

The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

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| Council Members: | Sandy Golding | Bill Horn | Dan Janson |
| | Greg Sutton | John Wagner | Bruce Wouters |

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney David Migut, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, City Clerk Molly Alleger, and Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Food Truck Regulations

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated Council Member Horn had requested discussion of food truck regulations related to vehicles selling prepackaged foods remaining overnight for a limited period.

Council discussed draft language, state requirements, and legal concerns related to limiting eligibility to Jacksonville Beach residents or businesses.

City Attorney David Migut noted constitutional concerns with preferential treatment based on residency or business location.

Council supported removing the residency/business-location limitation and focusing on vehicles selling only prepackaged foods with all required support equipment located in the unit.

A conversation ensued about requiring property owner permission, limiting the exemption to six overnights, requiring the vehicle to be removed for at least one overnight, and requiring the property owner authorization letter to be updated annually. Council also discussed possible education materials for food truck operators regarding requirements and disposal rules.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Attorney return with revised ordinance language for formal consideration at an upcoming Council meeting.

Discussion of First Amendment to Franchise Contract Agreement with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc
Mr. Staffopoulos stated Council Member Janson had requested an update regarding payment to Waste Pro for storm-related work.

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron explained the status of the previous and current agreements and the history of the payment in question.

A conversation ensued regarding whether the invoice could be paid retroactively, the benefit to the City from storm debris removal, the prospective nature of the pending amendment, and how future weather events would be handled.

It was the consensus of Council to have staff work with the City Attorney's Office and Waste Pro on a written document for the prior storm-related invoice and bring the item back on a future consent agenda for formal consideration.

Committee Assignment Reports

N/A

Miscellaneous City Manager's Items

Mr. Staffopoulos spoke about rescheduling a previously scheduled ticketed event scheduled through Parks and Recreations that was canceled due to weather. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to reschedule and reproduce the event.

Mr. Staffopoulos spoke about support for a Junior Lifeguard Program for youths unable to afford the program fee. Council discussed creating a process for each Council Member to nominate up to three Jacksonville Beach youths. It was the consensus of Council to have staff continue developing the Junior Lifeguard Program support process and return with details for Council consideration.

Mr. Staffopoulos requested direction from the Council regarding an amendment to the Legislative Policy Manual regarding items pulled from the consent agenda to be heard as the first item under new business rather than at the end. It was the consensus of the Council to make the requested amendment.

Mr. Staffopoulos spoke about the status of the dune walkovers and stated the City's healthy dune system was creating challenges with maintaining Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) walkovers.

Mr. Barron presented photos of several dune walkovers and explained staff are struggling to keep up with shifting sand, especially at the four ADA-accessible walkovers.

Council discussed maintenance challenges, potential closure or redesignation of some ADA walkovers, beach wheelchair availability, signage and communication, accessible parking, coordination with Kevin Bodge, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, possible legislative involvement, whether other coastal communities were experiencing similar issues and whether advocacy organizations for people with disabilities could assist with broader policy discussions.

It was the consensus of Council to have staff seek input from FDEP, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, contact State Representative Kiyon Michael, State Senator Clay Yarborough and other appropriate partners regarding options for maintaining beach access and ADA walkovers, while also reviewing communication, signage, parking, and beach wheelchair availability.

Council Member Wouters asked whether there were plans to dig out the buried dune pipe and rope barriers, and Mr. Barron said there are no plans to do so.

Future Briefing Topics

Council Member Wagner presented the Council with packets of information regarding concerns related to the Discovery School. A conversation ensued regarding concerns regarding site plans, material changes, neighborhood impacts, and potential relief options. Mr. Migut and Mr. Staffopoulos answered questions from the Council. A conversation ensued and the consensus of the Council was to bring this topic back for further discussion at a future Council briefing.

Mr. Wouters requested a future briefing topic be added regarding Code Enforcement. It was the consensus of the Council was to bring this topic back for further discussion at a future Council briefing.

Council Member Sutton raised discussion regarding nonpartisan versus partisan municipal elections. A conversation ensued regarding implementation of partisan elections and potential charter implications, election costs, public education and possible survey options. It was the consensus of the Council for staff to gather additional information regarding the possible financial impact to the City and information from the Florida League of Cities regarding the process and share the information with the Council.

The Briefing adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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