

**Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, April 8, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



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 (absent)
	Fernando Meza	Greg Sutton	John Wagner

Also present were Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith, City Attorney David Migut, City Clerk Sheri Gosselin, and Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Downtown Public Safety and Special Events

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos opened the briefing with a statement regarding the following specific topics that would not be discussed during the briefing.

- Police Department means and methods for intelligence collection and analysis
- Police officer pay and benefits
- The status of processing for any individual special event

Mr. Staffopoulos confirmed the Council was given an agenda packet including a Briefing memo, a copy of Florida Statute 316.1891, a report presented by the Police Department [on file] and an appendix to the report [on file].

A conversation ensued regarding recommendations within the following areas:

- Recruitment and Retention
- Staffing Assignments
- Intel and Data Collection
- Enforcement Strategy
- Messaging
- Special Events and Unpermitted Events
- Parking
- Technology
- Part-Time Officers (Special Skills)
- Mutual Aid and Deployment Contingencies

Included in the conversation was information regarding Florida Statutes 877.03 and 316.1891. City Attorney David Migut provided guidance and additional information regarding the statutes.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to:

- Draft an internal policy or local law to support State Statutes 877.03 and 316.1891, if possible, by making unpermitted events illegal within the City of Jacksonville Beach and creating enforcement
- Consider adjustment of paid parking program locations and rates
- Modify the Special Events policy specifically identifying unpermitted events as illegal

Ballot Initiatives

Mr. Migut reviewed the presented wording for the two suggested ballot initiatives. A conversation ensued regarding the proposed wording for both initiatives, the requirements and the deadline for submission. City Clerk Sheri Gosselin provided clarification regarding specific requirements and confirmed the timeline. It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Migut to revise the current wording and bring back a draft of the revised wording for both ballot initiatives for Council review.

Miscellaneous City Manager Items

Mr. Staffopoulos provided an update regarding the recent SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats) analysis performed by the North East Florida Regional Council (NEFRC). Due to many overlapping areas of need, NEFRC would continue to analyze the specific needs and provide further information to the local municipalities when available. Mr. Staffopoulos stated once more information was received, it would be presented to the Council for further discussion.

Mr. Staffopoulos shared the results of a recent American Public Power Association Lineworker Rodeo, which resulted in Beaches Energy Services employees winning first and second-place trophies in some events.

Ponte Vedra Boulevard/37th Avenue South Traffic Study

Mr. Staffopoulos informed the Council of ongoing resident concerns regarding the intersection of Ponte Vedra Boulevard and 37th Avenue South. A conversation ensued regarding safety issues at the intersection and surrounding areas. The Council's consensus was for staff to reach out to the City of Jacksonville, District 13 Council Member Rory Diamond, and request a comprehensive traffic study be conducted at the intersection.

Committee Assignment Report

Council Member Sandy Golding stated many municipalities in the State of Florida have composed a veto letter addressed to Governor DeSantis regarding the recently passed Senate Bill 280, Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR). A veto letter [on file] was passed around and signed by each Council Member in attendance. Once Council Member Janson signs the letter, it would be mailed to the Office of Governor DeSantis.

Future Briefing Topics

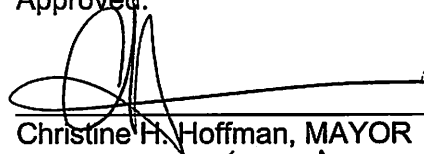
Mr. Staffopoulos reviewed upcoming City Council Briefing dates and proposed topics to be discussed.

Council Member Sutton asked for an update regarding the emergency sewer repair located at 22nd Avenue and 9th Street. Mr. Staffopoulos stated he would speak with Director of Public Works Dennis Barron to get an update and would pass the information along to the Council.

The Briefing adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

4/15/24