The Council Briefing began at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held via video conference using the Zoom platform.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty (absent)   Georgette Dumont   Sandy Golding
                      Christine Hoffman   Cory Nichols   Phil Vogelsang (late)

Also present was City Manager Mike Staffopoulos.

Purpose of Briefing
The purpose of the briefing was to update the Council Members about ongoing items in the City.

City Manager

Relocation of the Veterans Memorial
Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent Trevor Hughes reviewed the relocation options for the Veterans Memorial site. The sites mentioned were as follows:
- Rotary Park
- Gonzales Park
- Huguenot Park
- Golf Course
- Oceanfront Park

Ms. Hoffman suggested adding the Beaches Museum History Park as an additional site to consider. A consensus between Council Members was Oceanfront Park and Beaches Museum History Park. Mr. Hughes stated he would look into the details of the top two locations and would provide the Council with more detailed information once available.

City becoming a Purple Heart City
Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides stated he contacted the Military Order of the Purple Heart regarding the procedure to designate the City of Jacksonville Beach a Purple Heart City. Mr. Phitides stated to achieve a Purple Heart City designation simply requires the Mayor to sign a proclamation.

Mayor Latham and Council agreed the process should be celebrated with an organized event including the American Legion, VFW, and other local military organizations. Mayor Latham suggested the Purple Heart City designation could coincide with a ground-breaking ceremony for the relocation of the Veteran's Memorial.

Dog Park Survey Results

Mr. Phitides reviewed the results [on file] of the recent survey sent out to dog park members. Mr. Phitides stated the following upgrades or additions might be added to the small dog park in the future:

- Turf
- Upgraded irrigation system
- Additional shade and benches

It was suggested by Ms. Golding to add a water play area in the large dog park. Mr. Phitides stated he would research the options and pricing for such an addition. It was also suggested to have food vending available at the dog park.

Charter Revision Phase I draft

City Attorney Chris Ambrosio reviewed the Charter Revision Phase I draft. Phase I included four topics:

- Ballot Title, Summary, and Proposed Amendment – Removal of City Manager
- Ballot Title, Summary, and Proposed Amendment – Removal of City Attorney
- Ballot Title, Summary, and Proposed Amendment – Elimination of City Departments
- Ballot Title, Summary and Proposed Amendment – Prohibiting Interference with Administration and City Employees

Conversation ensued regarding the need for a simple majority vote, a supermajority vote, and/or a voter referendum for the Removal of City Manager, Removal of City Attorney and Elimination of City Departments.

Mr. Ambrosio would make suggested changes to the Charter Revision Phase I draft and would present it to Council for further review.

Dogs and Cats Animal Code

Mr. Ambrosio stated the current Dogs and Cat Animal City code is out-of-date and should be updated.

Conversation ensued regarding the following topics:

- Update City code to allow more enforcement authority for the Animal Control Officer(s)
- Pet licensing program
- Dogs on beaches
- Dogs on leashes on beaches
- Dogs at large in public

The consensus of Council was all dogs must be on a leash while on the beach. The proposed leash length would be eight feet.

Mr. Staffopoulos and Mr. Ambrosio would look into the operations of the City of Jacksonville Animal Control level of service, and services provided to neighboring cities.

Mr. Ambrosio stated he would make the suggested changes and updates to the Animal Code and present it to Council for further review at a later date.

The briefing adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
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Approved:

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William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: _____May 4th, 2020_____