
The Council Briefing began at 6:15 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Lee Buck Keith Doherty (*absent*) Christine Hoffman
Bruce Thomason Phil Vogelsang Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, Chief Financial Officer Karen Nelson, and Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was to update the Council Members on projects including the following items:

City Manager

Tennis Court Fees

Mr. Forbes reported that at the last City Council meeting, there were concerns expressed regarding the tennis court fees and court availability. Mr. Forbes stated he and Director of Parks and Recreation, Jason Phitides, believe the fees are accurate in terms of market value, and the tennis court availability is good. Mr. Forbes stated there are no recommended changes at this time.

Turf Field

Mr. Forbes stated the installation of the new turf for the multipurpose field at South Beach Park has a pending permit from St. John's River Water Management District. An updated survey is required to complete the permit process. Mr. Forbes stated the construction would take up to six weeks to complete once the permit is obtained.

Splash Pad

Mr. Forbes stated that purchase orders had been issued to the contractors and vendors for the renovations for the splash pad at South Beach Park. A construction-planning meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2018. The new splash pad is scheduled to open by Memorial Day.

Fitness Stations:

Mr. Forbes stated there would be an item on an upcoming City Council agenda regarding a plan to replace seven of the eleven fitness stations along the walking trail at South Beach Park. The stations would include

safety fall zones and would be ADA accessible. Mr. Forbes reported the Community Redevelopment Agency has already approved the funding for the purchase.

Skate Park

Mr. Forbes explained that Team Pain, the contractor [and designer] for the Skate Park, conducted the annual inspection of the Skate Park located at South Beach Park. Minor repairs were made. The contractor proposed an estimate of \$8,500 for the annual maintenance costs for the Skate Park. Mr. Phitides stated he would include the costs with his upcoming budget.

Golf Course

Mr. Phitides stated the construction of the golf course has begun and is going well. The first areas of the course to be worked on are holes # 2-7, 12, 13 and 14. Mr. Phitides stated the golf course is still going through the permit process for re-routing the water from the lake at hole # 8.

Mr. Phitides reported the previously approved pump station would be delivered within the next two weeks.

Mr. Forbes stated the City would advertise for a new restaurant to fill the currently vacant space. The City is looking for a true restaurant to fill the spot, *servicing dinner and possibly becoming a destination place*. They would like to consider possibly expanding the area and having outdoor seating.

Easter Egg Hunt

Mr. Forbes stated he would be moving this year's Easter Egg Hunt event to the golf course from the multipurpose field at South Beach Park, which would most likely be under construction.

Tractor donation from the Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve

Mr. Phitides explained the grounds crews of the Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve donated a John Deere tractor to the City of Jacksonville Beach. Mr. Phitides stated a mechanic inspected the tractor and saw no mechanical issues. This tractor will be used at the City's golf course.

Jacksonville Housing Authority

Mr. Forbes stated he would be contacting Mr. Fred McKinnies, President, and CEO of the Jacksonville Housing Authority, inviting him to the next City Council meeting to provide an update regarding replacing some of the public housing in South Jacksonville Beach.

Mayor Latham stated due to the lack of communication and cooperation from the Jacksonville Housing Authority and letters from citizens stating they were told by the Housing Authority staff that there were no agendas, meetings minutes or other information available to review. Mayor Latham may be contacting the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Lenny Curry.

Other Announcements

Mr. Forbes announced starting April 1, 2018, Chief Financial Officer, Karen Nelson would be promoted to Deputy City Manager. Financial Business Analyst, Michael Nadeau would be promoted to Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Forbes stated the previously discussed *over hire* position of Procurement Associate [Property and Procurement division] would no longer be an *over hire*. Also, the City would be hiring an Assistant Ocean Rescue Supervisor [Ocean Rescue division]. Both positions would have minimal effect on the budget.

The briefing adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 3/5/2018