



OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Janson provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam, City Attorney David Migut, Chief of Parks Development and Maintenance Trevor Hughes, and City Clerk Molly Alleger.

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 December 1, 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 addressed a recent assault on Jacksonville Beach police officers, expressed Council support for law enforcement, and thanked Chief Smith and the Police Department for swift action. She noted attending Tuba Christmas and encouraged residents to visit Deck the Chairs. She advised the next City Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, announced Beaches Watch's State of the Beaches meeting on January 7, 2026, at the Beaches Branch Library with participation from the three Beaches mayors, noted attendance at the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference, and extended holiday well-wishes.

Council Member Horn addressed recent acts of violence around the world and emphasized the importance of mental health awareness and use of community resources, particularly during the holiday season. He echoed Council support for law enforcement, stated the City would not tolerate assaults on police officers or disruptive behavior, and affirmed support for maintaining a safe and welcoming community. He concluded by sharing appreciation for the holiday season and extending well-wishes to residents.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Kevin Brown, 1833 Kings Court, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about community education for preservation and safety of sea turtles.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos read the following statement about The Discovery School:

“The City is aware of public concerns surrounding the Discovery School, ranging from traffic impacts to site development. We have been in contact with the Head of School, Ms. Orbitzberger, to ensure compliance with permit requirements, including conditional. The concerns regarding expiration of a conditional use and deviations from site plans will be researched and reported back to Council.”

The following all spoke about the expansion of The Discovery School:

- Donnie Brzuska, 1511 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Sander Brzuska, 1511 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Robert Phelps, 1614 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Victoria Yee, 1575 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Thomas Harrell, 2796 Colonies Drive, Jacksonville Beach
- Sheryl Brzuska, 538 18th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Michael Abernathy, 1780 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach

The following did not wish to speak but submitted a speaker card about the expansion of The Discovery School:

- Sean Mason, 1564 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Valdora Bollenback, 1771 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Adam Bollenback, 1771 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Paula Poserri, 1780 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Milisa Brzuska, 1511 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Barbara Black, 1516 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach
- Robert Mueller, 407 Lora Street, Neptune Beach

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of November 2025

Item B Accept North Beach Townhomes Public Infrastructure Improvements

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 Certified Municipal Clerk Recognition

Mayor Hoffman introduced the item and recognized Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd.

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Item A Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2202-2025 adopting an updated and revised City Procurement Manual

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2202-2025 adopting an updated and revised City Procurement Manual.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2205-2025 adopting the City of Neptune Beach Franchise Agreement and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to countersign the Franchise Agreement upon adoption**

Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2205-2025 adopting the City of Neptune Beach Franchise Agreement and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to countersign the Franchise Agreement upon adoption.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about undergrounding reliability.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

Item A **Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2025-8230 on the second reading amending the bid threshold in City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 "Administration", Article I "In General"**

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett introduced the item and provided background.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2025-8230 by title only, whereupon Ms. Allegre read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION” OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, SECTION 2.-1. – PURCHASE OF MATERIALS, ETC., IN EXCESS OF SPECIFIED AMOUNT; PUBLICATION OF NOTICE FOR BIDS – DEFINITIONS; AMENDING AND RENUMBERING SECTION 2-1.1. – PURCHASE PROCEDURES; CONTRACTS, ETC.; AND REPEALING SECTION 2-2. – ADOPTION OF UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM; 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. 2025-8230."

Public Hearing:

No one came forth to speak. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-8230 on the second reading amending the bid threshold in City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 "Administration", Article I "In General".

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the procurement threshold of neighboring cities.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2026-8232 on the first reading amending Chapter 34, Article VII, Division 2 "SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS" by creating a new Section 34-733 "Requests for accommodation" from the City's Land Development Code, and schedule a second reading for January 20, 2026**

City Attorney David Migut introduced the item and provided background.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2026-8232 by title only, whereupon Ms. Allegre read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 34, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", ARTICLE VII, "SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS", DIVISION 2, "SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS", BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 34-733 "REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION", TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AND PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FROM THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE 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 'legislative' proceeding. A 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 34-538 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. 2026-8232."

Public Hearing:

No one came forth to speak. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-8232 on the first reading amending Chapter 34, Article VII, Division 2 "SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS" by creating a new Section 34-733 "Requests for accommodation" from the City's Land Development Code, and schedule a second reading for January 20, 2026.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about Senate Bill 954 language, zoning districts, group homes, citizen concerns, state and federal laws, land development code, and home rule.

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

The motion passed 5-2.

Item C Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2026-8231 on the first reading, amending the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 20 Parks and Recreation, Article III Use Regulations and Article IV Park Rules and Regulations to make corrections and add a Section to provide codified local rules, regulations, and enforcement provisions concerning the City's parks and recreation, and schedule a second reading for January 20, 2026

Chief of Parks Development and Maintenance Trevor Hughes introduced the item and provided background.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2026-8231 by title only, whereupon Ms. Allegre read the following:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20 "PARKS AND RECREATION", ARTICLE III "USE REGULATIONS", ARTICLE IV "PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND ADD A SECTION TO PROVIDE CODIFIED LOCAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION; AND PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTS, 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 first reading.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-8231."

Public Hearing:

No one came forth to speak. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-8231 on the first reading, amending the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 20 Parks and Recreation, Article III Use Regulations and Article IV Park Rules and Regulations to make corrections and add a Section to provide codified local rules, regulations, and enforcement provisions concerning the City's parks and recreation, and schedule a second reading for January 20, 2026.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about renaming tennis courts, revenue, and geese.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Voice Vote: Ayes- Wagner, Golding, Janson, Wouters, Sutton, Mayor Hoffman
Nays- Horn

The motion passed 6-1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Submitted by: Molly Alleger
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 1/20/26