Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

JACKSONVILLE BEACH

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Mayor Hoffman requested a moment of silence in memory of employees Sergeant Dan Watts and City Engineer Marty Martirone, who recently passed away.

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:	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, 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 Budget Workshop held on August 9, 2021 (Public Works, Planning and Development, Redevelopment)
- Council Briefing held on August 9, 2021
- Council Budget Workshop held on August 10, 2021 (Beaches Energy Services, Parks and Recreation)
- Regular Council Meeting held on August 16, 2021
- Council Workshop held on August 23, 2021 (Charter Review)
- Council Workshop held on August 26, 2021 (Charter Review)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding reported there would be a budget hearing on September 8, 2021, in the Council Chambers. She stated a celebration of life for former board member Sylvia Oswalt would be held on September 18, 2021, at the First Christian Church of the Beaches.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Lori Richards, representing Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM), 850 6th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, said in March and April of 2020, they helped 301 households with over $200,000 in rent. Ms. Richards noted BEAM experienced a steady increase in the need for assistance since June of 2021. She thanked the City for its support.

- Rory Diamond, Jacksonville City Council Member for District 13, thanked Ms. Richards and BEAM for their work in the community during the pandemic. He also provided an update on the attempted JEA sale, COVID-19 response, and non-profit assistance during the pandemic. He discussed redistricting and said he was confident the Beaches' seat would be preserved. Mr. Diamond stated the City of Jacksonville had a couple of very large Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) going on, including the Penman Road Streets Initiative and the total renovation of 2nd Avenue. He said he and the three Beaches mayors had a sexual assault prevention effort last summer. He announced the pier should be completed Spring of 2022.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items*

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item A Approve/Disapprove an Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos said the City was slated to receive over $11 million over two years. Thirty days after the application was filed, the funds would be available. He would schedule a Council Briefing before the end of the year to determine how the money could best be spent.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve an Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery.

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

Item B Approve/Disapprove the Final Plat for 10th Street South, Replat of Lots 5 and 6, Block 12, Beach Heights Subdivision

Mr. Staffopoulos explained Items B, C, and D were all related to final plat approvals for redevelopment projects. Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland said the re-plats were for subdividing the property into four townhouse lots.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the Final Plat for 10th Street South, Replat of Lots 5 and 6, Block 12, Beach Heights Subdivision.

Discussion:
Council Member Dumont expressed concern about the fee simple lots and making more non-conforming lots in the City. She said creating more non-conforming lots would eventually make the Strategic Plan moot. Council Member Stokes agreed and said they should discuss this at the upcoming land use and zoning workshop. Council Member Nichols stated they must pay attention to increased density to ensure infrastructure and schools could support it.

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

Item C **Approve/Disapprove the Final Plat of 11th Street South, Replat of Lots 9 and 10, Block 12, Beach Heights Subdivision**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the Final Plat of 11th Street South, Replat of Lots 9 and 10, Block 12, Beach Heights Subdivision.

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

Item D **Approve/Disapprove the Final Plat for 11th Street South Unit Two, Replat of Lots 11 and 12, Block 8, Beach Heights Subdivision**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the Final Plat for 11th Street South Unit Two, Replat of Lots 11 and 12, Block 8, Beach Heights Subdivision.

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

Item E **Award/Reject Bid Number 2021-11 Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to the Lowest Qualified Bidders, Petroleum Traders Corporation (Item 1), Mansfield Oil Company (Item 2), and Gate Fuel Service (Item 3)**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to award Bid Number 2021-11 Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to the Lowest Qualified Bidders, Petroleum Traders Corporation (Item 1), Mansfield Oil Company (Item 2), and Gate Fuel Service (Item 3).

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

Item F **Award/Reject Bid Number 2021-10 to Irby Utilities, Gresco, Wesco, Tri-State Utility, Electric Supply, and Hill Manufacturing for the purchase of Electric Supplies**

Electric Engineer Project Supervisor Matt Seeley explained the different materials and their uses.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to award Bid Number 2021-10 to Irby Utilities, Gresco, Wesco, Tri-State Utility, Electric Supply, and Hill Manufacturing for the purchase of Electric Supplies.

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

Item G **Approve/Disapprove an Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., for expanding the City's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure, specifically, extending fiber optic cable to and up to the top of Pablo Tower and installing the associated radios on top of the building**

Mr. Seeley said this was the foundation to establish backup power for building a smart city.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve an Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., for expanding the City's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure, specifically, extending fiber optic cable to and up to the top of Pablo Tower and installing the associated radios on top of the building.

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

Item H **Approve/Disapprove an Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., for upgrading and enhancing the physical security of the City's existing wireless mesh back-haul system for the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure, as well as installing physical hardware that will provide the first phase of citywide area network coverage.**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve an Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., for upgrading and enhancing the physical security of the City's existing wireless mesh back-haul system for the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure, as well as installing physical hardware that will provide the first phase of citywide area network coverage.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2090-2021
Mr. Staffopoulos said this was in response to a request from Council. Ms. Ireland stated she consulted a City of Jacksonville resolution for the language. The Building Official, Fire Marshall, and Legal Counsel reviewed the language.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2090-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

> **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR RESTAURANTS; TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN CONDITIONAL USE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO OUTDOOR SEATING AND FOOD SERVICE FOR RESTAURANTS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, SUNSET, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE."**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution 2090-2021, temporarily suspending enforcement of outdoor restaurant seating areas.

Discussion:
Council Members discussed enforcement of complaints, possibly adjusting the number of months, impacts to neighbors and other businesses, and the use of parking spaces for outdoor seating.

Ms. Ireland suggested making subsection (6) consistent with the current code section 34-407, which specified outdoor seating could equal 25% of the indoor restaurant gross area. Ms. Ireland said they usually addressed complaints such as parking and noise as they arose. She further stated no restaurant that received approval for outdoor seating had expanded beyond the approved areas on their original approval. This was intended to cover restaurants that had not sought approval yet.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding and seconded by Mr. Janson to amend Section 2, subsection (6) to say that the outdoor restaurant seating area shall be no greater than 25% of indoor restaurant area.

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

Amended Motion: It was moved by Ms. Dumont and seconded by Mr. Nichols to amend Section 2, subsection (7) to add on a sentence at the end that no more than two parking spots shall be used to accommodate outdoor seating.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Mayor Hoffman
Nays – Stokes
The motion to amend passed 6-1.

Original Motion:
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously, as amended.

ORDINANCES - *None*

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval:

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 9/20/21