

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 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 led by Girl Scout Troup 64003.

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, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, 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:

- Regular City Council Meeting held on February 7, 2022
- Council Briefing held on February 14, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding congratulated the Fletcher Girls Soccer Team on advancing to the State 6A Championships. She said the Seawalk Music Festival would be held on February 26 and 27, 2022, at the Seawalk Pavilion.

Council Member Dumont thanked the Girl Scouts for a job well done on the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Meza also noted a great job by the Girl Scouts. He mentioned a recent house fire where he heard someone had entered the engulfed house to save lives. He asked for help identifying the individual to be thanked for their service.

Mayor Hoffman reminded the public paid parking program would resume the weekend of March 11. She said Jacksonville Beach residents will continue to receive free parking but must pre-register through the City's website.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

- Shandy Thompson, 522 3rd Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the lack of lighting at Wingate Park for the girls lacrosse players' practice and also how she hoped the Jacksonville Beach Lifeguard summer camp program would be brought back.

Mayor Hoffman read the following comment she had provided to the Beaches Leader regarding the VLSC (Volunteer Life Saving Corps), "The City of Jacksonville Beach has had a long-standing relationship with the Volunteer Life Saving Corps. However, the findings of a recent Department of Labor investigation have prompted the City administration to re-evaluate the relationship and the separation between the employees of the Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue and the volunteers of the Corps. Discussions are ongoing with the two bodies, but it is my sincere hope the VLSC and the City can continue this relationship even though it may look different in the future. All organizations need to evolve to best meet the needs of those they serve, and I look forward to seeing what a future partnership may look like."

The following spoke regarding the VLSC:

- Tim Saggau President of the Board of Directors of the VLSC
- Charles Bond, past President of the Board of Directors of the VLSC
- Maurice Rudolph, past President of the Board of Directors of the VLSC and former Northeast Florida American Red Cross Chairman
- Michelle Barnett, Attorney representing the VLSC

Additional speakers regarding the VLSC:

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| • Mickey Coda | • Mark Muraski | • Dr. Benjamin Hedstrom |
| • Matthew Lydon | • Ross Ghiotto | • Bradley Langenberg |
| • Kurtis Loftus | • Norman Rountree | • Corrine Bylund |
| • Thomas Cassaro | • Sally Deming | • Michael Hillegass |
| • Chris Warren | • Rick Beaver | • Trent Dalldorf |
| • Kris Jolly | • Tony Wright | • Aaron Skipper |
| • Bob O'Neill | • Neil Powell | • James (Randy) McNeal |
| • David Bew | • Scott White | • John Atkins |
| • Phillips Eddins | • Rick Foster | • Tom Byerly |
| • Brian Murphy | • Wayne Chattaway | • Andrew Altee |
| • Joe Weisflog | • Cory Wright | • Jimi Palmer |
| • Christopher Saggau | • Jake Chrisman | • William "Ed" Turner |
| • Dylan Beaver | • Phil Ghiotto | • Bandi Morford |
| • Timothy Kline | • Richard W. Smythe III | • Miranda Powell |
| • Michael Atkins | • Jim Emery | |
| | • Yves Messinese | |

The following submitted speaker cards regarding the VLSC but did not wish to speak:

- Bonnie Donovan
- Courtney McCaughey
- Thomas McCaughey
- Lolly Atkins

Mayor Hoffman called for a recess at 8:15 P.M.

The meeting resumed at 8:23 P.M.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items*

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item A Accept/Reject the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of January 2022

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett noted she was available to answer any questions.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of January 2022.

Discussion: None.

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

Item B Authorize elected officials to attend the Leadership Academy I, March 11-12, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South; and

Authorize elected officials to attend the Leadership Academy II, December 2-3, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South; and

Authorize elected officials to attend the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) II training on April 29-30, 2022, at the Hilton Cocoa Beach or on September 16-17, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Fort Myers Estero; and

Authorize elected officials to attend the FLC Annual Conference, August 11-13, 2022, at the Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood; and

Authorize elected officials to attend the FLC Legislative Conference, November 29 – December 2, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos requested to do all the authorizations for Council training and travel at one time.

Mayor Hoffman asked if anyone was interested in attending the Leadership Academy I in March. Ms. Dumont stated she would like to attend.

Mayor Hoffman asked if anyone was interested in attending the Leadership Academy 2 in December. Ms. Dumont stated she would like to attend.

Mayor Hoffman asked if anyone was interested in attending IEMO II in April or September. Mr. Janson, Mr. Stokes, and Mr. Meza stated they were interested in attending.

Mayor Hoffman asked if anyone was interested in attending the FLC (Florida League of Cities) Annual Conference in August. Mayor Hoffman, Mr. Meza, Ms. Dumont, Mr. Nichols, Ms. Golding, and Mr. Stokes stated they were interested in attending.

Mayor Hoffman asked if anyone was interested in attending the FLC Legislative Conference in November. Mr. Nichols, Ms. Golding, Mr. Meza, and Mr. Stokes stated they were interested in attending.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to authorize Council Member Dumont to attend the Leadership Academy I, March 11-12, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South; and authorize Council Member Dumont to attend Leadership Academy II, December 2-3, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South; and authorize Council Members Nichols, Meza, Janson, and Stokes to attend the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) II training on either April 29-30, 2022, at the Hilton Cocoa Beach or on September 16-17, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Fort Myers Estero; and authorize Council Members Golding, Nichols, Meza, Dumont, Stokes, and Mayor Hoffman to attend the FLC Annual Conference, August 11-13, 2022, at the Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood; and authorize Council Members Golding, Stokes, Meza, and Nichols to attend the FLC Legislative Conference, November 29 – December 2, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South.

Discussion: None.

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

Item C **Reappoint Marvin DuPree to a new two-year term as a Council-appointed member of the Police Officers' Pension Board with the term expiring March 31, 2024; and**

Nominate Rudy Dean or D. Lance Huish to a new two-year term as Council appointed member of the Police Officers' Pension Board, with the term expiring March 31, 2024

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to reappoint Marvin DuPree to a new two-year term as a Council-appointed member of the Police Officers' Pension Board, with the term expiring March 31, 2024.

Discussion: None.

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

Mayor Hoffman opened the floor for nominations for the Police Officers' Pension Board.

Mr. Janson nominated D. Lance Huish.

Mayor Hoffman nominated Rudy Dean.

Mayor Hoffman closed the floor for nominations.

Discussion: Mayor Hoffman noted Mr. Dean already had an affiliation with the Police Department. Mr. Huish could easily be appointed to the Firefighters' Pension Board with the number of vacancies.

Ms. Golding concurred with Mayor Hoffman.

Roll Call Vote: Dean – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Hoffman
Huish – Janson
Rudy Dean was appointed to the Police Officers' Pension Board with the term expiring March 31, 2024, by a 6-1 vote.

Item D **Reappoint Gaylord Candler to a new two-year term as a Council-appointed member of the Firefighters' Pension Board with the term expiring March 31, 2024; and**

Nominate Rudy Dean or D. Lance Huish to a new two-year term as Council appointed member of the Firefighters' Pension Board, with the term expiring March 31, 2024

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to reappoint Gaylord Candler to a new two-year term as a Council-appointed member of the Firefighters' Pension Board, with the term expiring March 31, 2024.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Ms. Golding, to appoint D. Lance Huish to a new two-year term as Council-appointed member of the Firefighters' Pension Board, with the term expiring March 31, 2024.

Discussion: None.

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

Item E **Approve/Disapprove a Cost Share/Allocation Agreement with Atkins Builders, Inc., for public right-of-way improvements to connect Gordon Avenue and 21st Avenue South for an amount not to exceed \$128,626**

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron reviewed the Atkins property development. He noted the cost share would be to continue the road. He said a sewer line needed to be re-laid as part of this project.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve a Cost Share/Allocation Agreement with Atkins Builders, Inc., for public right-of-way improvements to connect Gordon Avenue and 21st Avenue South for an amount not to exceed \$128,626.

Discussion: None.

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

Item F **Award/Reject RFP No. 04-2021 Design-Build Contract for Transmission Line Repair to Burns & McDonnell and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the final contract**

Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam described the process for the transmission line repair.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to award RFP No. 04-2021 Design-Build Contract for Transmission Line Repair to Burns & McDonnell and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the final contract.

Discussion: None.

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

Item G Award/Reject RFP No. 08-2021 Installation of Underground Infrastructure to Heart Utilities of Jacksonville, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the final contract

Mr. Putnam said they only received one bid, but it was the same company that completed work in previous years.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to award RFP No. 08-2021 Installation of Underground Infrastructure to Heart Utilities of Jacksonville, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the final contract.

Discussion: None.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Item A Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2103-2022 extending the contract with Lewis, Longman, & Walker for Special Magistrate services

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2103-2022 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, 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 FOR A ONE YEAR TERM; 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, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2103-2022, extending the contract with Lewis, Longman, & Walker for Special Magistrate services.

Discussion: None.

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

ORDINANCES

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2022-8171 regarding amendments to the Charter of the City of Jacksonville Beach on the first reading and schedule a second reading for March 7, 2022

Mr. Staffopoulos said Attorney Cliff Shepard had drafted the amendments. He noted there were 16 drafted ballot initiatives. He said it would be helpful to narrow down which of the items the Council was interested in moving forward with for the November ballot.

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance 2022-8171 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH; PROVIDING BALLOT TITLES, SUMMARIES AND TEXT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR APPROVED AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.”

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. 2022-8171.”

Public Hearing:

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-8171.

No one came forward to speak on the ordinance. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-8171 regarding amendments to the Charter of the City of Jacksonville Beach on the first reading and schedule a second reading for March 7, 2022.

Discussion: Mr. Shepard addressed the concern regarding the passing of two competing Charter referendums and how the conflict would be dealt with. He noted there would be additional proposed language added based on information referenced in an email from Ms. Golding [on file].

The Council Members shared their concerns and priorities regarding the ballot initiatives.

Mr. Shepard explained it would be easier to keep all of the ballot questions and then strike the eliminated questions on the second reading rather than eliminate tonight and then add back on the second reading.

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

Item B **Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2022-8172 amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-51 "Enacting clause" on the first reading and schedule a second reading for March 7, 2022**

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Ordinance 2022-8172 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2022-8172 amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-51 "Enacting clause" on the first reading and schedule a second reading for March 7, 2022.”

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. 2022-8172.”

Public Hearing:

No one came forward to speak on the ordinance. Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-8172 amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-51 "Enacting clause" on the first reading and schedule a second reading for March 7, 2022.

Discussion: City Attorney Sandra Robinson noted this would also require a change in the Charter.

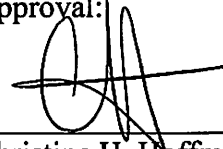
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stokes, Dumont, Golding, Janson, Meza, Nichols, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

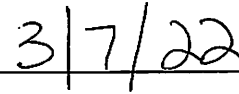
Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval:

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

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

A handwritten date '3/7/22' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.