

The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held via video conference using the Zoom platform.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Sandy Robinson, Parks and Recreation Office Administrator Molly Alleger, and Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Remote Participation

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated the City currently has no policies regarding a Council member's virtual attendance at a regular Council meeting. Mr. Staffopoulos explained the City Attorney opined virtual attendance at a regular Council meeting as allowable, provided specific criteria are met.

The Council was provided with three documents [on file] for reference: City of Neptune Beach Resolution Regarding Remote Attendance at Meetings; State of Virginia Remote Participation Statute; and City of Jacksonville Beach Draft Resolution Regarding Remote Participation (drafted by City Attorney). City Attorney Sandy Robinson reviewed the documents with the Council.

A conversation ensued regarding different criteria and options in the draft Resolution regarding remote participation. The Council's consensus was to revise the draft resolution, including the discussed changes, and bring the draft resolution to a Council Briefing for further review.

Park Signs and Rebranding

Parks and Recreation Office Administrator Molly Alleger, explained most of the parks and facility signs need renovation due to weather and age. Ms. Alleger said the topic of renovating the welcome sign on A1A at the south entrance of the City was brought up in a recent Council Briefing. She stated Staff does not wish to proceed with the rebranding of signs or refurbishing one sign in the community without a discussion with the Council on the ability to coordinate a consistent brand (theme, logo, and colors) on all signage.

Ms. Alleger presented images of current park signs compared to potential new signs [on file] to the Council. A conversation ensued regarding different design options and possibly hiring a company to professionally design the signs and assist with branding.

It was the consensus of the Council to refurbish the current welcome sign on A1A at the south entrance of the City. Ms. Alleger would work with local companies to obtain suggested branding and design for the signs and present these ideas to the Council as a follow-up discussion item at a future Council Briefing. Touch-ups on current signage throughout the City would take place until a final decision was made regarding the entire project.

Urban Trails Update

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides introduced Jim Harriott, Laurie Hall, and Craig Brashier of CHW Professional Consultants to provide a presentation [on file] of the Urban Trails Master Plan. A conversation ensued regarding residential area concepts, commercial area shared streets, and trail types.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the project continue forward as planned, and more detailed information would be provided at an upcoming Council Briefing.

Committee Assignment Report

Mayor Hoffman referenced the upcoming Pension Board interviews. She suggested only Pension Board applicants should be interviewed next week, and any other applicants for other Boards could be interviewed at a later date. It was the consensus of the Council to keep the upcoming Pension interviews separate from other board interviews.

Future Briefing Topics

None.

The Briefing adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

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Approved:


Cory Nichols, Mayor pro-tem

Date:

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