Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, July 16, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.
City Council Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL

JACKSONVILLE BEACH

The Council Briefing began at 5:33 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Lee Buck, Keith Doherty, Christine Hoffman, Bruce Thomason, Phil Vogelsang, Jeanell Wilson

Also present was City Manager George Forbes.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Executive search for City Manager

Mr. Colin Baenziger of Colin Baenziger and Associates presented the suggested project schedule [on file] for the recruitment of the new Jacksonville Beach City Manager. Mr. Baenziger also presented the Council with a flow chart of the process [on file].

Conversation ensued regarding the screening, interviewing and hiring process.

George Forbes discussed the fact that he would be taking vacation hours and working 2-3 days per week to assist the Interim City Manager.

SS Gulfamerica

Mr. Forbes stated a commemorative marker in remembrance of the SS Gulfamerica would be added to the existing Veteran's Memorial on 2nd Street and Beach Boulevard.

Conversation ensued regarding alternate locations for the Veteran's Memorial site allowing for a more accessible location. Mr. Forbes stated it would be possible to seek out other locations, such as the crematorium niche at the Kirkland Cemetery, in the future. Also, Mr. Forbes stated the SS Gulfamerica commemorative marker would be fully funded by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Ponte Vedra Chapter, and Jean Ribault Chapter.

Possible restriction on the hours of operations of SRX licenses

Mr. Forbes discussed options regarding possible changes in the Downtown Cape area to help with crowd control in that specific area. One suggestion was to have restaurants with SRX licenses close at 12:00 A.M. instead of 2:00 A.M.

Mayor Latham stated that many residents are concerned with the recent events that have happened in the Downtown area. Mayor Latham stated he agrees changes need to be made to allow the City to have a safe Downtown area.

Conversation ensued between the Council Members regarding different options and ideas. Mayor Latham proposed the scheduling of a Council Workshop, including the City Attorney, to discuss future options. At this workshop, Mayor Latham stated Chief Dooley would present a video of the Downtown Cape area at bar closing time.

Pedal Pubs

Mr. Forbes provided Council with a sample letter [on file] in response to a recent request at a past Council meeting to sell items on the beach and to operate a pedal pub within the City. A conversation ensued regarding the different reasons for not allowing either action within the City. Mr. Forbes asked the Council to review the letter before it is mailed from his office. Ms. Hoffman suggested adding the specific statutes and ordinances to the letter.

Emergency repair of existing stormwater pipe

Mr. Forbes stated there is an emergency purchase for a cave-in over the top of a 36" Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) between the two stormwater retention ponds on the west side of the golf course. The emergency repair will excavate around the pipe to determine what has caused the washout/cave-in and repair the line. The cost of the repair is estimated to be in the $40K-$45K range but may go higher once the excavation is completed and the full extent of the problem is known.

The briefing adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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Approved: _____
William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 8/6/18