

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 and Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Auditor Selection Committee

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett stated the Florida legislature made significant changes to Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes regarding auditor selection procedures. These changes now required local governments to establish an auditor selection committee whose primary purpose was to assist the governing body in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial statement audit.

Ms. Gossett reviewed the following:

- Auditor Selection Committee Composition
- Committee Responsibility
- Committee Terms
- Options for selecting members of the Auditor Selection Committee

The Council's consensus was to select two members of the City Council and one qualified member of the public possessing the relevant experience to serve as members of the Auditor Selection Committee.

Council Members Dan Janson and Chet Stokes volunteered to be on the committee. Ms. Gossett stated a resolution for adoption would be presented at an upcoming Council meeting to establish the Auditor Selection Committee formally.

Donna Marathon

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the City was recently approached by representatives for the Donna Foundation about the City hosting the 15th Anniversary run in February 2022. The Foundation would use the Seawalk Pavilion and Latham Plaza areas as the Athlete's Village with supporting vendors, sponsors, and participant tents.

Mr. Staffopoulos said the Parks and Recreation Department would require completion of a special event application.

The consensus of the Council was to have the Donna Foundation submit a special event application for consideration.

US Bicycle Route 1 (USBR 1)

Mr. Staffopoulos stated there was a national effort through the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to construct bicycle routes through each state in the U.S. AASHTO designated a corridor through Florida as United States Bike Route 1 (USBR 1), which travels from Georgia to Key West. The route goes through the beaches community, including Jacksonville Beach.

Mr. Staffopoulos said the City was recently contacted by a representative for Adventure Cycling Association who requested the City send communication for the designation of USBR 1 through our community to the State Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator for the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation).

The consensus of the Council was for the City to send communication in support of the proposed route for USBR 1 through Jacksonville Beach.

Consideration of City Name Change

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the City Council was currently reviewing the City Charter. Sections 1 through 3 were reviewed on April 22, 2021. During the review, Council noted Section 1 (Incorporation and corporate powers) refers to the City's official name for political and corporate purposes. The Council requested this item be brought back for separate, further discussion and consideration.

Conversation ensued regarding the history of the City's naming and options for possible name changes.

The consensus of the Council was to survey the City's residents regarding a possible name change for the City of Jacksonville Beach. Once the survey is complete, staff would bring the results back to Council for review.

Committee Assignment Report

Mr. Stokes stated he received updated information regarding the "Blue Zone" program executive summary report. Mr. Stokes advised the summary report could be found online at www.bluezone.com and suggested the Council review the summary.

Mr. Janson stated he attended his first Pension Board meeting and stated the City's Pension is well funded.

Mayor Hoffman stated she held another Downtown business owner meeting and Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides spoke about upcoming events and festivals. Ms. Hoffman stated

the next meeting would be held June 29, 2021, and she planned to have a representative from the Mission House speak to local downtown businesses.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated four elected officials and himself recently attended the Florida League of Cities Policy Committee meetings. Mr. Nichols advised while at the Florida League of Cities Committee meeting, he spoke with the Mayor of the Town of Davie regarding insight on the process of a City Council absorbing the responsibilities of a Community Redevelopment Agency.

Future Briefing Topics

Mr. Stokes stated a citizen informed him of a sustainability project concerning trash in local waterways. Mr. Stokes stated he would forward a PowerPoint with pictures to the Council for review.

Ms. Golding said she received an update regarding the Penman Road project. Ms. Golding advised the contracts had not been finalized. Ms. Golding said she was informed community input would be accepted after the design of the project was complete. Ms. Golding further advised she believed the community input should be accepted before the project design was complete. Mr. Nichols stated he would bring up Ms. Golding's concern at a meeting he had scheduled.

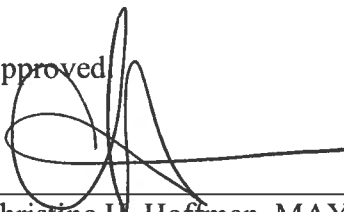
Other Topics

Mr. Staffopoulos reminded Council about the virtual interviews scheduled for June 16, 2021, for the City Attorney candidates. Mr. Staffopoulos stated an item would be on the June 21, 2021, City Council meeting agenda to allow the Council time to provide their input on the interviews and discuss the next steps of the interview process.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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Approved


Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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