Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, April 14, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room
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
	Greg Sutton	John Wagner	Bruce Wouters

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith, City Attorney David Migut, Fire Marshal Steve Sciotto, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Assistant Ocean Rescue Supervisor Casey Donnell, Police Commander Thomas Bingham 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
Draft Ordinance Review Restricting Parking on A1A South
City Manager Mike Staffopoulos reviewed the draft ordinance restricting parking on A1A South. A conversation ensued regarding the proposed draft ordinance. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to present the ordinance for formal consideration at the April 21st, 2025, City Council meeting.

Draft Ordinance Review for Prohibiting Smoking on the Beach
Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith reviewed the draft ordinance prohibiting smoking on the beach. A conversation ensued regarding the proposed draft ordinance. City Attorney David Migut answered questions from the Council. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to present the ordinance for formal consideration at the April 21st, 2025, City Council meeting.

Emergency Management
Mr. Staffopoulos, Mr. Migut, Chief Smith, Fire Marshal Steve Sciotto, and Director of Public Works Dennis Barron presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding emergency management for the City.

Ocean Rescue Report
Assistant Ocean Rescue Supervisor Casey Donnell presented an Ocean Rescue report to the Council. Volunteer Life Saving Corps (VLSC) President Jim Emery and Lieutenant Richard McDill presented information regarding the history of the VLSC.

CALEA Accreditation
Chief Smith provided information to the Council regarding the standards and requirements of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

E-bike Regulations
Police Commander Thomas Bingham provided information to the Council regarding proposed e-bike regulations. A conversation ensued regarding changes to the proposed regulations. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to present two versions of an ordinance (one allowing e-bikes on the beach and one prohibiting e-bikes on the beach) for formal consideration at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Committee Assignment Report
Mayor Hoffman spoke about topics discussed at a recently attended meeting organized by Mayor Cori Bylund of the City of Neptune Beach for the Youth Traffic Safety Committee.

Council Member Golding provided a legislative update regarding the proposed Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) bill.

Future Briefing Topics
Council Member Wagner spoke about initiating a food truck rally pilot program in the Downtown area of Jacksonville Beach on a privately owned empty parking lot. A conversation ensued regarding the suggested topic. It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Wagner to compile information and a draft plan from the lot owner to be presented and discussed at an upcoming Council Briefing.

Ms. Golding spoke about the upcoming event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Paws Dog Park, scheduled for May 3, 2025.

Council Member Horn spoke about the lack of maintenance of the beach access dune walkover at 37th Avenue South. A conversation ensued, and Mr. Staffopoulos suggested further discussion of this topic should take place at the upcoming budget assumption briefings.

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items
N/A

The Briefing adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 4/21/25