Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, May 13, 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
	Fernando Meza	Greg Sutton	John Wagner (absent)

Also present were Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Beaches Energy Services Electrical Engineering Project Supervisor Matthew Seeley, Ocean Rescue Supervisor Rob Emahiser, Ocean Rescue Lieutenant Savanna Cocker, Assistant Ocean Rescue Supervisor Casey Donnell, Community Redevelopment Agency Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, 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

Post Legislative Session Summary

Erin Ballas and Keyna Cory of Public Affairs Consultants reviewed a presentation [on file] regarding updates to the post-legislative session.

Assumptions for FY2025 Budget Preparation

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett summarized the assumptions for the FY2025 budget. A conversation ensued regarding the anticipated increase in stormwater rates.

FY2025 Budget Workshop Schedule

Ms. Gossett reviewed the proposed schedule for the FY2025 budget workshops.

Beaches Energy Services Policy Amendments

Beaches Energy Services Electrical Engineering Project Supervisor Matthew Seeley discussed the justification for including padmount transformers and transclosures in developer contributions and reviewed the proposed amendments to the current policy. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to move forward with the proposed amendments and present a resolution at an upcoming Council meeting for formal consideration.

Ocean Rescue Annual Report

Ocean Rescue Supervisor Rob Emahiser, Ocean Rescue Lieutenant Savanna Cocker, and Assistant Ocean Rescue Supervisor Casey Donnell summarized the Ocean Rescue annual report.

Latham Plaza Update

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Coordinator Taylor Mobbs reviewed the proposed redesign plan [on file]. A conversation ensued regarding suggestions and questions from the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss the proposed design and additional activation options at the joint City Council/CRA workshop scheduled for June 12, 2024.

Miscellaneous City Manager Items

None.

Committee Assignment Report
Council Member Janson stated he would be attending a meeting for the Florida Municipal Loan Committee and the Florida Municipal Investment Trust Committee.

Council Member Horn stated he was still awaiting additional information from Duval County regarding the Opioid Settlement funds.

Future Briefing Topics
Mayor Hoffman expressed interest in discussing the idea of allowing food trucks to operate in HOAs. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss this topic at a future briefing.

Council Member Golding stated due to the current beach renourishment, the installed dune protection roping was removed. She asked if the roping would be replaced after the beach renourishment was complete. Mr. Staffopoulos stated he would contact Director of Public Works Dennis Barron and report back to the Council with an answer.

Ms. Golding asked if it would be possible to get an overview of the passed bills and how they would affect the City after the legislative bills have been signed. City Manager Mike Staffopoulos responded a conversation could be had regarding bills directly affecting the City.

The Briefing adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

Sandy Golding, MAYOR PRO TEM

Date: 5/20/24