

OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Janson provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Scout Troop 282.

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
	Greg Sutton	John Wagner	Bruce Wouters

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney David Migut, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Chief Information Officer (CIO) Bill Rieger, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, Electric Engineer Nicholas Johnson, Senior Planner Christian Popoli, Events Coordinator Alyson Riley, and City Clerk Sheri Gosselin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- Regular City Council Meeting held on February 18, 2025

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding recognized the passing of Father Kelly and his contributions to the community. Ms. Golding reminded residents about the free parking registration event in Council Chambers on March 4, 2025. She provided an update on the legislative session, emphasizing its potential impact on local governance. She announced a Beaches Town Hall on March 5, 2025, at the Beaches Branch Library, featuring Jacksonville at-large council members Matt Carlucci, Nick Howland, Chris Miller, Ron Salem, and District 13 Representative Rory Diamond. Ms. Golding thanked the staff for addressing citizen concerns raised at the previous City Council meeting and encouraged residents to contact council members with any issues.

Council Member Janson noted a newly filed bill proposing to abolish Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), emphasizing the need to oppose it along with Senate Bill 184 on accessory dwelling units (ADUs). He also attended the City's Pension Board meeting, highlighting strong financial performance, and commended the Pension Board's management.

Council Member Wagner shared a local representative from Waste Pro would represent the community in a national barbecue contest.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Jim Sorrell, 428 North 10th Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the Planning Commission process.

- Kathy Hall, 1639 6th Street South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the status of the Flash Vote survey results.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Item A Proclamation of Flood Awareness Week

Mayor Hoffman read the proclamation of Flood Awareness Week.

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS:

Item A Award/Reject RFP No. 01-2425 for Ticketed Special Event to Real Time Entertainment and Management

Events Coordinator Alyson Riley provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to award RFP No. 01-2425 for Ticketed Special Event to Real Time Entertainment and Management.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about event length, event access, conceptual site plan, RFP responses, pedestrian and bike traffic, signage, and event date.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B 1. Approve/Disapprove the proposal from AWC for the upgrade to WinCC at the Water Reclamation Facility;

2. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the proposal from AWC for the upgrade to WinCC at the Water Reclamation Facility; and

3. Declare AWC a Sole Source Provider

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

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the proposal from AWC for the upgrade to WinCC at the Water Reclamation Facility.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the server and previous contractor. Additional information about the equipment was provided by CIO Bill Rieger.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the proposal from AWC for the upgrade to WinCC at the Water Reclamation Facility.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to declare AWC a Sole Source Provider.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item C **1. Approve/Disapprove the purchase of (11) 26kV Breakers from Myers Controlled Power, LLC; and**

 2. Declare Myers Controlled Power, LLC, a Sole Source Provider

Beaches Energy Services Electrical Engineer Nicholas Johnson provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the purchase of (11) 26kV Breakers from Myers Controlled Power, LLC.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the failed breakers, future potential for failure, number of breakers, substations, and costs.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to declare Myers Controlled Power, LLC, a Sole Source Provider.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2025-8220 on the first reading repealing and replacing Chapter 34 - Land Development Code of the City Code of Ordinances, and schedule a second reading for March 17, 2025

Senior Planner Christian Popoli provided background on the item.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2025-8220 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 34 – LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “This ordinance for the amendment of the Land Development Code is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its first reading. Under the laws of the State of Florida, an ordinance which changes the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, or which otherwise changes the text of the Land Development Code, 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 the use of property within the City. This includes receiving citizen input regarding the proposed uses within a zoning category.

The application has been reviewed by Staff and the Planning Commission for consistency with other portions of the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan. The Council may hear from all interested parties in the legislative determination of an amendment to the text of the Land Development Code.

The Council’s decision on a text 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.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-8220.”

Public Hearing:

The following expressed concerns regarding the ordinance:

- K.C. Braun, 804 13th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Terry DeLoach, 405 32nd Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

The following spoke in support of the ordinance:

- John Tipton, 503 6th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Fernando Meza, 1621 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Kathleen Lewis, 24 31st Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

The following spoke in opposition to the ordinance:

- Brian Blanchard, 1224 1st Street South, Jacksonville Beach

- Matt Bierschied, 726 9th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-8220 on the first reading repealing and replacing Chapter 34 - Land Development Code of the City Code of Ordinances, and schedule a second reading for March 17, 2025.

Mayor Hoffman read: "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: A discussion ensued about the Land Development Code, digital signage, lot sizes, setbacks, lumens, procedure for changes, and variances.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Mr. Wouters to amend Ordinance 2025-8220 in the proposed new reductions and the side setbacks found in Article VI, Chapter 34, Section 613, RS-3, as it pertains to townhouses, Section 614, RM-1 as it pertains to single-family and townhouses, and Section 615, RM-2, as it pertains to all uses, to strike the 5-foot setbacks and retain the 10-foot side setback protection found in the current code.

The motion to amend failed due to the lack of a second.

Discussion: Discussion continued about setbacks.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Golding, Horn, Janson, Sutton, Wagner, and Mayor Hoffman.
Nays – Wouters

The motion passed 6-1.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 3/17/25