

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Mayor Hoffman noted the passing of Richard Riley, who had a lifelong commitment to the Volunteer Life Saving Corps. She requested a moment of silence.

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, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Police Chief Gene Paul Smith, 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 23, 2022
- Council Briefing held on February 28, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding acknowledged the passing of resident Jim Overby, an active community member. She congratulated the Fletcher Girls Soccer Team for their 6A State Championship win. She shared the next Citizens Police Academy Class would run April 7 through June 30, 2022.

Mayor Hoffman also congratulated the Fletcher Girls Soccer Team. She noted the team would have a premiere spot in the Opening of the Beaches parade on April 24, 2022.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

The following spoke in support of the VLSC (Volunteer Life Saving Corps):

- Tim Saggau, 1009 Hagler Drive, Neptune Beach, President of the Board of Directors of the VLSC, provided an overview of the Department of Labor situation.
- Maurice Rudolph, 869 Marshside Court, Jacksonville Beach

The following submitted a speaker card in support of the VLSC but did not wish to speak:

- Charles Bond, 2032 Duna Vista Court, Atlantic Beach

*Note: Mayor Hoffman allowed additional public comment upon receipt of speaker cards after Courtesy of the Floor passed. See page 3 of minutes.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items*

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item A Accept/Reject the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett noted the City remained in good financial standing. She introduced auditors Ryan Tucker and Megan Camp from Purvis Gray and Company.

Mr. Tucker provided an overview of the auditing process and highlighted the results [on file].

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued regarding the highlights of the audit, areas of improvement, and comparison to other municipalities' financial standing.

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

Item B Approve/Disapprove the Second Amendment to the Agreement with SP Plus for Parking Management Services

Ms. Gossett noted the original agreement did not specify the dates for the fourth year of the agreement, so the amendment was to specify those dates as March 11, 2022, to October 30, 2022.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement with SP Plus for Parking Management Services.

Discussion: None.

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

Item C Approve/Disapprove a Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Electric Smart Grid Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$41,896 for extended support and maintenance

Beaches Energy Services Electrical Engineering Project Supervisor Matt Seeley provided a brief overview of the agreement.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Electric Smart Grid Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$41,896 for extended support and maintenance.

Discussion:

Ms. Golding asked about the estimated operational timeline. Mr. Seeley responded it would be operational by June 1, 2022.

Mayor Hoffman noted she was pleased some previous issues were fixed before pursuing this item.

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

Item D Approve/Disapprove the purchase of replacement vehicles for the Police Department in FY2022

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith noted this was an opportunity to stabilize the fleet.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for the Police Department in FY2022.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued regarding the vehicle production and delivery cycle and a wrap for the recruiter's vehicle.

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

RESOLUTIONS *No items*

*Mayor Hoffman noted several speaker cards were submitted after Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors concluded, but she would allow the comments.

- Nicole Crosby, 1169 Neck Road, Ponte Vedra, spoke on balloon debris and its environmental impact.

The following submitted speaker cards regarding balloon debris but did not speak:

- Elizabeth Filippelli, 12996 Chets Creek Drive South, Jacksonville
- Kevin Brown, 1833 Kings Court, Jacksonville
- Nicole de Venage, PO Box 331101, Atlantic Beach

ORDINANCES

Item A Approve/Disapprove Ordinance No. 2022-8171 regarding amendments to the Charter of the City of Jacksonville Beach

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 second reading. I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-8171."

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 approve Ordinance No. 2022-8171 regarding amendments to the Charter of the City of Jacksonville Beach on the second reading.

Discussion:

Attorney Cliff Shepard stated an unresolved issue from the previous meeting was Section 22, subsection (c). Also, he noted the Council should narrow the questions for the ballot if desired.

A discussion ensued regarding the number of electors required to initiate a petition, the percentage of electors required to sign a petition, the verification of voter signatures, and the number of questions to add to the ballot.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Nichols, for 10 signatures to initiate a petition and a minimum of 20 percent of the electors to sign the petition.

Discussion: Ms. Dumont stated she would support 10 percent of electors to sign a petition.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Mr. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Meza, to amend the motion to require a minimum of 15 percent of the electors to sign the petition.

Discussion:

Further discussion ensued regarding the percentage of electors required to sign a petition.

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

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion: Ayes – Stokes, Golding, Janson, Meza, Nichols, Mayor Hoffman
Nays - Dumont
The original motion passed 6-1, as amended.

Mayor Hoffman suggested the Council discuss the frequency of the charter review.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Janson, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to conduct a Charter Review once every five years.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued regarding the average frequency of charter reviews among other cities.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Mr. Stokes, seconded by Ms. Dumont, to amend the motion to conduct a Charter Review once every seven years.

Discussion:

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos reminded the Council of other significant initiatives they would have in the future, including a Comprehensive Plan review and a Land Development Code overhaul. He recommended seven years.

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

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion: Ayes – Golding, Janson, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Dumont, Mayor Hoffman
The original motion passed unanimously, as amended.

Mr. Shepard reviewed the option of adding subsection (c), a provision for conflicting measures adopted or approved to Section 22.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding, seconded by Ms. Dumont, to amend the ordinance to add subsection (c) to Section 22.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued about conflicts which could occur.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Golding, Dumont
Nays – Janson, Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Mayor Hoffman
The motion failed 5-2.

Roll Call Vote on Original Main Motion, as Amended: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Golding, Janson, Mayor Hoffman
Nays – Dumont
The motion passed 6-1, as amended.

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 second reading

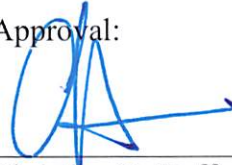
City Attorney Sandra Robinson asked for the item to be removed from the agenda. She noted the amendment could not take place before the Charter was changed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval:



Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date: 3/21/22