated Laura Tierney.

Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Hoffman closed the floor for nominations.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Janson – Tierney
Meza – Tierney
Sutton – Tierney
Wagner – Tierney
Golding – Tierney
Mayor Hoffman – Tierney

Laura Tierney was elected as the new 2nd Alternate to the Board of Adjustment.

Item B **Approve/Disapprove the purchase of six Police Department marked patrol vehicles outside of vehicles acquired through the regular Vehicle Replacement Plan that were previously totaled in crashes for an amount not to exceed \$347,898**

Police Commander Thomas Bingham provided background on the item.

The following submitted a speaker card opposing the item but was not present when called:

- Jacob Crenshaw, (no address provided), Atlantic Beach

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve the purchase of six Police Department marked patrol vehicles outside of vehicles acquired through the regular Vehicle Replacement Plan that were previously totaled in crashes for an amount not to exceed \$347,898.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the crashed vehicles and the replacement vehicles.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-8209 on the first reading to Rezone property located at 504 1st Avenue South owned by South Jax Rentals, LLC, and schedule a second reading for March 4, 2024

Senior Planner Christian Popoli provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8209 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT: PUD ZONING DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “This ordinance for the rezoning of property is before this Council for a public hearing and adoption on its first reading.

Under the laws of the State of Florida, an application for the rezoning of a specific property or development site is handed as a ‘quasi-judicial’ proceeding.

A quasi-legislative proceeding means that the City Council is now functioning in a manner similar to a court with the Mayor and Council sitting as impartial decision makers hearing testimony and questioning presenters, who are to provide substantial and competent evidence to support their side of the issue. It is the duty of the Council to arrive at sound decisions regarding the use of property within the City. This includes receiving citizen input regarding the proposed use of the neighborhood, especially where the input is fact-based and not a simple expression of opinion.

In addition, the Council has received a copy of the application and the staff and Planning Commission’s recommendations on this rezoning request.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-8209.”

Agent: Brad Wester, 1 Independent Drive, Suite 1200, Jacksonville, provided additional background on the item.

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

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “Before requesting a motion on this ordinance, beginning with myself, each of the members is requested to indicate for the record whether the member has had any ex-parte communications on the matter, and if so, disclose both the names of persons and the substance of the ex-parte communications regarding this application. An ex-parte communication refers to any meeting or discussion with a person or citizen who may have an interest in this decision, which occurred outside of the public hearing process. Written ex-parte communications, whether send to one member or all members, do not have to be disclosed on the record, but must be made a part of the record by sending/forwarding them to the City Clerk.”

Ex-Parte Communications:

No Council members had ex-parte communications.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8209 on the first reading to Rezone property located at 504 1st Avenue South owned by South Jax Rentals, LLC, and schedule a second reading for March 4, 2024.

Mayor Hoffman read the following: "Before opening the floor for discussion or questions by the Council, please be reminded that our decision will be based on the criteria set forth in the Land Development Code, and the Council is required to approve a clear statement of specific findings of fact stating the basis upon which such facts were determined and the decision was made."

Discussion: A discussion ensued about lot coverage and commissary use.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to remove "on premises" from the commissary use defined in the narrative.

Motion to Amend Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sutton, Wagner, Golding, Meza, and Mayor Hoffman
Nays - Janson

The motion passed 5-1.

Amended Motion Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wagner, Golding, Janson, Meza, Sutton, and Mayor Hoffman

The motion passed unanimously.

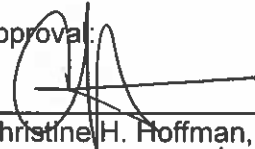
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Voice Vote: Ayes: Golding, Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval: 
Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR
Date: 3/4/24