

**Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, September 8, 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 (Late)	Dan Janson (Absent)
	Greg Sutton	John Wagner	Bruce Wouters

Also present were Police Chief Gene Paul Smith, Chief of Parks Development and Maintenance Trevor Hughes, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, City Attorney David Migut, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, and Property and Procurement Officer Luis Flores.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the Briefing was to update the Council Members about ongoing items in the City.

City Manager

Beach Body Towing

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith reviewed Section 31-54 of the Code of Ordinances, which establishes the rotating wrecker call list. Mr. Smith explained the importance of Beach Body Towing continuing to operate in Jacksonville Beach and shared details about their new location. Mr. Smith noted he would provide the Council with an update once the company has completed its move.

Golf Course Bylaws and Rate Resolution

Chief of Parks Development and Maintenance Trevor Hughes provided the Council with an overview of the Golf Course Bylaws and Rate Resolution. A conversation ensued regarding proposed changes to the presented bylaws and rate resolution. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to move forward with the proposed changes starting on January 1, 2026.

Live Local Act Expansion Review

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland provided the Council with an overview of the Live Local Act Expansion (also referred to as Senate Bill 102). Ms. Ireland and City Attorney David Migut answered questions from the Council and provided clarification on the topic.

Purchasing Ordinance and Manual Update Project

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, and Property and Procurement Officer Luis Flores reviewed proposed changes to the Purchasing Manual and Ordinance. A conversation ensued regarding the proposed documents. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to finalize the Purchasing Manual and Ordinance and bring them back for formal consideration at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos spoke about complaints regarding the geese at Fountain View Park. Mr. Staffopoulos discussed Section 05-30 of the City Code, and referenced the item would be brought back for further discussion at a future Council Briefing.

Mr. Staffopoulos informed the Council of emails Council Member Wagner received from concerned parents regarding personnel cuts at Seabreeze Elementary. Mr. Wagner responded to the parents by directing them to Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) District 2 Representative

April Carney for more information. Mayor Hoffman added that Mayor Ford of Atlantic Beach is working to schedule the required bi-annual meeting between beach communities and DCPS.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) was working on a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis for disbursement of opioid settlement funds. However, their funding is in jeopardy based on the City of Jacksonville's proposed budget. Representatives for NEFRC would set a meeting with City staff in coming weeks to discuss possible options for disbursements.

Committee Assignment Report

N/A

Future Briefing Topics

Council Member Wouters suggested the Council be allotted more time to review complete agenda packets before scheduled City Council meetings. A conversation ensued regarding possible changes to the agenda creation and approval process. The consensus of the Council was for Mr. Staffopoulos to work with staff and bring back potential solutions for further discussion.

Council Member Golding spoke about the City's preparations to address any sea turtle lighting issues in advance of next year's sea turtle season. It was the consensus of the Council for this item to be brought up at a future briefing for further discussion.

The following topics would be researched by staff, and additional information would be provided to the Council:

- Implement a deposit for tee times at the Jacksonville Beach Golf Club
- Alter the senior/ first responder/ military discount at the Jacksonville Beach Golf Club
- Include language in bid solicitations to limit renewals for bids which only receive one response
- Reduce the dollar value in petty cash citywide

The Briefing adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Approved: _____

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: _____

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