

**Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, June 10, 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 Dan Janson (absent)
Fernando Meza Greg Sutton (remote) John Wagner (remote)

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, Communication Manager Jacob Board, Assistant to the City Manager Molly Alleger, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, City Attorney David Migut, 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

Urban Trails

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides updated the Council on the Urban Trails project, including three revised conceptual designs provided by the design consultants. A conversation ensued regarding the three options, and the consensus of the Council was to move forward with Option 1—Off Road to be used in designing and constructing Phase 1 of Jacksonville Drive.

FlashVote Update

Communication Manager Jacob Board provided the Council with a handout [on file] and explained how the program would be used to better communicate with residents.

Florida League of Cities Policy Committees

Assistant to the City Manager Molly Alleger reviewed the Florida League of Cities Legislative Committees and the currently assigned Council Members for each committee. Ms. Alleger asked the Council who would like to serve on which committee. The consensus of the Council was as follows:

- Development, Code Compliance and Redevelopment: Dan Janson
- Finance and Taxation: Fernando Meza
- Intergovernmental Relations, Mobility, and Emergency Management: Greg Sutton
- Municipal Operations: Sandy Golding
- Utilities, Natural Resources, and Public Works: Bill Horn

Letter of Support for Police grant

Ms. Alleger stated she and Commander Thomas Bingham of the Jacksonville Beach Police Department had been working on a grant application for the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to offset the cost of recruiting and hiring additional officers. Ms. Alleger stated as part of the application packet, she prepared a letter of support [on file] to be signed by the Mayor and the City Manager on behalf of the City.

Food Truck Legislation

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland summarized Ordinance No. 2014-8041, which established the rules and regulations for food trucks. A conversation ensued regarding possible changes to the ordinance to allow food trucks to operate within Home Owner

Associations (HOAs), Condo Owner Associations (COAs), schools, churches, and City parks. The consensus of the Council was for staff to create a one-year pilot program, possibly expanding food truck operations to HOAs, COAs, churches, schools and parks. The draft pilot program would be brought back to the Council at a future briefing for review.

Legislative Impacts

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos presented the Council with information regarding the impacts of this year's passed legislation on the City. A conversation ensued regarding impact statements. City Attorney David Migut explained impact statements would be included in agenda packets for the second reading of ordinances.

Committee Updates

N/A

Future Briefing Topics

Mr. Staffopoulos reviewed the calendar [on file] of upcoming briefing dates and topics of discussion.

Mayor Hoffman spoke about the recent lack of communication between Beaches Energy Services and the community regarding recent power outages. Mr. Staffopoulos stated this topic would be discussed at a future briefing.

Ms. Hoffman informed the Council that Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan asked her to write a letter supporting the stadium deal regarding renovations. She clarified that the letter would be from herself only and asked if any Council Members were opposed to her submitting it. No issues were raised by the Council.

Council Member Golding spoke about an email sent to the Council from Lenny Jevic with the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park organization regarding funding donations from the City of Jacksonville Beach for the memorial site in Atlantic Beach. A conversation ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to discuss this item at the August 5, 2024, Budget Workshop.

Council Member Horn spoke about the current paid parking program and suggested increasing paid parking fees. A conversation ensued and it was the consensus of the Council to discuss this item at a future briefing.

Mr. Horn and Council Member Sutton asked about the status of the lifeguard station painting and rebranding. Mr. Staffopoulos stated he would get an update and provide the information to the Council at an upcoming briefing.

Mr. Wagner spoke about resident and safety concerns regarding electric bikes. A conversation ensued and it was the consensus of the Council to discuss this item at a future briefing.

Miscellaneous Items

N/A

The Briefing adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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