

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Mayor Hoffman asked everyone to keep the Jacksonville Beach families of Garrett Opper and Michael Stewart in their prayers.

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:	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson	Fernando Meza
	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes	Georgette Dumont (absent)

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, 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 April 18, 2022
- Council Briefing held on April 25, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding acknowledged the retirement of Police Commander Mark Evans and thanked him for his service.

Council Member Meza said he and Council Member Janson attended training by the Florida League of Cities. He congratulated Commander Evans and thanked him for his service. He also congratulated the new Commander [Thomas Bingham].

Mayor Hoffman thanked the Police Department for partnering with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Project Opioid for Drug Take Back Day. She noted they collected 61 pounds of medication. She mentioned sea turtle nesting season began on May 1st, and a Police Memorial Ceremony would be held on May 4, 2022. She also mentioned the May 6, 2022 Moonlight Movie would be "The Goonies."

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Police Chief Gene Paul Smith spoke on behalf of the City's Leadership Team and read a statement [on file] which acknowledged the leadership of City Manager Mike Staffopoulos and City Attorney Sandra Robinson.

The following spoke about the Volunteer Life Saving Corps:

- Chris Soulby, 990 Park Side Drive, Atlantic Beach
- Demian Harris, 11887 Arbor Lake Drive, Jacksonville
- Mikey Atkins, 1805 Bartram Circle West, Jacksonville
- April Howard, 29 San Pablo Circle South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about privacy fencing.
- Cheri Jones, 27 San Pablo Circle South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about privacy fencing.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items*

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

Item A **Appoint, as a ministerial act, John Gosztyla to serve as fifth member on the Police Officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to appoint, as a ministerial act, John Gosztyla to serve as fifth member on the Police Officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Discussion: *None*

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

Item B **Appoint, as a ministerial act, Deborah White to serve as fifth member on the Firefighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to appoint, as a ministerial act, Deborah White to serve as fifth member on the Firefighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Discussion: *None*

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

Item C **Award/Reject Bid No. 2122-08 PCP Digester Tank, Air Piping and Stairway Modifications to PBM Constructors, Inc., in the amount not to exceed**

\$1,229,206; and a construction administration services agreement to Four Waters Engineering, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$29,492

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron reviewed the bid.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to award Bid No. 2122-08 PCP Digester Tank, Air Piping and Stairway Modifications to PBM Constructors, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$1,229,206; and a construction administration services agreement to Four Waters Engineering, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$29,492.

Discussion:

Mr. Barron explained the project, the emergency work done to date, and described the next steps.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Item A Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2108-2022 adopting the Remote Participation Policy

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2108-2022 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY; 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. 2108-2022 adopting the remote participation policy.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued regarding the vagueness of Section 3 and the cause of absence.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Ms. Golding to amend Section 5 to add “except upon good cause shown.”
The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

A discussion ensued regarding potential abuse of the policy.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Janson, to remove conditions 3. and 4. under Section 3.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued regarding the cause of absence and clarifying condition 3.

City Attorney Sandra Robinson suggested looking at how condition 3. was worded in conjunction with condition 1. She agreed the Council should further restrict the language or refine it if there was evidence of abuse of the policy. She confirmed Florida law permits a member to attend and vote remotely without the policy in place.

Roll Call Vote on Amended Motion: Ayes – Nichols, Janson,
Nays – Stokes, Golding, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
The amended motion failed 4-2.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued about health-related matters and the liability of potential accidents associated with operating a vehicle while remotely participating in a City Council meeting.

Ms. Robinson clarified the example was if a vehicle was stuck in traffic and not moving for a prolonged period of time.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion: Ayes –Stokes, Golding, Meza, Mayor Hoffman
Nays – Janson, Nichols
The original motion passed 4-2.

ORDINANCES: *No items*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval


Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

5/15/2022