

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

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

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney David Migut, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, 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 June 3, 2024
- City Council Briefing held on June 10, 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 announced Senate Bill 280 (short term vacation rental bill) was sent to the Governor June 17, 2024. She thanked Representative Michael for supporting the efforts to veto the bill. She mentioned the reopening of Beach Bowl, a Juneteenth celebration at the Rhonda L. Martin Cultural Heritage Center, 4th of July fireworks, and a beach cleanup scheduled for July 5th, 2024. Additionally, she expressed concern about the impact on the dunes during the 4th of July celebration due to the expected high tide. Council Member Golding also noted the upcoming police panel hosted by Beaches Watch featuring Police Chiefs from Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, and Neptune Beach, which will be held on July 10th, 2024, at the Beaches Branch Library.

Council Member Janson recently attended both the Florida Municipal Loan Council and Florida Municipal Investment Trust meetings and reported the trust was doing well. He noted the annual pension meeting was held, and the City outperformed 87% of all pension funds throughout the state. Additionally, the board approved another alternate asset class. Finally, he announced the Chair of the Duval County Public School Sales Tax Oversight Committee stepped down, a new Chair was selected, and Council Member Janson was selected for the Vice Chair position. Mr. Janson was also selected as the Chair of the newly formed Master Facilities Planned Communities Focus Group.

Council Member Meza commented on the successful opening of Beach Bowl. He echoed Council Member Golding's sentiments about dune protection during the upcoming holiday.

Mayor Hoffman agreed the opening of Beach Bowl was a success and mentioned the Navy Band may be performing on July 4, 2024, at the Seawalk Pavilion. She congratulated Council Member Wagner on his reelection and thanked him for his continued service.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Barbara Bauer, 604 13th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about parking and a dune walkover ramp.
- James Groark, 113 3rd Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about safety concerns on 3rd Avenue South.
- Kevin Brown, 1833 Kings Court, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about dune protection.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of May 2024

Item B 1. Award Bid No. 2324-04 for Concrete Construction and Maintenance to the following: Maer Homes dba Maer Construction - Primary, AWA Contracting, Co. Inc. – Secondary and Jax Utilities Management, Inc. as Tertiary contractors;

2. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and execute the continuing services contracts as a result of this bid award; and

3. Delegate authority to the City Manager to approve and execute all subsequent contract renewals through the maximum contract term

Item C 1. Award Bid No. 2324-03 Tree Trimming and Vegetation Management to Trees, LLC, as primary; ABC Professional Tree Services, Inc., as secondary; and The Davey Tree Expert Company as tertiary contractors;

2. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract agreements as a result of this bid award; and

3. Delegate authority to the City Manager to approve and execute all subsequent contract renewals through the maximum contract term

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:

Item A Accept/Reject the Economic Development Initiative - Community Project Funding grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Urban Trails Project

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides provided background on the item.

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Kristen Wende, 1888 7th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Ken Marsh, 2027 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach

The following spoke in opposition of the item:

- Bama Israel, 818 8th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Bruce Wouters, 126 12th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach
- Robert Sherman, 1103 15th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to accept the Economic Development Initiative - Community Project Funding grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Urban Trails Project.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about tree replacement, Master Plan, grant funding, community input, trail design, the East Coast Greenway, access to schools, engaging school administrators, sidewalk repair, and next steps.

Mr. Phitides addressed questions from the Council.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-8217 on the first reading vacating a 12-foot wide by 102- foot long easement running in an east-west direction through Block 70 of the Oceanside Park Plat, and schedule a second reading for July 15, 2024

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

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2024-8217 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, VACATING, DISCONTINUING, ABANDONING, AND CLOSING THE EASTERN 102 FEET OF A CERTAIN TWELVE (12) FOOT WIDE EASEMENT RUNNING IN AN EASTERLY AND WESTERLY DIRECTION THROUGH THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS BLOCK 70, OCEANSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT BOOK THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13 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. 2024-8217."

Public Hearing:

The following submitted a speaker card in support of the ordinance:

- Williams Gibbs, Agent for the Applicant, 818 A1A, Suite 302, Ponte Vedra Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8217 on the first reading vacating a 12-foot wide by 102-foot-long easement running in an east-west direction through Block 70 of the Oceanside Park Plat, and schedule a second reading for July 15, 2024.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

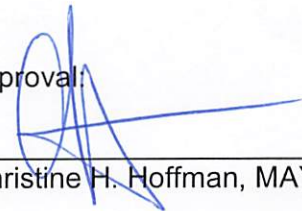
Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

7/15/24