

**Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, January 12, 2026 – 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
Greg Sutton John Wagner Bruce Wouters

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, City Attorney David Migut, Chief of Police Gene Paul Smith, Chief Information Officer Joel Taylor, Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett, and City Clerk Molly Alleger.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

P3 Feedback

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos introduced a discussion regarding the proposed Public-Private Partnership (P3) request for proposals (RFP), including the evaluation committee structure, process timeline, and refinements to the technical criteria. CRA Coordinator Taylor Mobbs and City Attorney David Migut provided additional information.

A conversation ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council for staff to refine the process and criteria with the suggested changes and bring the item to a future Council Briefing for a final review.

Citywide Signage Update

City Clerk Molly Alleger presented an update on proposed citywide signage standards, including material options, durability considerations, and long-term maintenance implications.

A conversation ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with establishing a signage standard focused on durability and low maintenance, with the understanding that enhanced or gateway signage elements could be considered separately at a later date.

Public Safety Technology Enhancement Plan

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith presented a handout [on file] of an overview for the proposed Public Safety Technology Enhancement Plan. Chief Smith outlined current public safety technology needs, discussed opportunities to modernize systems, and reviewed how enhanced technology could improve operational efficiency, situational awareness, and service delivery.

Council members asked questions regarding implementation considerations, funding strategies, and coordination with existing systems. Chief Smith provided clarification and responded to Council's inquiries.

City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation

Director of Human Resources Kimberlee Bennett presented an overview of the City Manager's annual performance evaluation, including the evaluation process, performance criteria, and overall assessment results.

A conversation ensued regarding the City Manager's performance, completion of major initiatives, and areas for continued improvement.

It was the consensus of the Council to place the City Manager's annual performance evaluation on the January 20, 2026, City Council agenda and to include a three percent (3%) performance increase.

Committee Assignment Report

Council members provided updates from Florida League of Cities committee meetings, noting several proposals remained in early stages and would require continued monitoring.

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

N/A

Future Briefing Topics

Mayor Hoffman informed the Council Fletcher High School's (FHS) band would be awarded \$5,000 from the City of Atlantic Beach Cultural Grant fund. Ms. Hoffman mentioned the City of Neptune Beach plans to contribute \$2,500 to the FHS band program. Ms. Hoffman stated she was asked if the City of Jacksonville Beach (COJB) was willing to donate as well. A conversation ensued, and the Council's consensus was to provide a one-time \$2,500 donation to the FHS band program.

Council Member Sandy Golding discussed an online inquiry [on file] received by the City of Jacksonville Beach (COJB) from Troop Leader Sarah Jennings regarding a sea turtle awareness project being developed by Girl Scout Troop 63211 in pursuit of the Bronze Gateway Award. A conversation ensued, and the consensus of the Council was for the City's Communications Manager to contact the troop leader and collaborate with the Girl Scouts on the City's sea turtle awareness campaign.

Council Member John Wagner discussed an email he received from a resident inviting all Council members to visit his and his neighbor's backyard to gain a better understanding of the resident's complaint regarding The Discovery School. Mr. Wagner suggested all Council members participate in the visit to better assess the situation.

Mr. Migut reminded the Council that the February Council Briefing will include discussion of the food truck ordinance, and the March Council Briefing will include information regarding summer camps on the beach.

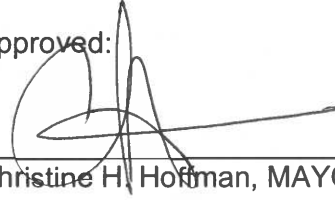
Council Member Dan Janson asked about the status of House Bill 954. Mr. Migut responded the ordinance addressing House Bill 954 would be on the agenda for the January 20, 2026, Council Meeting, and he would provide more detailed information at that time.

Ms. Golding asked for an update regarding the recent Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) projects within COJB. Mr. Staffopoulos provided the Council with updated information.

The Briefing adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
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Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 2/2/2026