

OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Horn 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, Police Commander Eric Shaughnessy, Chief of Parks Development and Maintenance Trevor Hughes, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, City Attorney David Migut, 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:

- Council Briefing held on December 8, 2025
- Regular City Council Meeting held on December 15, 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 reported attending the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at St. Paul's by-the-Sea and thanked Mayor Hoffman and Council Member Wagner for participating on behalf of the City. She addressed a committee hearing on House Bill 103 related to local business taxes, thanked Representative Kiyon Michael for seeking City input and voting against the bill, and encouraged Council recognition of that support. Council Member Golding announced an upcoming joint City Council and CRA meeting on January 21, 2026, noted participation in Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee January 26-28, 2026, and highlighted the upcoming DONNA Marathon on February 1, 2026, encouraging community support.

Council Member Janson addressed upcoming Legislative Action Days and expressed concern about proposed state measures, including property tax changes, elimination of local business taxes, increased sovereign immunity limits, and caps on enterprise transfers from utilities.

Council Member Wagner shared a brief historical note from a recent Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance event. He stated Martin Luther King Jr. visited Jacksonville in March 1961 and emphasized the lasting local impact of service and representation.

Council Member Horn stated he would also be attending Legislative Action Days and expressed concern about impacts to Home Rule.

Council Member Wouters echoed Council Member Horn for the remarks and emphasized Home Rule as a critical issue, stating communities must retain the ability to govern in ways appropriate to their unique needs. He encouraged continued advocacy on this issue.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Amanda Napolitano, 1018 Buddy Crout Lane, Neptune Beach, spoke about the Donna Marathon.
- Victoria Yee, 1575 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about concerned residents related to The Discovery School.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Item A Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of December 2025**
- Item B Approve the Scope of Work from Garland/DBS, Inc., to make structural steel repairs at the Golf Course Cart Barn for an amount not to exceed \$47,290**
- Item C Approve City-Produced Special Events for Calendar Year 2026**
- Item D Approve the City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation and award a 3% annual increase to the City Manager**
- Item E Adopt the 2026 Revised Municipal Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan**
- Item F Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Health, Duval County Health Department for medications and associated medical supplies in the event of public health emergencies and authorize the City Manager to execute the same**

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: None

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Item A Approve/Disapprove the purchase of 31 New TASER 7s utilizing reserves from the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund**

Police Commander Eric Shaughnessy introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the purchase of 31 New TASER 7s utilizing reserves from the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the request. It was noted by the City Manager that the purchase aligns with the Police Department technology enhancement plan. The importance of having proper tools was also stated.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Item A **Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2026-8231 on the second 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**

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. Alleger 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 second reading.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2026-8231.”

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 adopt Ordinance No. 2026-8231 on the second 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.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about enforcement.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 2026-8232 on the second 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

City Attorney David Migut introduced the item and provided background. Mr. Migut read the following proposed amendment to Section 34-733 for the record:

“(e) Additional requirements for establishing a certified recovery residence.

Approval of reasonable accommodation requests for establishing a certified recovery residence, as defined in Section 397.311, Fla. Stat., is subject to the following additional requirements:

- (1) The maximum residents allowed in a certified recovery residence shall be fourteen (14). A home with seven (7) to fourteen (14) residents shall, in addition to the requirements of this section, also require conditional use approval.
- (2) The certified recovery residence shall conform to setback and height regulations for the applicable zoning district.
- (3) The certified recovery residence shall not be located within a radius of 1,000 feet of another existing certified recovery residence.
- (4) The certified recovery residence shall not be located within a radius of 1,000 feet of a medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facility.
- (5) The certified recovery residence shall not be located within a radius of 1,000 feet of an alcoholic beverage establishment.
- (6) The certified recovery residence shall not be located within a radius of 1,000 feet of an establishment providing child day care services.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall permit persons to occupy a certified recovery residence who would constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of other persons or whose residency would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others.”

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 second 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 adopt Ordinance No. 2026-8232 on the second 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.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to amend the motion to include changes outlined by the City Attorney.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about limiting occupancy, setback and height regulations, alcohol beverage establishment, land development regulations, proposed changes, number of Jacksonville Beach recovery homes, and enforcement.

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

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

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

The motion to amend 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 6:50 P.M.

Submitted by: Molly Alleger
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

