

Minutes of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Workshop
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
City Council Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL



City Manager Mike Staffopoulos called the Budget Workshop to order at 5:09 P.M.

City Council Members in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman (absent)

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

Also present were Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, Police Chief Gene Paul Smith, City Attorney David Migut, and Operations Support Specialist I Monica McDaniel

Beaches Energy Services

Director of Beaches Energy Service (BES) Allen Putnam highlighted FY2024 accomplishments, including receiving the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Award at Diamond Level and receiving a score of 100% for the first time. Mr. Putnam summarized the Strategic Plan priority, goal, and objectives for FY2025. Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gosset reviewed the rate stabilization policy. Additionally, Mr. Putnam noted customers' increased use of natural gas and the completion of life extension upgrades for three substation transformers.

Parks and Recreation

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides reviewed the goals and objectives for FY 2025, including improvements to Fountain View Park and the Carver Center. Mr. Phitides noted budget increases for the Ocean Rescue and Special Events Divisions. Mr. Phitides addressed the maintenance issues of public restrooms and managing the increased requests for the use of field space.

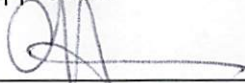
Police Department

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith highlighted the recent accomplishments for FY2024 and reviewed the objectives and departmental goals for FY2025. He noted the four additional positions filled would make it possible for the traffic unit to be full-time. Chief Smith also noted the increased focus on communicating with the community and how it positively impacts the department.

The workshop adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

Submitted by: Monica McDaniel
Operations Support Specialist I

Approved:


Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

8/19/24
Date