

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 Pro-Tem Golding called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman (absent)

Mayor Pro-Tem: Sandy Golding

Council Members:	Bill Horn	Dan Janson	
	Fernando Meza	Greg Sutton	John Wagner

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney David Migut, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Chief of Parks Maintenance and Development Trevor Hughes, Fire Marshal Steve Sciotto, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, Senior Planner Christian Popoli, and City Clerk Sheri Gosselin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, and passed unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Regular City Council Meeting held on May 6, 2024
- Council Briefing held on May 13, 2024

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the agenda.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding participated in a tabletop hurricane exercise in preparation for the season, led by Fire Marshal Sciotto. She mentioned several City Council members attended the Northeast Florida League of Cities meeting, where Council Members Janson, Meza, Golding, and City Manager Staffopoulos were recognized as Home Rule Heroes. Ms. Golding announced the Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) Community Meeting to discuss the master facility plan would be held on May 21, 2024. Additionally, she noted a Memorial Day Ceremony would take place on May 27, 2024 at Beaches Veterans Memorial Park and announced the inaugural Jax Beach Country Music Fest on June 2, 2024. She also mentioned a Beaches Watch Town Hall with City of Jacksonville Council Member Rory Diamond on June 5, 2024 at the Beaches Branch Library. Finally, Ms. Golding stated Senate Bill 280 had not yet been sent to Governor DeSantis and encouraged contacting the Governor's Office to veto the bill.

Council Member Wagner recounted his visit to Seabreeze Elementary School and urged support for initiatives to secure the Beaches schools.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about downtown development.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Item B **Approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Jacksonville Beach and the Volunteer Lifesaving Corps for the former Fire/Rescue Station Building located at 396 1st Avenue South effective June 1, 2024**

Item C **Approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Jacksonville Beach and ASAP Towing, Inc., for parcel 722-F in the Jacksonville Beach Industrial Park**

Item D **Approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Jacksonville Beach and BEAM for the Community Services Center located at 850 6th Avenue South**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Horn, 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:

- Item A** **1. Authorize the following Elected Officials to attend the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference from August 15th-17th in Hollywood, FL:**
_____.
- 2. Appoint _____ as voting delegate at the Annual Conference on behalf of the City of Jacksonville Beach**

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to authorize the following Elected Officials to attend the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference from August 15th-17th in Hollywood, FL: Vice Mayor Golding, and Council Members Meza, Wagner, Janson, Sutton, and Horn.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Horn, Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Horn, to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Golding as voting delegate at the Annual Conference on behalf of the City of Jacksonville Beach.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, Horn, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to appoint Council Member Janson as the backup voting delegate at the Annual Conference on behalf of the City of Jacksonville Beach.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Sutton, Wagner, Horn, Janson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Approve/Disapprove an Agreement with HAVIC Studios for the design fee associated with the "Sea Life in the City" sea turtle sculpture**

CRA Coordinator Taylor Mobbs provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Horn, to approve an Agreement with HAVIC Studios for the design fee associated with the "Sea Life in the City" sea turtle sculpture.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the potential location of the sculpture.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sutton, Wagner, Horn, Janson, Meza, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Item C **Approve/Disapprove an emergency sanitary sewer repair at 22nd Street North and 9th Avenue North to be completed by United Brothers Development Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$1,077,022**

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to approve an emergency sanitary sewer repair at 22nd Street North and 9th Avenue North to be completed by United Brothers Development Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$1,077,022.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about funding from reserves, notification of residents, and longevity of the new sewer pipe.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wagner, Horn, Janson, Meza, Sutton, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Item D **Approve/Disapprove an additional funding allocation for the 10th Street South Drainage and Roadway Improvement Project final billing**

Mr. Barron provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Horn to approve an additional funding allocation for the 10th Street South Drainage and Roadway Improvement Project final billing.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about funding.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Horn, Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item A Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2173-2024 revising electric rates for Beaches Energy Services

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett provided background on the item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2173-2024 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO REVISE ELECTRIC RATES FOR BEACHES ENERGY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to adopt Resolution No. 2173-2024 revising electric rates for Beaches Energy Services.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, Horn, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2175-2024 approving the honorary street name designation applications for Fallen Wartime Military Veterans and Honorees Keith, Robinson, and Hurst

Chief of Parks Maintenance and Development Trevor Hughes provided background on the item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2175-2024 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATIONS AND HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION SIGN LOCATIONS FOR FALLEN WARTIME MILITARY VETERANS UNDER THE HONORARY STREET SIGN DESIGNATION POLICY; AUTHORIZING SIGN INSTALLATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR

**INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS,
SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to adopt Resolution No. 2175-2024 approving the honorary street name designation applications for Fallen Wartime Military Veterans and Honorees Keith, Robinson, and Hurst.

Public Hearing:

The following spoke in support of the resolution:

- Lenny Jevic, 239 Seminole Road, Atlantic Beach

Discussion: A discussion ensued about honoring veterans and gratitude for Mr. Jevic.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Sutton, Wagner, Horn, Janson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-8214 on the first reading to transmit the 2050 Comprehensive Plan to the State Agencies for official review, and schedule a second reading for a future date to be determined

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

Ms. Blair Knighting, Kimley-Horn, provided additional background on the item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8214 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TRANSMITTING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ALSO TRANSMITTING A NEW MAP SERIES AND DATA AND ANALYSIS TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA’S VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF SAID AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTING A 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH VISIONS, INTENTS, AND STRATEGIES UPON RECEIPT OF SAID COMMENTS AND COMPLETION OF THE STATE REVIEW PROCESS; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding 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. 2024-8214."

Public Hearing:

The following spoke on the ordinance:

- Georgette Dumont, 507 16th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

The following submitted correspondence [on file] in opposition to the ordinance:

- Valerie Britt, 506 15th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding read the following: "Before requesting a motion on this ordinance, beginning with myself, each of the members is requested to indicate for the record both the names of persons and the substance of any 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."

Ex-Parte Communications:

All City Council members disclosed they received emails from Valerie Britt.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Horn, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8214 on the first reading to transmit the 2050 Comprehensive Plan to the State Agencies for official review, and schedule a second reading for a future date to be determined.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding 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 – Sutton, Wagner, Horn, Janson, Meza, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-8213 on the second reading approving the rezoning for property located at 602 N. 1st Street and 135, 129 and 123 N. 5th Avenue to Redevelopment District: RD.

Senior Planner Christian Popoli provided background on the item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8213 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: RD 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 Pro-Tem Golding read the following: “This ordinance to amend the RD zoning regulations of a property is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading.

Under the laws of the State of Florida, an application to amend the zoning regulations or map governing a specific property or development site is handled as a ‘quasi-judicial’ proceeding.

A quasi-judicial 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 on 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 zoning amendment 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, the staff report, and Planning Commission and Community Redevelopment Agency recommendations on this RD zoning amendment request.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-8213.”

Agent: Wyman Duggan, on behalf of Rogers Tower, provided additional background on the item.

Public Hearing:

The following spoke on the ordinance and provided a handout [on file]:

- Georgette Dumont, 507 16th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding closed the public hearing.

Mr. Duggan responded to public concerns.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding read the following: "We will now open the floor for testimony from the public. If you want to be heard on this application and have filled out a speaker card, please step up, state your name and address, before providing your comment, which can include whether you are for or against the application."

Mr. Popoli addressed parking concerns.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding 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:

Council Members Meza, Horn, and Janson had no ex-parte communications.

Council Member Wagner disclosed he received an email from Mr. Duggan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding disclosed she received an email from Mr. Duggan and spoke with Ms. Dumont regarding her outdoor dining proposal.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8213 on the second reading approving the rezoning for property located at 602 N. 1st Street and 135, 129 and 123 N. 5th Avenue to Redevelopment District: RD.

A discussion ensued about parking, roof deck, and development.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding 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."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wagner, Horn, Janson, Meza, Sutton, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Item C **Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2024-8215 on the second reading amending Chapter 10 - Fire and Life Safety, Article III. - Fire Prevention and Life Safety, Section 10-3.03. - Codes Adopted**

Fire Marshal Sciotto provided background on the item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8215 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III, SECTION 10-3.03. “CODES ADOPTED;” PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding read the following: “This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-8215.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward to speak. Mayor Pro-Tem Golding closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-8215 on the second reading amending Chapter 10 - Fire and Life Safety, Article III. - Fire Prevention and Life Safety, Section 10-3.03. - Codes Adopted.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about annual inspections.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Horn, Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

Item D Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2024-8216 on the second reading submitting to the electors of the City of Jacksonville Beach proposed amendments to the City of Jacksonville Beach Charter

City Attorney David Migut provided background on the item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8216 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH; PROVIDING BALLOT TITLES, SUMMARIES AND TEXT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR APPROVED AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Golding read the following: “This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-8216.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward. Mayor Pro-Tem Golding closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-8216 on the second reading submitting to the electors of the City of Jacksonville Beach proposed amendments to the City of Jacksonville Beach Charter.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, Horn, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding

The motion passed unanimously.

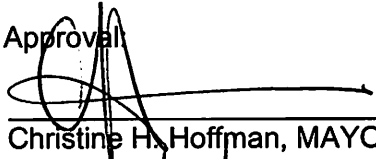
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Voice Vote: Ayes: Janson, Meza, Sutton, Wagner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Golding
Nays: Horn
The motion passed 5-1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR
Date: 6/3/24