

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Wouters provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Wouters welcomed the Webelos Den from Cub Scout Pack 15, who led the Cub Scout Oath and Cub Scout Law.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Sandy Golding	Bill Horn	Dan Janson
	Greg Sutton	John Wagner (absent)	Bruce Wouters

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney David Migut, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith, 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 April 21, 2025
- Special Council Briefing held on April 28, 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 Janson recognized the Scouts and shared his son would be attending a board of review to advance to Life Scout.

Council Member Golding shared several announcements, noting her recent attendance at the Volunteer Life Saving Corps (VLSC) graduation and the Beaches Opening Parade. She acknowledged the 20th anniversary celebration of Paws Park, organized by Savannah Coker from the Parks and Recreation Department. She expressed gratitude to the Heinz family for their continued support of the park in memory of their son Josh. Ms. Golding reminded residents of the upcoming Beaches Watch meeting on May 7, 2025, at the Beaches Branch Library, featuring former Jacksonville Beach City Manager George Forbes and Bill Gulliford, former Atlantic Beach Mayor and Jacksonville City Councilman, discussing the history of Interlocal agreements and Ocean County. She also provided a legislative update, noting bills related to Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), sovereign immunity, local business tax, and enterprise fund transfer, did not pass this session. She thanked Representative Michael and Senator Yarborough for advocating for Jacksonville Beach throughout the legislative session.

Council Member Sutton thanked everyone who attended the VLSC graduation last weekend, noting the new recruits would begin the summer class soon. He expressed appreciation for the strong participation in the Opening of the Beaches Parade. He also mentioned the 27th annual Fishbait Thompson Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for the VLSC, was well attended.

Council Member Horn commented on the recent VLSC fundraiser. Mr. Horn expressed pride in the VLSCs' winter class of 2025. He also praised the Boy Scouts for their dedication, emphasizing the lasting impact of the lessons they are learning and commending them for their commitment and leadership.

Council Member Wouters acknowledged Mr. Carlson for attending the meeting.

Mayor Hoffman praised the Parks and Recreation Department for successfully coordinating the Opening of the Beaches Parade, which featured over 70 floats and organizations. She also noted the success of the sandcastle contest and the Paws Park anniversary celebration. Mayor Hoffman mentioned the upcoming Seawalk Sessions concert at the Latham Plaza on May 7, 2025, and the Moonlight Movies event on May 9, 2025, featuring "Top Gun: Maverick." She acknowledged the presence of former Mayor Glasser of Atlantic Beach.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Leo Kreisel, 610 2nd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the 900 Day construction project.
- Dale Templin, 612 2nd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, submitted photos to the Clerk and spoke about handicap accessibility at the 6th Avenue South dune walkover.
- Kurtis Loftus, 1280 Mayport Landing Drive, Atlantic Beach, provided a handout to the Council and spoke about Deck the Bins.
- Dennis Wallrath, 405 Upper 36th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, provided a handout to the Council and spoke about a parking hazard in the Courtney South Beach neighborhood.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A Adopt Resolution No. 2193-2025 adopting the St. Johns County 2025 Local Mitigation Strategy Plan

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 2025 Citizen Information Academy Graduation

Mayor Hoffman recognized the 2025 Citizen Information Academy graduates.

Item B Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week

Mayor Hoffman presented the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation.

Item C Proclamation for Water Conservation Month

Mayor Hoffman added a proclamation to the agenda and presented the Water Conservation Month Proclamation.

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS:

Item A **Approve/Disapprove the purchase of Replacement Downtown City Compactor from Tampa Crane and Body through Marathon Equipment Company, a Sourcewell Provider, for an amount not to exceed \$56,371**

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 purchase of Replacement Downtown City Compactor from Tampa Crane and Body through Marathon Equipment Company, a Sourcewell Provider, for an amount not to exceed \$56,371.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about businesses in the area and the use of the compactor.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **1. Award/Reject Bid No. 2425-04 for the Wetwell, Tank and Pipe Cleaning, and TV Inspection Services to Wind River Environmental (d/b/a Metro Rooter) as primary vendor, and Shenandoah General Construction, LLC, as secondary vendor; and**

2. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and execute any contract 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

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

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to award Bid No. 2425-04 for the Wetwell, Tank and Pipe Cleaning, and TV Inspection Services to Wind River Environmental (d/b/a Metro Rooter) as primary vendor, and Shenandoah General Construction, LLC, as secondary vendor.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about satisfaction with the vendor.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Horn, Janson, Sutton, 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 negotiate and execute any contract as a result of this bid award.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to delegate authority to the City Manager to approve and execute all subsequent contract renewals through the maximum contract term.

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed 4-2.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item A **Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2194-2025 authorizing an addendum to the Gas Services Agreement, permitting Florida Gas Utility to act on the City's behalf in entering into a pre-paid natural gas transaction with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia**

Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam provided background on the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2194-2025 authorizing an addendum to the Gas Services Agreement, permitting Florida Gas Utility to act on the City's behalf in entering into a pre-paid natural gas transaction with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the length of the commitment.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2195-2025 authorizing the execution of a Directive to execute Financial Hedges with Florida Gas Utility**

Mr. Putnam introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2195-2025 authorizing the execution of a Directive to execute Financial Hedges with Florida Gas Utility.

Discussion: Mr. Putman provided additional background on the item.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2025-8221 on the first reading to transmit the updated 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan for Expedited State Review, and schedule a second reading for adoption on June 16, 2025

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2025-8221 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE JACKSONVILLE BEACH 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE UPDATED 10-YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 163.3177(6)(C)3, FLORIDA STATUTES; AMENDING THE POTABLE WATER SUB-ELEMENT, OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “This ordinance for the amendment to the text of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan is before this Council for a public hearing and adoption on its first reading.

Under the laws of the State of Florida, an ordinance which changes the text of any Element of the City’s 2050 Comprehensive Plan 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 proposed changes to the text of the adopted 2050 Comprehensive Plan. This includes receiving citizen input regarding any proposed text change.

The application has been reviewed by Staff and the Planning Commission for consistency with other portions of the Comprehensive Plan. The Council may hear from all interested parties in the legislative determination of an amendment to the text of the City’s 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-8221.”

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

Public Hearing: None.

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-8221 on the first reading to transmit the updated 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan for Expedited State Review, and schedule a second reading for adoption on June 16, 2025.

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “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 Florida Statutes, Staff’s report, the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the public input at all hearings.”

Discussion: A discussion ensued about well capacity.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2025-8222 on the second reading restricting parking on State Road A1A south

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2025-8222 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 “TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES”, ARTICLE III “STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING”, SECTION 31-36 “MAXIMUM PARKING TIME” TO ADD A PROVISION FOR PARKING ON STATE ROAD A1A; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-8222.”

Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith provided background on the item. City Manager Mike Staffopoulos provided additional information about the amended ordinance language from the previous City Council meeting.

Public Hearing:

The following spoke in support of the ordinance:

- Terry DeLoach, 405 32nd Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach
- Jeanell Wilson, 2014 South Oceanfront, Jacksonville Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-8222 on the second reading restricting parking on State Road A1A south.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about truck parking on A1A (3rd Street) repealing the ordinance, the impact of the ordinance, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) support, and amending the ordinance.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Wouters, to amend the ordinance to, on the west side, require four-hour parking from 25th Avenue South to 32nd Avenue South, in addition to 34th Avenue South to the St. Johns County Line.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about surgery center employee parking, amending the ordinance, FDOT, business impact, and truck parking.

Motion to Amend Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Janson, Sutton, Wouters, Golding, Horn, and Mayor Hoffman.

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Discussion: None

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

The amended motion passed unanimously.

Item C Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2025-8223 on the second reading prohibiting smoking on the beach

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2025-8223 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BEACHES AND BULKHEADS”, ARTICLE III “USE OF ATLANTIC OCEAN BEACH”, SECTION 6-45 “PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS ON ATLANTIC OCEAN BEACH” TO PROVIDE A PROHIBITION AGAINST SMOKING ON THE BEACH; AND AMENDING SECTION 6-57 “ENFORCEMENT; CITATION FORM; HEARING; PENALTIES” TO MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Hoffman read the following: “This ordinance is before this Council for a public hearing and consideration on its second reading.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-8223.”

Chief Smith provided background on the item.

Public Hearing:

The following spoke in support of the ordinance:

- Ashley Mezzano, 10439 Skycrest Drive North, Jacksonville
- Diyora Rasulova, 12178 Kimmel Court, Jacksonville
- Lilyanne Sullivan, 7000 Powers Avenue, Jacksonville
- Ellen Glasser, 2060 Beach Avenue, Atlantic Beach
- Katie Montalto, 3591 Kernan Boulevard South, Unit 314, Jacksonville
- Marco Zarka, 232 East 8th Street, Jacksonville
- Lewan Brunson, 6366 Longleaf Branch Drive, Jacksonville
- Mykayla Swift, 5741 Copper Hill Lane East, Jacksonville

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-8223 on the second reading prohibiting smoking on the beach.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about amending the motion.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Ms. Golding, to amend section (r) of the ordinance to read: "No smoking. Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, or electronic nicotine or vaping product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, electronic pens, e-cigarettes and any other lighted tobacco or electronic vaping product. In accordance with F.S. § 386.209, smoking does not include the use of unfiltered cigars."

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the amendment.

Motion to Amend Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wouters, Golding, Horn, Janson, Sutton, and Mayor Hoffman.

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about second-hand smoke, litter, and cigars.

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

The amended motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

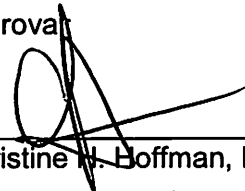
Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval


Christine W. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 5/19/25