

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, May 16, 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.

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

Also present were: City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Sandra Robinson, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Parks and Recreation Office Administrator Molly Alleger, City Clerk Sheri Gosselin, and Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd.

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 May 2, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Golding announced Beaches Watch would hold a hurricane preparedness meeting on June 1, 2022, at the Beaches Branch Library.

Council Member Dumont noted the Jacksonville Beach Police Honor Guard was in Washington, D.C. to attend Peace Service Officers' Week, where Sargent Dan Watts' name was inscribed in the memorial wall. She said the first week of May was Public Service Recognition Week and she thanked and recognized the City Staff for their work.

Mayor Hoffman read a statement [on file] in response to the online activities related to the City and the VLSC (Volunteer Life Saving Corps).

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Hoffman extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Jim Emery, 1764 Maritime Oak Drive, Atlantic Beach, spoke about the VLSC.
- Chuck McCue, 1908 3rd Street, Neptune Beach, spoke about the VLSC.

- Tony Davenport, 55 Tallwood Road, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about flooding on his property.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Item A Presentation by the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Staff on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Clark Letter, Director of Planning and Analytics of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), made a presentation on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was relevant to the Beaches community [on file]. Mr. Letter noted a virtual public meeting would be held on May 24, 2022.

A brief discussion ensued about the projects and the Complete Streets initiative.

Item B Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week

Mayor Hoffman read and presented the proclamation for National Safe Boating Week to Elizabeth Filippelli, Heath Brockwell and Andy Koenig of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 1404.

Item C Citizen Information Academy Graduation

Mayor Hoffman recognized the inaugural Citizen Information Academy program. City Clerk Sheri Gosselin announced the graduates and Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd presented each with a certificate of completion. Graduates in attendance were Alan Mosley, Angela Borasky, Angela Williams, Ann Moody, Mayor Christine Hoffman, Georgette Dumont, Gary Paetau, Jim Sorrell, Joan Byrd, John Moreland, Lauren Loria, Maira Miller, Margaret Warren, Margo Moehring, Sandy Golding, Sue Kyle, Travis Vargo.

CITY CLERK: *No items*

CITY MANAGER:

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

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

Discussion: *None*

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

Item B Appoint Justin Lerman to fill the vacant unexpired Regular Member term on the Planning Commission, with a term expiring date of December 31, 2024; and

Appoint Emily Stouffer to fill the unexpired 1st Alternate term on the Planning Commission, with a term expiring date of December 31, 2024; and

Nominate and appoint a new 2nd Alternate to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Commission, with a term expiring date of December 31, 2023.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to appoint Justin Lerman to fill the vacant unexpired Regular Member term on the Planning Commission, with a term expiring date of December 31, 2024.

Discussion: *None*

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

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to appoint Emily Stouffer to fill the unexpired 1st Alternate term on the Planning Commission, with a term expiring date of December 31, 2024.

Discussion: *None*

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

Mayor Hoffman noted they had 10 applications to consider for the 2nd Alternate position. She opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Janson nominated Nicholas Andrews as 2nd Alternate. Ms. Golding stated she intended to nominate Mr. Andrews as well.

Mayor Hoffman stated a motion was not needed since there was only one nomination. City Attorney Sandra Robinson confirmed a motion was not needed.

Discussion: *None*

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

Mr. Andrews was appointed to fill the unexpired 2nd Alternate term on the Planning Commission with a term expiring date of December 31, 2023.

Item C Approve/Disapprove the advanced purchase of two vehicles budgeted in FY2023 of current Capital Improvement Plan for Beaches Energy Services

Director of Beaches Energy Allen Putnam explained the reason for the request to approve the vehicles so far in advance was supply issues and long lead times.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the advanced purchase of two vehicles budgeted in FY2023 of current Capital Improvement Plan for Beaches Energy Services.

Discussion: *None*

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

Item D **Approve/Disapprove the Purchase of Natural Gas Supply from Florida Gas Utility and Declare Florida Gas Utility the Sole Source Supplier for the City's Natural Gas Utility**

Mr. Putnam explained details of the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the Purchase of Natural Gas Supply from Florida Gas Utility and Declare Florida Gas Utility the Sole Source Supplier for the City's Natural Gas Utility.

Discussion: *None*

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

Item E **Approve/Disapprove the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair to be Completed by G&H Underground for an amount not to exceed \$37,664**

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron explained details of the project.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair to be completed by G&H Underground for an amount not to exceed \$37,664.

Discussion:

Mr. Barron explained what caused the damage.

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

Item F **Approve/Disapprove the emergency purchase of two Sequential Batch Processors Mixers for the Pollution Control Plant from Carter & VerPlanck in the amount of \$57,334 and declare Carter & VerPlanck as a Sole Source Provider for future purchases**

Mr. Barron explained details of the item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to approve the emergency purchase of two Sequential Batch Processors Mixers for the Pollution Control Plant from Carter & VerPlanck in the amount of \$57,334 and declare Carter & VerPlanck as a Sole Source Provider for future purchases.

Discussion: *None*

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

RESOLUTIONS

Item A **Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2111-2022 approving applications for Honorary Street Name Designations**

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2111-2022 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATIONS AND HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION SIGN LOCATIONS FOR FALLEN WARTIME MILITARY VETERANS UNDER THE HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION POLICY; AUTHORIZING SIGN INSTALLATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Parks and Recreation Office Administrator Molly Alleger noted there were three applications to consider for approval. The applications were for Richmond “Ricky” Luce, Asbury R. Kelly, and William “Ray” Gast. If approved, she confirmed the signage could be completed by Memorial Day (May 30, 2022).

Public Hearing:

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 2111-2022.

The following spoke in support of the Resolution:

- Kelsey McClanahan, 9809 Tiffany Avenue, Jacksonville
- Lenny Jevic, 239 Seminole Road, Atlantic Beach

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2111-2022, approving applications for Honorary Street Name Designations.

Discussion: *None*

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

Item B Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2112-2022 for future consideration of the abandonment of the City of Jacksonville Beach right-of-way

Mayor Hoffman requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2112-2022 by title only, whereupon Ms. Gosselin read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO CLOSE A PORTION OF A CERTAIN DESCRIBED CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING ADOPTION OF RECITALS AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION, IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, SAVINGS CLAUSE, SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland presented an overview of the application and staff comments. She noted both Beaches Energy and Public Works recommended disapproval of the application.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 2122-2022.

The following spoke in support of the Resolution:

- Alex Sifakis, 7563 Philips Highway, Jacksonville
- Zach Miller, 3203 Old Barn Court, Ponte Vedra Beach, [submitted handout - on file]
- Chuck Kennedy, 12375 Shore Acres Drive, Jacksonville, [submitted handout - on file]

The following spoke in opposition to the Resolution:

- Mary Phillips, 934 10th Street North, Jacksonville Beach
- Tony Komarek, 533 11th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach
- Robin Smith, 2706 Colonies Drive, Jacksonville Beach

The following did not speak, but were opposed to the Resolution:

- Roger Whiting, 1103 2nd Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach
- Trey Phillips, 934 10th Street North, Jacksonville Beach

Ms. Ireland clarified the application request was to vacate a portion of the right-of-way. She confirmed the road would remain open.

Mayor Hoffman closed the public hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Golding, to adopt Resolution No. 2112-2022 for future consideration of the abandonment of the City of Jacksonville Beach right-of-way.

Discussion:

A discussion ensued about utilities, right-of-ways, HOAs, density, parking, and concern about the use of City property for private development. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Miller responded to questions from Council Members related to handouts submitted.

Mr. Barron reviewed the two criteria relating to applications for vacating easements.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Meza to postpone indefinitely.
The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

A discussion ensued about the process timeline. Ms. Ireland reviewed the next steps for the application if the Resolution was approved. She clarified it would need to be approved via Ordinance.

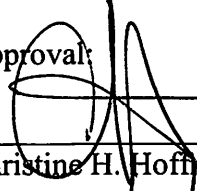
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Meza, Nichols, Stokes, Janson
Nays – Dumont, Golding, Mayor Hoffman
The motion passed 4-3.

ORDINANCES: *No items*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Submitted by: Sheri Gosselin
City Clerk

Approval: 

Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR
Date: 6/6/22