

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES: INVOCATION, FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Golding recognized the life and service of City of Coral Springs Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer-Bowen. The City Council observed a moment of silence.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, Beaches Energy Superintendent Wayne Hughes, Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue Assistant Captain Casey Donnell, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, 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:

- Special Council Briefing held on March 2, 2026

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the following minutes:

- Council Briefing held on March 9, 2026

Motion to Amend : Ms. Golding noted that page three of the March 9 briefing minutes needed clarification and stated the future briefing topic was intended to address both Council Member Wouter's concerns regarding the Public Works project budget numbers and the City budget. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Sutton, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, and passed unanimously to amend the March 9, 2026 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 March 16, 2026

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 recognized the retirement of Jacksonville Beach Police Department K-9, Bear, after nearly seven years of service and thanked the Jacksonville Beach Police Department and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for their work during the recent Senior Skip Day. Ms. Golding also noted the successful Easter egg hunts at Wingate Park and the Carver Center, announced installation of new playground equipment at Tall Pines Park, and highlighted the Lights Out proclamation and the May 1, 2026, start of sea turtle nesting season while urging compliance with the city's lighting ordinance.

Council Member Horn echoed appreciation for the Jacksonville Beach Police Department and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and reiterated support for law enforcement efforts to keep the City safe and welcoming for residents and visitors.

Council Member Wouters congratulated the Fletcher High School Mock Trial Team for placing eighth in the state competition, receiving the professionalism award, and he recognized the students and coaches for their efforts.

Council Member Wagner reflected on attending the Easter egg hunts at Wingate Park and the Carver Center, as well as Easter services at the beach, including a large sunrise service hosted by Ocean City Church. Mr. Wagner stated recent investments in the Police Department had contributed to a greater sense of safety at community events.

Council Member Janson announced the Florida Legislature would return to Tallahassee on April 20, 2026, for the extended session and encouraged residents to follow discussions related to the state budget, property taxes, and other issues.

Mayor Hoffman noted the cancellation of the Spring Fling event due to weather and commended the event promoters for making the appropriate decision. She announced the upcoming 34th annual Springing the Blues festival. Mayor Hoffman also recognized the passing of longtime resident Marjorie Holloway and noted her service to Jacksonville Beach and St. Andrew AME Church.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Kevin Brown, 1817 Nightfall Drive, Neptune Beach, spoke about the importance of eliminating artificial light geared toward the beach during sea turtle season.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Item A Approve an Access Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC**
- Item B Adopt Resolution No. 2213-2026 extending the Contract Between the City of Jacksonville Beach and Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., for Primary and Alternate Special Magistrate Services for Code Enforcement**
- Item C Approve the Project Scope and Fee for Engineering Electrical Evaluation of Water Treatment Plants 1 and 2 by Four Waters Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$93,450**

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 Proclamation for National Donate Life Month

Mayor Hoffman read the Proclamation for National Donate Life Month. Kim DePalma accepted the proclamation.

Item B Proclamation for Lights Out Jacksonville Beach Nights

Mayor Hoffman read the Proclamation for Lights Out Jacksonville Beach Nights. Elizabeth Filippelli, Duval Audubon Society, accepted the proclamation and provided remarks.

CITY CLERK: None

CITY MANAGER/NEW BUSINESS:

Item A Authorize the following elected officials to attend the Florida League of Cities' Leadership Class, May 14-15, 2026, in Orlando, FL:
_____.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to authorize the following elected officials to attend the Florida League of Cities' Leadership Class, May 14-15, 2026, in Orlando, FL: Council Member Golding and Council Member Janson.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B Approve/Disapprove an Agreement with the following artists for the following dumpster locations:

- Michael Kulik for 10th Avenue South
- Josh Phares for 9th Avenue South
- Deborah Mckinney for 9th Avenue South Endzone
- Natalie Pearson for 8th Avenue South Endzone
- Beth Haizlip for 7th Avenue South
- Russell Wilson for 6th Avenue South

CRA Coordinator Taylor Mobbs introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve an agreement with the following artists for the following dumpster locations:

- Michael Kulik for 10th Avenue South
- Josh Phares for 9th Avenue South
- Deborah Mckinney for 9th Avenue South Endzone
- Natalie Pearson for 8th Avenue South Endzone
- Beth Haizlip for 7th Avenue South
- Russell Wilson for 6th Avenue South

Discussion: A discussion ensued about other dumpsters, selected artists, duration,

maintenance plan, and compensation.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item C **Appoint Councilor _____ to serve as the City Council's representative on the Review Committee for the Public-Private Partnership Project, RFP No. 01-2526.**

Ms. Mobbs introduced the item and provided background.

Mr. Staffopoulos provided further clarification about the language for the motion.

Council Member Sutton nominated Council Member Golding. Council Member Golding accepted the nomination.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to appoint Council Member Golding to serve as the City Council's representative on the Review Committee for the Public-Private Partnership Project, RFP No. 01-2526.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item D **1. Award/Reject Bid No. 2526-04 to Perfect Fit Image Apparel for the purchase of flame-retardant clothing for Beaches Energy Services; and**
2. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and execute any contract as a result of this bid award; and
3. Delegate authority to the City Manager to approve and execute all subsequent contract renewals through the maximum contract term

Beaches Energy Superintendent Wayne Hughes introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to award Bid No. 2526-04 to Perfect Fit Image Apparel for the purchase of flame-retardant clothing for Beaches Energy Services.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and execute any contract as a result of this bid

award.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to delegate authority to the City Manager to approve and execute all subsequent contract renewals through the maximum contract term.

Discussion: None.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Item A Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2208-2026 establishing rates, charges, and fees for the Ocean Rescue Junior Lifeguard Program

Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue Assistant Captain Casey Donnell introduced the item and provided background.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2208-2026 establishing rates, charges, and fees for the Ocean Rescue Junior Lifeguard Program.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about Junior Lifeguard Program ages, affordability, marketing, capacity, application timeline, partnerships, and grant funding.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B Adopt Resolution No. 2211-2026 amending the Operating Budget of the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026

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. 2211-2026 amending the Operating Budget of the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about natural gas prices and the hedging program.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

Item A **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2026-8233 on the first reading holding Ordinance No. 4512 (1946) and Sections 7-1 and 7-2 of the City Code of Ordinances in abeyance in their entirety and authorizing the establishment of a pilot program to allow activation and events on the boardwalk from Beach Boulevard to 6th Avenue North, and schedule a second reading for April 20, 2026**

Ms. Mobbs introduced the item and provided background.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2026-8233 by title only, whereupon Ms. Allegre read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, HOLDING ORDINANCE NO. 4512 (1946) AND SECTIONS 7-1 AND 7-2 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ABEYANCE IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW ACTIVATION AND EVENTS ON THE BOARDWALK FROM BEACH BOULEVARD TO 6TH AVENUE NORTH; PROVIDING FOR DURATION AND EXPIRATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, 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. 2026-8233.”

Public Hearing:

The following spoke in support of the ordinance:

- Mark Braddock, 1601 Forest Avenue, Neptune Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-8233 on the first reading holding Ordinance No. 4512 (1946) and Sections 7-1 and 7-2 of the City Code of Ordinances in abeyance in their entirety and authorizing the establishment of a pilot program to allow activation and events on the boardwalk from Beach Boulevard to 6th Avenue North, and schedule a second reading for April 20, 2026.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the abeyance.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Ms. Golding to amend the motion such that the abeyance only applies to the prohibitions on operating or conducting business activities or concessions of any kind or nature in the areas between Sixth Avenue north and Beach Boulevard.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

Discussion: A discussion continued about the abeyance, original ordinance, boardwalk

width, emergency vehicle access, scheduling, and pilot program review.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item B **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2026-8234 on the first reading amending Chapter 12 Streets, Food and Food Products by creating Section 12-34 establishing a food truck rally pilot program in the Central Business District, and schedule a second reading for April 20, 2026**

City Attorney David Migut introduced the item and provided background.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2026-8234 by title only, whereupon Ms. Alleger read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 - STREETS, FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS, BY CREATING SECTION 12-34 ESTABLISHING A FOOD TRUCK RALLY PILOT PROGRAM IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, 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. 2026-8234.”

Public Hearing:

The following spoke in support of the ordinance:

- Mark Braddock, 1601 Forest Avenue, Neptune Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-8234 on the first reading amending Chapter 12 Streets, Food and Food Products by creating Section 12-34 establishing a food truck rally pilot program in the Central Business District, and schedule a second reading for April 20, 2026.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the location, application process, communication to surrounding restaurants and local businesses, second reading, and deferring the item.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Mr. Janson, to defer Ordinance No. 2026-8234 on the first reading until the next City Council meeting.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about deferral.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Item C Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2026-8235 on the first reading amending Chapter 5 Animals of the City Code of Ordinances to allow backyard hens at public and private schools and nonprofit organizations in residential zoning districts, and schedule a second reading for April 20, 2026

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland introduced the item and provided background.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2026-8235 by title only, whereupon Ms. Alleger read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 – ANIMALS, ARTICLE IV – HEN REGULATION, SECTION 5-83 – PERMITTED ZONING LOCATIONS, TO ALLOW BACKYARD HENS TO BE KEPT AT SCHOOLS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; 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 first reading.

I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2026-8235.”

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. 2026-8235 on the first reading amending Chapter 5 Animals of the City Code of Ordinances to allow backyard hens at public and private schools and nonprofit organizations in residential zoning districts, and schedule a second reading for April 20, 2026.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about current number of backyard hens, schools and nonprofits, potential violations and complaints.

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

The motion passed 6-1.

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 7:37 P.M.

Submitted by: Molly Alleger
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 5/4/26