



OPENING CEREMONIES

Council Member Vogelsang provided the Invocation, followed by the salute to the flag.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Latham called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mayor:	William C. Latham		
Council Members:	Keith Doherty (<i>Absent</i>)	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding
	Christine Hoffman	Cory Nichols	Phil Vogelsang

Also present was City Manager Mike Staffopoulos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, and passed unanimously, to approve the following minutes:

- Council Briefing held March 4, 2019
- Regular Council Meeting held March 4, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

- Donni Welch, 403 12th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke to bring attention to the problems with the stormwater drainage project construction around her residence. Ms. Welch addressed paving in the area and shaking from compaction equipment.
- William Aley, 805 16th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about access to the Intracoastal Waterway at [*the City of Jacksonville owned*] Mike McCue Park and boat ramp. Mr. Aley expressed concern about the lack of boat trailer parking and vehicles of Safe Harbor patrons taking boat trailer parking.

Mayor Latham stated Council was instituting a new procedure to discuss issues brought up during Courtesy of the Floor following the regular agenda.

- William Huff, 1205 14th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the lack of parking at the [*the City of Jacksonville owned*] boat ramp. Mr. Huff stated the illegal parking should be enforced.
- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, went over a handout [*on file*] he provided to Council with photos of the downtown area he believes need to be addressed, including maintenance of landscaping, signage, pavers, lighting, and transients.

- Gerhard Paetau, 725 Bonair Circle, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the need for maintenance of the black/yellow pads on the sidewalks at intersections, and the pavement, signage and pavement markings at street end zones.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Latham presented the Florida Department of Environmental Protection 2018 Plant Operations Excellence Award to Public Works Director David Millinor and employees from the Pollution Control Plant.

CITY CLERK

CITY MANAGER

Item #19-039 – Accept the monthly financial reports for the month of February 2019

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to accept the monthly financial reports for the month of February 2019.

Discussion: Assistant Finance Officer/Budget Office Ashlie Gossett answered questions from Council Member Dumont about the reports.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Mayor Latham.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #19-40 – Accept the independent auditors’ report on the general-purpose financial statements of the City of Jacksonville Beach for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the report takes a look at the City’s financials during a period of time and is audited by an outside firm as required by state statute. The report indicates the City is in good financial condition.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #19-041 – Approve the City Manager’s decision to appoint Ashlie K. Gossett to the position of Chief Financial Officer, effective March 19, 2019

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to approve the City Manager’s decision to appoint Ashlie K. Gossett to the position of Chief Financial Officer, effective March 19, 2019.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated as required by Charter, any appointment to the position of Chief Financial Officer the City Manager makes must be ratified and approved by the City Council. He also went over Ms. Gossett’s qualifications.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #19-042 – Award Bid Number 1819-03 for the purchase of pad mount switchgears

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, award Bid Number 1819-03 for the purchase of pad mount switchgears.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated pad mount switchgears is an essential part of the electrical infrastructure. He invited Electrical Engineer Jamison Parker and Electrical Engineer Project Supervisor Matt Seeley with Beaches Energy Services to present the item.

Mr. Parker explained pad mount switchgear is used for the underground electrical distribution. The bid was put out to take two of the units and combine them into one, resulting in cost savings. It also increases maintenance and operations flexibility and would increase reliability.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #19-043 – Award Bid Number 1819-05 for tree trimming and vegetation management

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to award Bid Number 1819-05 for tree trimming and vegetation management.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the portion of the utilities that are overhead require constant maintenance and tree trimming to ensure the reliable distribution of electrical power throughout our system and every other system in the state of Florida.

Mr. Parker stated four responses were received to the Bid. Trees LLC was the lowest responsive bidder. Beaches Energy Services is currently using Trees LLC under Emergency P.O.

Discussion: Mr. Vogelsang asked if Trees LLC is being used for regular City property tree maintenance. Mr. Parker stated he believes Trees LLC is exclusively used for electrical maintenance. Mr. Staffopoulos said he believes this same contractor is utilized by the Public Works Department, but the money would come from a different source because it is not being used for electrical services.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #19-044 – Approve the installation of 4” natural gas main between 904 Ponte Vedra Boulevard (where our system currently dead-ends) to the Publix at The Shoppes at Palm Valley

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to approve the installation of 4” natural gas main between 904 Ponte Vedra Boulevard (where our system currently dead-ends) to the Publix at The Shoppes at Palm Valley.

Mr. Staffopoulos highlighted this is the dead-end of the current gas system. He explained any time there is an opportunity for expansion to the south and west to complete the loop of the City's gas system, ultimately connecting to the Teco Gas system to the southwest, it provides a higher level of redundancy.

Mr. Parker explained this project is an effort to extend the gas main down A1A then west on Mickler Road to Publix. Beaches Energy Services negotiated with Publix to provide \$100,000 in contribution aid to the construction.

Discussion: Mr. Parker answered questions related to the six-year payback and if Beaches Energy Services actively engages in opportunities for other nearby businesses and residents.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #19-045 – Approve the roof renovation project for the Parks maintenance building by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to approve the roof renovation project of the Parks maintenance building by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained when there is a roof problem, you can either replace the roof or do rehabilitation and maintenance to the roof. Staff has recommended doing renovation and rehab to the roof.

Parks and Recreation Director Jason Phitides referred to slides to show the existing roof and proposed renovation. Mr. Phitides explained the building houses the equipment for the golf course and other Parks areas, as well as supplies. He stated the existing roof has skylights, which have been the source of roof leaks. Mr. Phitides went over the process to make a seamless roof which should last approximately 12 years. The contractor would provide a full warranty covering labor and materials.

Discussion: Mayor Latham asked what is in the building. Mr. Phitides stated the golf course and Parks equipment, supplies, as well as a mechanics workshop, staff breakroom, and locker rooms. Ms. Dumont pointed out this project is already budgeted.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

Item #19-046 – Authorize funding and a modification to the contract with Petticoat Schmitt for the reconstruction of 4th Street South, between 10th Avenue South and 12th Avenue South, in lieu of repaving over existing unsuitable base material

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to authorize funding and a modification to the contract with Petticoat Schmitt for the reconstruction of 4th Street South, between 10th Avenue South and 12th Avenue South, in lieu of repaving over existing unsuitable base material.

Mr. Staffopoulos explained during the course of doing work along this corridor, unsuitable materials have been identified below the existing asphalt.

City Engineer Marty Martirone stated the original plan for this project called for milling and overlay of 4th Street. When the contractor started milling, the asphalt started tearing up. The asphalt was approximately less than one-inch thick. Lab results revealed the subgrade was less than the City's minimum for a road. The job was stopped, and this request was brought before the Council for approval.

Discussion: Mr. Martirone answered questions from Ms. Dumont related to other dust control roads in the City and the accelerated deterioration of those types of roads. Mr. Nichols requested proper monitoring of the work be done and inquired about the project timing, pricing, and the current conditions of the road.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item #19-047 – RESOLUTION NO. 2031-2019

Mayor Latham requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2031-2019 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO PENMAN ROAD TO ADDRESS PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY, VEHICLE TURNING MOVEMENTS AT VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN CONFLICT POINTS, DRAINAGE AND AESTHETICS.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, to adopt Resolution 2031-2019 requesting improvements to Penman Road to address pedestrian and bicyclist safety, vehicle turning movements and vehicle/pedestrian conflict points, drainage and aesthetics.

Mayor Latham explained this issue has been going on for a long time. The City has been working with the City of Jacksonville to make improvements to Penman Road. He stated Penman Road is a City of Jacksonville road. This Resolution is an effort to put on record from the City of Jacksonville Beach City Council to the City of Jacksonville City Council it is time to help us with improvements on their road.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated there had been conversations with both City of Neptune Beach's and City of Atlantic Beach's City Managers. Both of those City Managers are in favor of bringing forth resolutions similar to the one on the agenda. The City of Jacksonville would see all three beach communities support this initiative.

Mayor Latham called the name of the person who wished to speak in favor of the agenda item:

- Elizabeth Wright, 1024 21st Street North, Jacksonville Beach

Ms. Golding stated she attended a meeting with Mr. Staffopoulos, Jacksonville City Council Member Bill Gulliford, City of Neptune Beach Vice Mayor Fred Jones, and Rory Diamond, who would be taking over for Mr. Gulliford in Beaches District 13. She explained Penman Road runs through her District 3, and it is a big issue. Ms. Golding said lighted pedestrian crosswalks could be done quickly along with other things that could improve the road, and also the desire not to have the road widened. Ms. Golding recommended the following amendments to the Resolution:

- Amend the second WHEREAS to add on “and based on current and projected volumes, there is no justification for widening, nor is this the will of the larger community,”
- Amend SECTION 2 to say, “...the City of Jacksonville begin planning and designing for improvements to Penman Road in Fiscal Year 2020 and include the involvement of all three beach communities.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding and seconded by Mr. Nichols to include the language as modified.

Discussion: Ms. Hoffman questioned the inclusion of projected volumes, and whether the addition of too much detail should be included in this Resolution. Ms. Golding referenced a 2007 Penman Road study. Ms. Golding added City of Jacksonville Director of Public Works John Pappas also attended the meeting she referenced earlier. Mr. Nichols stated he would like to see a shorter period of time for funding than what is currently shown in SECTION 3. Mayor Latham explained the current motion would have to be voted on before taking up another motion. Mr. Vogelsang spoke about the need for walkability on Penman Road and not including language in the Resolution that may limit the dynamic of the road, which may include discussions on widening. Ms. Golding clarified her intention in using the word “widening” to mean the increasing of lanes and offered to change the terminology in her motion. Mr. Staffopoulos suggested making a statement.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Ms. Golding and seconded by Mr. Nichols to modify the motion as follows:

- Amend the second WHEREAS to add on “and not adding additional vehicular lanes of travel,”
- Amend SECTION 2 to say, “...the City of Jacksonville begin planning and designing for improvements to Penman Road in Fiscal Year 2020 and include the involvement of all three beach communities.”

Voice Vote to amend the Motion: The Motion to amend passed unanimously.

Discussion: Mr. Nichols discussed possibly modifying SECTION 3 to address funding being provided in the year 2022 in the 5-year work program. Mr. Staffopoulos clarified the City of Jacksonville’s process to budget for Capital Improvements Projects. There is currently no money budgeted for Penman Road. Mayor Latham stated this Resolution is a respectful request. The City of Jacksonville Beach City Council is not giving direction, rather formally asking for assistance.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Mayor Latham
The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES: *None*

Council Briefing (continued)

Additional Briefing discussion took place following completion of the regular City Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Latham stated there would be a discussion on the issues brought up related to speaker cards turned in at the City Council meeting.

The following speakers were discussed:

- Elizabeth Wright, 1024 21st Street North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about Penman Road improvements and recommending pedestrian crossings at 4th Avenue North, 9th Avenue North, and 18th Avenue North.
- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the condition of the Downtown area.
- William Huff, 1205 14th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the boat ramp use and parking.
- William Aley, 805 16th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the boat ramp and parking.

Mayor Latham suggested Mr. Staffopoulos look into possible alternatives for the boat ramp and parking issue. Mr. Staffopoulos stated he would also look into parking enforcement in that area. Ms. Golding suggested reaching out to the owner of the property and looking at the possibility of making the property available for paid parking.

- Donni Welch, 403 12th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the Stormwater Construction Project at 12th Avenue South.

Mayor Latham asked that Ms. Welch is kept updated on the progress.

- Gerhard Paetau, 725 Bonaire Circle, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about end zones, pavement, signage, and some sidewalk issues.

Discussion: Ms. Dumont stated a common theme in the comments had to do with the maintenance of City property. She mentioned street signs still missing from the last hurricane, proper funding for maintenance, and curbing piled up, and ledges took down at South Beach Park. Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides advised the curbing and ledges at South Beach Park are being moved by skateboarders and maintenance staff puts them back. Mr. Vogelsang stated there are issues with the recently replaced wood at Sunshine Park, holes in the rubber and boards that have

come off. He asked if the contractor could come out to fix the issues. Mr. Phitides advised the work is still under warranty, and he would reach out and have the contractor come out.

Mr. Staffopoulos summarized how he would follow up on these issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: _____

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