

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, September 21, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charlie Latham called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

The invocation was given by Council Member Vogelsang; followed by the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: William C. Latham

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

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman and passed unanimously, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Special City Council Meeting held September 3, 2015
- Regular City Council Meeting held September 8, 2015
- Special City Council Meeting held September 14, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hoffman

- Ms. Hoffman announced the Beaches Art Fest would be held on October 3, 2015, at the Beaches Museum and History Park.

Council Member Doherty

- Mr. Doherty reported he would be a guest judge at the Strut Your Mutt charity event on September 26, 2015.

Council Member Wilson

- Ms. Wilson discussed her recent trip in which she was flown from the Mayport Naval Station to aboard the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier.

Council Member Thomason

- Mr. Thomason expressed his appreciation to the Jacksonville Beach Police Department officers, civilian employees, Citizen on Patrol and members of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association for doing an excellent job.

Mayor Latham

- Mayor Latham reported the Council finalized the FY 2015-16 Budget on Monday, September 14, 2015. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to City Manager George Forbes, Chief Financial Officer Karen Nelson and all Department and Division Heads for all their hard work on the budgeting process.
- He congratulated the Native Sun, Jacksonville Beach location, for its grand opening on September 19, 2015.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

(a) Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Mayor Latham presented a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Chief Financial Officer Karen Nelson and Assistant Finance/Budget Officer Ashlie Gossett. He reported that the City has received the award 22 consecutive years.

(b) Proclamation Presentation - International Thank a Police Officer Day

Mayor Latham presented a Proclamation for International Thank a Police Officer Day to the Jacksonville Beach Police Department, civilian employees, members of the Citizen on Patrol and the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association.

CITY CLERK:

CITY MANAGER:

(a) Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of August 2015

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of August 2015 as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Doherty, Hoffman, Thomason, Vogelsang, Wilson, and Mayor Latham. The motion carried.

(b) Approve the Sea & Sky Spectacular Air Show Special Event Permit

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the Sea & Sky Spectacular Air Show Special Event Permit as described in the Memorandum by the Chief of Police dated September 15, 2015.

Mr. Forbes reported that representatives from the U.S. Navy and the City of Jacksonville were in attendance.

Police Chief Pat Dooley, discussed the plans for the Sea & Sky Spectacular Air Show event [slides on file]. He discussed the logistics, safety and security, staging areas, transportation, food/beverage/alcohol vendor locations, event production and hours, road closures, publicity, manpower and pedestrian safety. He reported that bicycles and skateboards would not be permitted in the event area. He advised that Public Works would be setting up wire cables at several locations for people to secure their bikes. He further reported there will be a public meeting on October 7th, 2015, at 2:00 P.M. at City Hall to inform the public of street closures and times. Also, the Police Department would be conducting several Reverse 911 calls to residents in the area of the event, notifying them of the street closures.

Council Member Thomason asked how the City was publicizing the Sea & Sky Spectacular Air Show to make the residents and businesses aware of what to expect during this event. Mr. Forbes responded they would be using the local media and possibly using the City's automated citizen notification system.

Commander Scott Campbell, Air Operations Officer, Naval Station Mayport, introduced himself and discussed his role in the Sea & Sky Spectacular Air Show event.

City of Jacksonville Special Events Coordinator Brent Fine introduced himself and expressed his gratitude to the City for their assistance with the Sea & Sky Spectacular Air Show event.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hoffman, Thomason, Vogelsang, Wilson, Doherty, and Mayor Latham. The motion carried.

(c) Approve a Two-Year Contract Extension with Jax Beach Festivals, Inc., for the Springing the Blues Festival

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize a two-year contract extension with Jax Beach Festivals, Inc., for the Springing the Blues Festival and authorize the City Manager and Mayor to execute the contract.

Mr. Forbes reported that Mr. Sam Veal has organized the Springing the Blues Festival for over twenty years. Mr. Veal has requested a two-year extension to his current contract with the City, which expires on December 31, 2015. If the Council approves this request, the term of the contract will be from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2017. The City would contribute \$8,000 per year to this event. No facility rental fees are charged for this event except event fencing. The facility's rental value is \$10,500.

Ms. Wilson acknowledged the success of the event over many years. She recognized Mr. Veal and expressed her gratitude for his efforts in organizing the Springing the Blues event. However, she asked that the \$8,000 contribution be removed from consideration, since the City would be contributing the \$10,500 value of the facility rental.

A substitute motion was proposed by Ms. Wilson to approve the two-year contract extension but remove the \$8,000 contribution from the City towards the event. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Further discussion ensued with Mr. Veal about the additional sources of funding of the Springing the Blues event, the advertising strategy, focus groups, and the benefits this event has brought to the Jacksonville Beach community.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Thomason, Vogelsang, Wilson, Doherty, Hoffman, and Mayor Latham. The motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

(a) Resolution No. 1953-2015

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1953-2015, by title only; whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA RELEASING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING A FIVE (5) FOOT WIDE NON-ACCESS EASEMENT RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 15, *GATES OF PONTE VEDRA UNIT 2* SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGE 9A OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve Resolution No. 1953-2015, abandoning a 5-foot wide non-access easement running along the westerly boundary line of Lot 15 in *The Gates of Ponte Vedra Unit 2* Subdivision

Mr. Forbes stated the non-access easement was originally required along 2nd Street South as a condition of plat approval for the Gates of Ponte Vedra Unit 2 subdivision. The easement was placed on various lots to prevent individual owners from using the then undeveloped 2nd Street right-of-way adjacent to their lots for vehicular access. 2nd Street South is now a paved road.

Council discussed at length the structure of the lot, access onto Ponte Vedra Boulevard, access onto 2nd Street, site plans for the property, enclosing property along Ponte Vedra Boulevard, possibly setting a precedent by approving the easement, and whether the City may have plans for use of the 5-foot easement.

Mr. Forbes explained this is a non-access easement that prohibits the property owner from having access onto 2nd Street from his property. The easement is on the owner's property. The easement is not City property. He also stated that he would have no objection to vacating this easement for another property owner that had a reasonable reason for access to 2nd Street.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Vogelsang, Doherty, Hoffman, Thomason and Mayor Latham
Nay - Wilson
The motion carried.

(b) RESOLUTION NO. 1952-2015

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1952-2015, by title only; whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution No. 1952-2015 authorizing the year-end budget adjustment.

Mr. Forbes discussed the year-end budget adjustments and explained the funding for the City's business software applications.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Wilson, Doherty, Hoffman, Thomason, Vogelsang, and Mayor Latham. The motion carried.

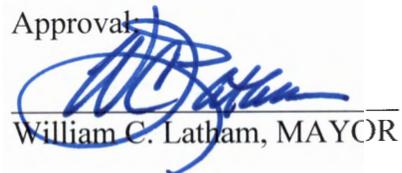
ORDINANCES:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval



William C. Latham, MAYOR

October 5, 2015

Date