

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 (absent)	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Greg Sutton	John Wagner

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, 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 20, 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 a Legislative Session update on bills concerning vacation rentals, public camping and sleeping, millage rate, local business tax, and Live Local Act "glitch bill." She also announced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would begin equipment mobilization this month and beach renourishment would begin at the end of April. The project timeline for completion in Jacksonville Beach would be mid-June.

Council Member Janson highlighted the historical Jacksonville Beach Sea Birds baseball team that played from 1952-1954.

Council Member Wagner spoke about the Seawalk Music Festival and noted the positive feedback received.

Council Member Meza noted he would be recognized as a Latino in leadership by the City of Jacksonville, the Mexican Consulate, and the Mexican Chamber of Commerce Jacksonville, at the 8th Annual Cesar Chavez Day.

Mayor Hoffman announced the second Seawalk Sessions, open registration for the Opening of the Beaches Parade, and the returning sand castle contest.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Kira Mauro, 317 East Coast Drive, Atlantic Beach, spoke about the Beaches Green Market on Penman Road.

A discussion ensued about the Beaches Green Market.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023

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: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Item A Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2024-8209 on the second reading to Rezone property located at 504 1st Avenue South owned by South Jax Rentals, LLC

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 second 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.

It is the applicant's burden to demonstrate that their application is consistent with the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan. If the applicant is successful in showing consistency, then it is up to the local government to produce competent, substantial evidence of record that the application should be denied. The Council's decision on a rezoning application is based on the criteria set forth in Section 34-211 of the Land Development Code. Each member of the Council has been provided a copy of the criteria.

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 sent 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 adopt Ordinance No. 2024-8209 on the second reading to Rezone property located at 504 1st Avenue South owned by South Jax Rentals, LLC.

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: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-8210 on the first reading, and schedule a second reading for March 18, 2024, adopting a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to add a Marina Mixed Use Future Land Use Category to the Adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan**

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8210 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE JACKSONVILLE BEACH 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADOPT A NEW PROPERTY FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY OF MARINA MIXED USE, WITH ASSOCIATED POLICIES, PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “This ordinance for the amendment to the text of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan is before this Council for a public hearing and adoption on its first reading.

Under the laws of the State of Florida, an ordinance which changes the text of any Element of the City’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan is a ‘quasi-legislative’ proceeding.

A quasi-legislative proceeding means that a governing body is acting in its rule-making capacity. It is the duty of the Council to arrive at sound decisions regarding proposed changes to the text of the adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan. This includes receiving citizen input regarding any proposed text change.

The application has been reviewed by Staff and the Planning Commission for consistency with other portions of the Comprehensive Plan. The Council may hear from all interested parties in the legislative determination of an amendment to the text of the City’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Council’s decision on a Comprehensive plan amendment application is based on the criteria set forth in Section 34-182 of the Land Development Code. Each member of the Council has been provided a copy of the criteria.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-8210.”

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 sent 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:

Mayor Hoffman, and Council Members Sutton, Meza, Janson, and Golding each disclosed they received two emails [on file] from Ms. Valerie Britt. Council Member Wagner had no ex-parte communications to disclose.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8210 on the first reading, and schedule a second reading for March 18, 2024, adopting a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to add a Marina Mixed Use Future Land Use Category to the Adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

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, Staff's report, the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the public input at all hearings."

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

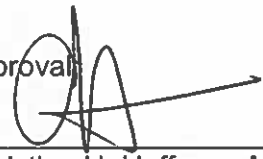
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval: 

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR
Date: 3/18/24