

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting  
held Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.  
Via Video Conference  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



**STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Charlie Latham made the following statement:

“Governor Ron DeSantis’ Executive Order No. 20-150, extended the Governor’s authorization for local government bodies to continue to conduct meetings without an in-person quorum at any specific location and to hold the meetings using communications media technology (CMT).

On April 6, 2020, the City of Jacksonville Beach approved at their public meeting the use of CMT and alternate start times to conduct City Council meetings and briefings.

Accordingly, this City Council meeting is being held in a manner using CMT. The Council, the staff, and the public may not be physically present at City Hall tonight.

In a moment, the City Attorney will explain CMT procedures and adaptations for public attendance and public comment that have been put in place.

The City Council members and City personnel are appearing through CMT. The meeting will be opened by an invocation by Councilman Vogelsang, and then the Pledge of Allegiance will follow.”

Mayor Latham invited City Attorney Chris Ambrosio to state the CMT procedures and adaptations being utilized for this meeting. Mr. Ambrosio explained the CMT instructions and opportunities for the public to attend and participate and stated these were published on various platforms in a public notice [on file].

**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 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor: William C. Latham

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

- Council Briefing held on June 8, 2020
- Regular Council Meeting held on June 15, 2020
- Council Briefing held on June 22, 2020

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Hoffman congratulated Council Member Nicholas on being accepted into the Leadership Jacksonville Class of '21.

Ms. Golding announced the lighted pedestrian crosswalk on Penman Road and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North was operational, and she had already received positive feedback about it. She thanked Bill Gulliford and [Jacksonville] Council Member Rory Diamond for their efforts to get this done. She noted [Jacksonville] Mayor Curry had put \$500,000 in the 2021 budget for a Complete Streets project on Penman Road. She urged her fellow council members to contact Jacksonville City Council members to express their support for the Complete Streets funding.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:**

Mayor Latham extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors:

- Ty Gordon, 2040 Waterway Island Lane, Jacksonville Beach, discussed the pedestrian/bike access on Lakeside Drive/Seagate Avenue.

**CITY CLERK:** *No items.*

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:**

**Item #20-135 – Proclamation – July is Parks and Recreation Month**

The City Clerk read the proclamation.

Mayor Latham thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides and Parks and Recreation staff for the improvements made in the past couple of years.

**Item #20-136 – Proclamation – Carol Westmoreland Day**

Director of Planning and Development Bill Mann said Ms. Westmoreland had been Executive Director of the Florida Redevelopment Association for over 30 years, and the organization had helped CRAs (Community Redevelopment Agencies) all over the state.

The City Clerk read the proclamation.

**CITY MANAGER:**

**Item #20-137 – Accept/Reject the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of June 2020**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang to accept the monthly financial reports for the month of June 2020.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the City was starting to feel the effects of state revenues coming to local municipalities.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Mayor Latham  
The motion passed 6-0.

**Item #20-138 – Approve/Disapprove the External Assessment of our ERP Project by Gartner, Inc.**

Mr. Staffopoulos said the City desired the evaluation of an independent third party technology firm to determine what was causing problems with implementation.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang to approve the external assessment of our ERP Project by Gartner, Inc. at a cost of \$135,800 utilizing the State of Texas contract number DIR-CFO-4030.

**Discussion:**

Ms. Dumont pointed out the contract dates had passed and asked if the price was still confirmed. Budget Officer A.J. Souto stated the price was firm, and he would update the validity and performance periods. Ms. Dumont asked if they would be able to recoup any of their costs if it was determined the issue was with the software or Tyler. Mr. Ambrosio said he would examine the contract at the proper time to determine what provisions would apply.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Mayor Latham  
The motion passed 6-0.

**Item #20-139 – Approve/Disapprove Additional Funding in the Amount of \$3,000 for Dial-a-Ride Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance**

Mr. Staffopoulos explained he was bringing this to the Council because funding was in the legislative portion of the budget.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang to approve additional funding in the amount of \$3,000 for Dial-a-Ride vehicle repairs and maintenance.

Mayor Latham reported his wife had volunteered on the Beaches Council on Aging board for eight years and asked if there was a conflict for him. Mr. Ambrosio confirmed there was no conflict.

Ms. Gossett informed Mr. Vogelsang if the money were not used for mechanical repairs, it would come back to the General Fund reserve.

Council Member Vogelsang said 59% of the riders were from Jacksonville Beach, and in the future, he wanted other users to contribute. Mayor Latham said his wife had informed him 75% of the riders were from Jacksonville Beach. He had spoken to the mayors of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach about their lack of contributions and would continue to press them to contribute.

**Discussion:**

Discussion ensued regarding having Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, and Ponte Vedra contribute more funding. Ms. Golding stated the ridership percentages shared by Dial-a-Ride were 59% Jacksonville Beach, 24% Atlantic Beach, 9% Neptune Beach, and 8% from Ponte Vedra Beach.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Latham  
The motion passed 6-0.

**Item #20-140 – Approve/Disapprove an Expenditure of \$51,653 for the Purchase of Equipment and Other Services to Enhance the Operation of the Downtown Camera System**

Mr. Staffopoulos stated Chief Gene Paul Smith had noted deficiencies with the cameras and developed a strategy to correct them. Chief Smith described the issues and the proposal to address them.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang to approve an expenditure of \$51,653 (\$47,993 quoted prices plus \$3,660 contingency) for the purchase of equipment and other services to enhance the operation of the downtown camera system as described in the June 28, 2020 memorandum from Chief Gene Paul N. Smith to City Manager Michael J. Staffopoulos.

Chief Smith informed Mayor Latham they would address areas without coverage in phase 3, once Margaritaville opened. He felt the camera system had helped them to solve several crimes.

Ms. Dumont wanted to be sure money was put aside every year for maintenance and to purchase more cameras in the future. Chief Smith added the CRA had been supportive with funding.

Mr. Nichols asked about warranties or insurance on the cameras if they were damaged by vandalism, and Chief Smith said they had a service plan, but if the cameras were removed by vandals, this would not be covered. Mr. Nichols suggested making some cameras less visible, and Chief Smith stated this was planned for the future.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Nichols, Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Mayor Latham  
The motion passed 6-0.

**Item #20-141 – Approve/Disapprove Bid Number 1920-06, Wetwell Tank & Pipe Cleaning, & TV Inspection Services to UPT Inc. (Primary) for Parts A, B, C & D, and to EnviroWaste Services Group, Inc. (Alternate) for Parts A & B, Wind River Environmental dba Metro Rooter (Alternate) and FL Pipe Tec, Inc. (Alternate), for Parts C & D for a Period of Five (5) Years.**

Director of Public Works Dennis Baron said the City sent out bids to 25 different vendors on this item and the next item (#20-142). This contract is needed to monitor their infrastructure. It was broken down into four different types, with six responses received.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang to approve Bid Number 1920-06, Wetwell Tank & Pipe Cleaning, & TV Inspection Services to UPT Inc. (Primary) for Parts A, B, C & D, and to EnviroWaste Services Group, Inc. (Alternate) for Parts A & B, Wind River Environmental dba Metro Rooter (Alternate) and FL Pipe Tec, Inc. (Alternate), for Parts C & D for a period of five years.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Vogelsang, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Mayor Latham  
The motion passed 6-0.

**Item #20-142 – Approve/Disapprove RFP Number 01-1920 Concrete Maintenance Installation and Repairs - Continuous Services for 36 Months to A.W.A Contracting Co.**

**Inc. and Authorize the City Manager to Extend the Contract from One (1) Year Through Three (3) Years Length Each for a Total Contract Length Not to Exceed Six (6) Years**

Mr. Baron explained the existing contractor had gone out of business, and the City had a long list of projects awaiting work. Again, 25 vendors were requested to bid, and only two responded.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Vogelsang to approve the RFP Number 01-1920 titled Concrete Maintenance Installation and Repairs - Continuous Services for 36 Months to the highest-ranking respondent, A.W.A Contracting Co. Inc. and authorize the City Manager to extend the contract from one year through three years length each for a total contract length not to exceed six years.

Ms. Golding noted the tabulation sheets from three different years included line items for the installation of sidewalks with the same description but with different prices. Mr. Baron said he would need to consult the bid documents, but he guessed this might concern quantity. Later in the meeting, he confirmed there was an additional six-inch turndown included on one of the projects.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Vogelsang, Mayor Latham  
The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Staffopoulos said he had been working with Public Works regarding the Lakeside gate Mr. Gordon had discussed earlier, but there was still a safety concern with bicycles entering Seagate Avenue and joining vehicular traffic. They were considering one 90-degree turn that would force people to slow and probably walk their bicycles through.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott  
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 8-3-2020