

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Council Member Stokes 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:	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson (Absent)
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, and City Clerk Sheri Gosselin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, and passed unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Council Workshop held on July 29, 2021 (CRA Initiatives)
- Council Briefing held on July 30, 2021 (Budget Showcase)
- Budget Workshop held on August 2, 2021
- Regular Council Meeting held on August 2, 2021
- Budget Workshop held on August 3, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding reported Sylvia Osewalt had passed away. Ms. Osewalt was a former member of both the City's Code Enforcement Board and the Board of Adjustment.

Ms. Golding reminded everyone of the Adventure Landing Open House on August 18, 2021, and the Beach Marine Open House on September 1, 2021. Ms. Golding stated several Council members attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. She served on the Municipal Administration Policy Committee, which selected vacation rentals as the priority and cybersecurity as the policy position.

Council Member Stokes stated a free COVID testing site opened at 540 Atlantic Boulevard; pre-registration was required.

Mayor Hoffman said she spoke at the opening session of the Citizen's Police Academy. She also heard from local restaurants cited for outdoor seating violations and suggested staff consider a narrow, temporary moratorium. The Council's consensus was to pursue this.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors. No one came forward to speak.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Presentation by the Northeast Florida Regional Council Staff on the COVID19 Economic Recovery Plan and the American Rescue Plan

Sean Lahav, Resiliency Coordinator for the Northeast Florida Regional Council, made a presentation [on file] and provided a handout to the Council [on file].

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

A. Accept/Reject the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of July 2021

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The City received a funding agreement from the Florida Department of Emergency Management for \$11.8 million in two tranches. She noted the rule of allowable uses was waived. Mr. Staffopoulos stated in addition to this funding, the City of Jacksonville, acting as Duval County, also carved out a portion of their funding and pending budget legislation to provide Jacksonville Beach an additional \$3 million for a total of \$14.8 million.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of July 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

B. Award/Reject RFP Number 02-2021 to First Vehicle Services, Inc., for Fleet Maintenance Services

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to accept RFP Number 022021 to First Vehicle Services, Inc., for Fleet Maintenance Services.

Discussion:

Ms. Golding inquired about the two Dial-a-Ride vehicles on the list. Ms. Gossett said they had an agreement with Dial-a-Ride to use the City garage for maintenance, up to a value of \$3,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Golding, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve/Disapprove the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Sheri Gosselin to the position of City Clerk, effective August 17, 2021

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Sheri Gosselin to the position of City Clerk, effective August 17, 2021.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approve/Disapprove the Employment Agreement with Ms. Sandra Robinson for the position of City Attorney

Mayor Hoffman reported Sandra Robinson accepted the City's offer. If approved, Ms. Robinson would begin on October 7, 2021.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the Employment Agreement with Ms. Sandra Robinson for the position of City Attorney.

Discussion:

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of time the contract allowed Ms. Robinson to obtain Florida Board Certification for City, County, and Local Government Law. Deputy City Manager Karen Nelson explained it took three years of active practice in Florida to sit for the certification exam; therefore, four years was a reasonable amount of time.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS – None

ORDINANCES - None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 9/7/21