

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, June 21, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

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, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Planning and Development Director Heather Ireland, Parks and Recreation Director Jason Phitides, Golf Course Superintendent Trevor Hughes, and Acting 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 May 27, 2021(Charter Review)
- Special Council Meeting held on June 1, 2021 (Executive Session)
- Special Council Meeting held on June 1, 2021(City Attorney Process)
- Regular Council Meeting held on June 7, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hoffman thanked everyone involved in the Orange Crush event. She spoke with City Manager Mike Staffopoulos and Planning and Development Director Heather Ireland regarding the future of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), including training. They considered having the Council meet to discuss the CRA's focus at a July workshop.

Council Member Golding acknowledged the partner agencies for their help with the Orange Crush event. She received an update from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the crosswalk at 3rd Street and 15th Avenue North: that HAWK signal pedestrian crossing construction would begin in the fall and should be completed by Spring 2022. FDOT would host an open house on the project prior to the project's start. Ms. Golding reported FDOT installed the flashing lights and signs for San Pablo Elementary School. She announced Beaches Watch would host the annual Beaches Police Panel via Zoom on July 7, 2021, to discuss public safety and events. Ms. Golding stated there would be a beach cleanup on July 5, 2021, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Atlantic Boulevard, Seagate Avenue, and Beach Boulevard. She said the dune barriers were working well keeping people out of the dunes. She stated the Florida League of Cities

announced Home Rule Heroes for the 2021 legislative session. She congratulated Mayor Hoffman and Mr. Staffopoulos and said she had also been named a Home Rule Hero.

Council Member Meza congratulated the Police Department and other agencies who participated in the Orange Crush event. He said the bar and restaurant community worked together to pick up trash after the event.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Kevin Brown, 1833 Kings Court, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the dune barriers.
- Steve Diebenow, 1 Independent Drive, Suite 1200, Jacksonville, provided a handout [on file] and spoke about the code that defined restaurant areas, which affected parking, food service, and liquor licenses.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Item #21-114 Presentation by the St. Johns River Water Management District Staff on the Minimum Levels for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva and Associated Recovery Strategy to Recover the Lakes

Mayor Hoffman announced this item was removed from the agenda.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item #21-115 Authorize the Following Elected Officials to Attend the FLC Annual Conference, August 12-14, 2021 at the Orlando World Center: (Insert Councilor Names Here); and Authorize the Following Member of City Council that will be in Attendance to be the Voting Delegate on Behalf of the City: (Insert Councilor Name Here); and Authorize the Following Elected Officials to Attend the FLC Legislative Conference, November 3-5, 2021 at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South; (Insert Councilor Names Here)

Council Members Golding, Stokes, Dumont, Meza, and Nichols wished to attend the annual Florida League of Cities (FLC) conference in August.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to authorize the following elected officials to attend the FLC Annual Conference August 12-14, 2021, at the Orlando World Center: Council Members Golding, Dumont, Stokes, Nichols, and Meza.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to authorize the following member of City Council that will be in attendance to be the voting delegate on behalf of the City: Council Member Nichols.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Council Members Golding, Stokes, Nichols, and Mayor Hoffman wished to attend the legislative conference in November.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to authorize the following elected officials to attend the FLC Legislative Conference, November 3-5, 2021, at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South: Council Members Golding, Stokes, Nichols, and Mayor Hoffman

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-116 Approve/Disapprove Proceeding with Final Interviews for City Attorney with the Following Candidates (Council to Select and Insert Names Here)

Council Members stated the names of their top candidates:

Mr. Nichols: Cockcroft and LoConte

Ms. Golding: May, Cockcroft, and Robinson

Ms. Dumont: Robinson, May, and LoConte

Mr. Janson: LoConte and Robinson

Mr. Stokes: May and LoConte

Mr. Meza: Cockcroft, LoConte, and Robinson

Mayor Hoffman: Cockcroft, LoConte, and Robinson

Council agreed to hold in-person meetings with the top three: Jennifer Cockcroft, Elizabeth LoConte, and Sandra Robinson.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve proceeding with final interviews for City Attorney with the following candidates: Cockcroft, LoConte, and Robinson.

Discussion:

Ms. Golding wished to include Denise May to the list of interviewees.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding and seconded by Ms. Dumont to amend the motion to add Denise May to the list.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stokes, Dumont, Golding
Nays – Nichols, Janson, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
The amendment failed 4-3.

On the original motion:

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

Item #21-117 Accept/Reject the Financial Reports for the Month of May

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to accept the financial reports for the month of May 2021.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-118 Approve/Disapprove the Final Plat to Replat Lots 11 and 12, Block 55, Pablo Beach, into Five Fee-Simple Townhouse Lots

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the Final Plat to replat Lots 11 and 12, Block 55, Pablo Beach, into five fee-simple townhouse lots.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-119 Approve/Disapprove the Final Plat to Replat Lots 1 through 4, Block 59, Pablo Beach, into Fifteen Fee-Simple Townhouse Lots

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the Final Plat to replat Lots 1 through 4, Block 59, Pablo Beach, into 15 fee-simple townhouse lots.

Discussion:

A conversation ensued related to the implications of fee-simple townhouses, an upcoming Land Development Code review, addressing zoning district standards, future density, the increase in property costs, townhome development, and parking.

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

Item #21-120 Approve/Disapprove Negotiations for Scope and Fee with the Highest Ranking Respondent, CHW Professional Consultants, or the Next Highest-Ranking Firm until a Successful Agreement is Reached (Urban Trails Project)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides said this item was for a consultant to design the master plan for the urban trails network. The contract would come back to the Council for approval. The master plan should be completed in early 2022, and construction should start development on the first segment prior to the end of 2022.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve negotiations for scope and fee with the highest-ranking respondent, CHW Professional Consultants, or the next highest-ranking firm until a successful agreement is reached.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

Item #21-121 Approve/Disapprove the Replacement of the Basketball Court, Construction of Two Pickleball Courts Including Fencing, Landscaping, and Concrete Pathway at South Beach Park

Golf Course Superintendent Trevor Hughes explained the basketball court was 20 years old and needed to be rebuilt. Also, in the recent parks assessment, the community wanted more pickleball courts. He described how they would incorporate the new courts. He stated the Jacksonville Tree Commission agreed to landscape in front of the fence between South Beach Parkway and the street.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to approve the replacement of the basketball court, construction of two pickleball courts including fencing, landscaping, and concrete pathway at South Beach Park.

Discussion:

A conversation ensued related to the timeline and alternate sites for basketball while the work was being done. Mr. Hughes anticipated work would begin in late July/early August and would be completed by October.

The following spoke in favor of this item:

- William Baxley, 147 37th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach

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

RESOLUTIONS

Item #21-122 – RESOLUTION NO. 2086-2021

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the Attorney General for the State of Florida asked the City to be party to the State of Florida's opioid litigation efforts, in the belief that the more governmental entities that joined, the more the State would receive in compensation as a result of national settlements with opioid manufacturers. Mr. Staffopoulos believed it was in the best interest of the City, Duval County, and the State of Florida to join in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2086-2021 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FLORIDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND FORMAL AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTING A UNIFIED PLAN; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Golding to adopt Resolution No. 2086-2021 authorizing the City of Jacksonville Beach to join with the State of Florida and other local governmental units as a participant in the Florida Memorandum of Understanding and Formal Agreements implementing a Unified Plan.

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

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

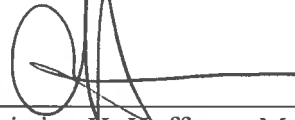
ORDINANCES – None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
Acting City Clerk

Approval

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CH', written over a horizontal line.

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 7/19/21