

**Amended Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, March 11, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
City Council 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 (absent)	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Greg Sutton	John Wagner

Also present were Police Sergeant Keith Brown, Police Commander Eric Shaughnessy, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, and Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Parking Enforcement

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos spoke about problematic parking happening at parks, more specifically Sunshine Park [South Beach Park]. Sergeant Keith Brown and Commander Eric Shaughnessy provided more details regarding the parking issues at parks within the City. Sergeant Brown offered suggestions to help with some of the issues. Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides spoke about working with an engineer to redesign an area at the south side of Sunshine Park to add parking spaces.

A conversation ensued regarding ways to address the parking issues at the parks. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to use education, increase parking fines and add tow away zones to specific areas. Staff would review the current policy regarding parking fines and would bring more information back the Council for review.

Vista Del Mar

Mr. Staffopoulos provided the Council with background information regarding the stormwater and street run-off water accumulation in the parking lot of Vista Del Mar property. Director of Public Works Dennis Barron provided the Council with detailed information regarding the infrastructure and maintenance of the drainage, including the shared stormwater outfall at the location.

A conversation ensued regarding the information provided to the Council and the consensus of the Council was for Mr. Barron to work with incoming City Attorney David Migut to draft a formal agreement regarding drainage maintenance with Vista Del Mar.

VLSC Terms and Conditions

Mr. Staffopoulos informed the Council he and Mr. Phitides met with the Volunteer Life Saving Corp (VLSC) President to discuss a use agreement allowing the VLSC to use the old fire station building (396 1st Avenue South) owned by the City. Mr. Staffopoulos provided the Council with an overview of the agreement terms with the VLSC. A conversation ensued regarding the information provided and the use of the VLSC logo on the building. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to create an agreement and bring it back to the Council for formal consideration.

American Flood Coalition

Mr. Staffopoulos stated three Council Members are members of the American Flood Coalition and each received an invitation to attend the annual conference in Washington D.C. in May 2024. An error was made by the American Flood Coalition as they should have only sent out one invitation per City. It was the consensus of the Council for Mayor Hoffman to attend the event. An item would be created on the next Council meeting agenda for formal approval for the Mayor to attend the event.

House Bill 1365 and Senate Bill 1530 (Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping)

Mr. Staffopoulos stated House Bill 1365 and Senate Bill 1530 were recently passed bills regarding "anti-camping," and the Bill was headed to the Governor's office for signature. Mr. Staffopoulos provided the Council with highlights regarding the Bill and suggested the Council become familiar with its details. Mr. Staffopoulos stated if the Bill was signed, it was likely the three beach communities and the Jacksonville Sheriff's office would need to work closely together to form intergovernmental coordination.

Committee Updates

Council Member Janson provided a brief update regarding the most recent City Pension Board meeting he attended.

Council Member Golding provided an update regarding select Legislative Bills. Ms. Golding informed the Council of an upcoming post Legislative Session seminar provided by Florida League of Cities on March 19, 2024. Mr. Janson stated the Legislative Bill regarding sovereign immunity had died for this year.

Mr. Janson announced he was selected to be on the Florida Municipal Loan Committee with the Florida League of Cities and would provide the Council with an update after attending the first meeting.

Miscellaneous Items

Ms. Golding thanked Mr. Staffopoulos for his dedication and hard work during the Legislative Session.

Mr. Janson asked for an update regarding the 13th Avenue South project. Mr. Barron responded due to computer issues he did not have an update, but he would follow-up with staff and provide an update when available.

Council Member Sutton asked for an update regarding the structural assessment results of the Life Saving Station building. Ms. Hoffman asked when the new branding would be added to the building. Mr. Staffopoulos stated he would speak with Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson to get an update and provide it to the Council. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the fire remediation started last week and was scheduled to take up to six weeks but may be completed sooner. Mr. Phitides confirmed the timeline.

Mr. Janson asked about the previously discussed project with Duval County School Board using City owned property on Seagate Avenue. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the Duval County School Board decided to go in a different direction and not use the property.

Mr. Staffopoulos provided the Council with a list of items for the next Council Briefing.

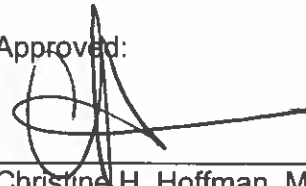
Mr. Janson asked for a status of the proposed ban on gas leaf blowers in Winter Park, Florida. Mr. Staffopoulos provided a brief background and an update on the proposal.

Ms. Golding requested information regarding the direct impact to the City and its departments of passed legislation. Mr. Staffopoulos responded the topic could be added to the April briefing agenda but may need to be postponed if the bills were not signed and approved in time.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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