

**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

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| Council Members: | Sandy Golding          | Bill Horn   | Dan Janson  |
|                  | Fernando Meza (remote) | Greg Sutton | John Wagner |

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney David Migut, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, 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 April 1, 2024
- City Council Briefing held on April 8, 2024

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Member Golding participated in the Fletcher Band Donut Dash. She noted Senate Bill (SB) 280 (vacation rentals) was not yet sent to Governor DeSantis and Senator Michaels agreed to hand deliver the City's veto letter. She announced an Earth Day Community Cleanup would be held on April 20, 2024. She explained the Duval Shores Protection Project was expected to start April 23, 2024 with an expected completion date of June 15, 2024. She stated Beaches Watch would host an informational meeting on May 1, 2024 to discuss the project and beach renourishment.

Council Member Janson attended an artist meet and greet for the new beach sculpture "Water Walls."

Council Member Horn echoed Council Member Golding's sentiments and encouraged residents to reach out to the governor or state representatives regarding SB 280.

Mayor Hoffman attended the commemoration of the SS Gulfamerica on April 10, 2024. She announced the sandcastle contest would be held on April 27, 2024 and the Opening of the Beaches Parade on April 28, 2024. She asked the City Council to each nominate one citizen to judge the parade and sandcastle contest.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:**

- James Groark, 113 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about parking issues
- K.C. Braun, 804 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about traffic dangers after bar hours
- Rachel Grage, 23 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about stopping the school closings

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Item A            Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of March 2024**

**Item B            Approve a Lease Agreement with ARC of St Johns, Inc., at 321 Penman Road**

**Item C            Adopt Resolution No. 2170-2024 extending the Contract Between the City of Jacksonville Beach and Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., for Primary and Alternate Special Magistrate Services for Code Enforcement**

**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:**

**Item A            Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2169-2024 amending the Operating Budget of the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024**

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2169-2024 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL  
AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,  
2024; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett provided background on the item.

**Motion:**        It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adopt Resolution No. 2169-2024 amending the Operating Budget of the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**Item B        Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2172-2024 requesting the Duval County School Board [DCPS] take action to ensure that Seabreeze Elementary School and San Pablo Elementary School continue to operate as the community's elementary schools and not be subject to closure.**

Mayor Hoffman provided background on the item. She read statements [on file] from the Mayor of Jacksonville Donna Deegan and School Board Representative April Carney.

**Public Hearing:**

The following spoke in support of the resolution:

- City of Jacksonville Councilman Rory Diamond, 1515 Oceanfront, Neptune Beach
- Elizabeth Borders, 1637 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Mandy Rubin, 582 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Natalie Brewster, 2519 Independence Drive, Jacksonville Beach
- Erin Mercer, 11 Democracy Court, Jacksonville Beach
- James Woods, 1645 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Kendra Sharp, 1211 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Jamilah McCann, 1867 Kings Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Jessica Morris, 3881 Poinciana Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach
- John Patrich, 707 1<sup>st</sup> Street South #304, Jacksonville Beach

The following submitted a speaker card in support of the resolution but did not wish to speak:

- Heather Nowicki, 12726 Josslyn Lane, Jacksonville
- Tabitha Tuggle, 13975 Sea Prairie Lane, Jacksonville
- Stephanie Scannapieco, 1302 West Defender Court, Atlantic Beach
- Christa Murphy, 519 6<sup>th</sup> Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Edith Williams, 3906 Palm Way, Jacksonville Beach
- Lindsey Williams, 3906 Palm Way, Jacksonville Beach
- Colleen Newbegin, 14249 Crystal Cove Drive, Jacksonville
- Arielle Johnson, 27 San Pablo Circle North, Jacksonville Beach
- Kathy Armbruster, 1202 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Stafford Williams, 3906 Palm Way, Jacksonville Beach
- Erica Milam, 1152 13<sup>th</sup> Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Jessica Morris, 3881 Poinciana Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach
- James Manson, 1704 9<sup>th</sup> Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Jennifer Feber, 3916 Grande Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach
- Erin Harris, [no street address provided], Jacksonville Beach
- Melisia Bodkin, 1225 20<sup>th</sup> Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Megan Weigel, 1227 Willow Oaks Drive West, Jacksonville Beach
- Erin Whittock, 819 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Stephanie Dixon, 2701 Isabella Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach
- Holly Scala, 850 Holly Drive, Jacksonville Beach

- Megan Tiliakos, 13 Freedom Way, Jacksonville Beach
- Karen Mitcham, 2200 Azalea Drive, Jacksonville Beach
- Frankie Mitcham, 2200 Azalea Drive, Jacksonville Beach
- K.C. Braun, 804 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Rachel Grage, 23 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adopt Resolution No. 2172-2024 requesting the Duval County School Board take action to ensure that Seabreeze Elementary School and San Pablo Elementary School continue to operate as the community's elementary schools and not be subject to closure.

**Discussion:** Discussion ensued about the half-cent sales tax, the DCPS proposal, and the resolution.

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to include the word "independently" after the word "operate" in the resolution.

**Discussion:** Discussion ensued about the amendment.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion:** Discussion ensued about the schools, school board, school choice, community comments, and the interlocal agreement.

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

The amended motion passed unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Item A**      **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-8211 on the first reading, vacating a 14-foot-wide alley in Ocean Terrace Subdivision, Block 8, and schedule a second reading for May 6, 2024**

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8211 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

**"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, VACATING, DISCONTINUING, ABANDONING, AND CLOSING A CERTAIN FOURTEEN (14) FOOT WIDE PUBLIC ALLEY RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY DIRECTION THROUGH THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS BLOCK 8, OCEAN TERRACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING**

**TO THE PLAT BOOK THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 2 OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, RECORDING AND NON-CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE."**

Mayor Hoffman read the following: "This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its first reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-8211."

**Public Hearing:**

The following spoke in support of the ordinance:

- Bryan Green, 3810 Tropical Terrace, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

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

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8211 on the first reading, vacating a 14-foot-wide alley in Ocean Terrace Subdivision, Block 8, and schedule a second reading for May 6, 2024.

**Discussion:** A discussion ensued about zoning, alleyways in other parts of the City, utilities, City policy, and vacating the property.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Meza, Sutton, Wagner, Golding, Horn, Janson, 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  
Nays: Horn  
The motion passed 6-1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin  
City Clerk

Approval:

  
Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

5/6/24