

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting  
held Monday, June 19, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



**OPENING CEREMONIES:**

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mr. William (Bill) Brinton, 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:	Lee Buck	Keith Doherty	Christine Hoffman
	Bruce Thomason	Phil Vogelsang	Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, City Attorney Susan Erdelyi, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, Director of Public Works Ty Edwards, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides, City Clerk Laurie Scott, and Staff Assistant Mandy Murnane.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- City Council Shade Meeting and Executive Session held June 5, 2017
- Regular City Council Meeting held June 5, 2017

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS**

**Speakers:**

- Rick Knight, 827 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, expressed his concerns about incidents related to the new waste disposal company that have been occurring in his area.
- Fernando Meza, 607 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke regarding the noise ordinance as it affects his local business.
- Brenda Shields, 315 18<sup>th</sup> Street North, Jacksonville Beach, spoke regarding the noise ordinance and the enforcement of the new permits issued.
- Marie Bingham, 38 Coral Way, Jacksonville Beach, thanked City of Jacksonville Beach employees for their dedication to customer service, Jason Phitides and the Parks and Recreation staff for their improvements to the Dog Park, and the Police Department for their professionalism and hard work.
- Casey Jones, 358 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Atlantic Beach, spoke regarding sea turtle protection.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**(a) Item #17-100, Proclamation – Susan King Day**

Mayor Latham and Council Member Hoffman recognized Ms. Susan King for the many contributions made to beaches area families and our community and proclaimed June 19, 2017, as Susan King Day.

**CITY CLERK**

**CITY MANAGER**

**(a) Item #17-101, Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of May 2017**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to accept the financial reports for the month of May 2017, as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Latham requested a roll call vote, as there was no discussion on the item.

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

**(b) Item #17-102, Approve the Council Budget Workshop Schedule**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the Budget Workshop Schedule as proposed by the City Manager in a memo dated June 6, 2017.

Mr. Thomason encouraged residents to attend the upcoming budget workshops.

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

**(c) Item #17-103, Authorize the City's Participation with the City of Neptune Beach in Milling, Paving and Striping of Seagate Avenue**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize \$71,995.00 to fund the City's portion of the cost of the Mill and Repave Project for the eastbound lane of Seagate Avenue from 3rd Street North to Penman Road as explained in the memorandum from the Public Works Director dated June 7, 2017.

Mr. Forbes gave a brief overview of the road improvements, including additional pedestrian crosswalks, to take place on Seagate Avenue.

Ms. Wilson stated she supports the improvements to Seagate Avenue.

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

**(d) Item #17-104, Approve the Installation of Both a 4" and 2" Natural Gas Main to the Two (2) Restaurant Locations at Beach Marine Located on the North Side of Beach Blvd**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the installation of a natural gas main by TECO People's Gas in the amount of \$84,000 as described in the memorandum from the Director of Beaches Energy Services dated June 8, 2017.

Mr. Forbes said the installation of the natural gas main on the north side of Beach Boulevard would provide significant cost savings for current and future customers and would allow the City the opportunity to serve other nearby locations in the future.

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

**(e) Item #17-105, Approve the Purchase and Installation of Luxury Vinyl Tile Flooring from Carpet Image for the Exhibition Hall and Tennis Center**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the purchase and installation of Luxury Vinyl Tile flooring from Carpet Image for the Exhibition Hall and Tennis Center as described in the memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated June 8, 2017.

Mr. Forbes stated the Luxury Vinyl flooring system would look like wood and be an excellent choice for heavy foot traffic locations as it is low maintenance, waterproof and scratch resistant.

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

**(f) Item #17-107, Award Bid No. 1617-10 Pad Mount Switchgear to the lowest qualified bidders, *Anixter, Inc. and Gresco Utility Supply Inc.***

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to award Bid No. 1617-10 Pad Mount Switchgear for Beaches Energy to the lowest qualified bidders, *Anixter Inc. and Gresco Utility Supply Inc.* as explained in the memorandum from the Director of Beaches Energy Services dated May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Mr. Forbes stated the switchgear is an annual standard item for Beaches Energy and used to minimize power outages.

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

**(g) Item #17-106, Approve the Purchase and Installation of Field Turf at the South Beach Park Sports Field from FieldTurf USA, Inc.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the purchase and installation of Field Turf at the South Beach Park sports field from FieldTurf USA, Inc., as described in the memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated June 12, 2017, contingent on CRA funding. Authorize the City Manager to send this request to the Redevelopment Agency for funding.

Mr. Forbes stated the South Beach Park sports field usage significantly exceeds the normal levels of natural grass playability and the field is in constant need of repair and attention. The excessive maintenance costs lead to either limiting or eliminating the league play or selecting an artificial alternative.

FieldTurf USA, Inc. representative, Chris Wedge, and Director of Parks and Recreation, Jason Phitides, provided a sample of the 'cool field' product and reviewed the benefits of the turf material. The non-toxic, temperature-mitigating properties of the artificial turf allow for a cooler playing surface, increased hours of use without the wear and tear of natural grass and reduce labor maintenance time to about four hours a month.

Both Mr. Vogelsang and Mr. Doherty shared in their support of the artificial turf installation, adding the safety of those who use it is worth the up-front cost.

Ms. Wilson asked how long this product has been in use and what would happen if, in ten years, the city no longer wishes to replace the turf?

Mr. Wedge said the artificial turf fields began to be used in 1996 and the cool field has been in use for three years. Many universities in Florida have had artificial turf for over ten years. Should the City like to revert to natural grass; it is a process of replanting the soils and natural grass upon removing the turf.

Ms. Wilson stated she did not want to invest in an untested product.

Mr. Buck said he is totally in favor of upgrading from the current natural grass.

Mr. Thomason asked about the porous surface and puddling, to which Mr. Wedge responded by stating that the proper drainage would be completed and puddling will not happen unless all areas are surrounded by water with no place to drain. Secondly, Mr. Thomason asked if wearing cleated footwear would cause any damage to field product. Mr. Wedge responded by explaining that typically a 3/8 molded, plastic cleat would be best on this surface. The player could use screw in cleats, or basketball shoes, but you are generally looking for more traction. The system is engineered to be able to have clear penetration from the cleats.

Mr. Forbes reminded the Council Members that the turf installation would be a pilot project.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes – Buck, Doherty, Hoffman, Thomason, Vogelsang,  
and Mayor Latham.

Nays – Wilson.

The motion passed by a 6-1 vote.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**(a) Item # 17-108, RESOLUTION NUMBER 1984-2017**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1984-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY”**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 1984-2017 authorizing the donation of surplus property to the HEAL Foundation, as described in the memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated June 13, 2017.

Mr. Forbes stated the local non-profit HEAL Foundation originally gave the money to the City for surfboards and kayaks. This resolution returns the equipment back to the HEAL foundation for future surf camps.

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

**(b) Item # 17-109, RESOLUTION NUMBER 1977-2017**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1977-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES AND FEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY CENTER AND EXHIBITION HALL AT SOUTH BEACH PARK.”**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 1977-2017 establishing rates and fees and other provisions for the Municipal Community Center and Exhibition Hall at South Beach Park with the modified scrivener’s error on page one of two of the Resolution.

Mr. Forbes reported the increased fees for the use of these facilities is justified as they have not been increased in the last eight to ten years.

Ms. Hoffman agreed with Mr. Forbes regarding the fee increases. Also, she brought to Council’s attention a scrivener’s error on the table on page one of two relating to the deposit amounts.

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

**(c) Item # 17-110, RESOLUTION NUMBER 1978-2017**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1978-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY, AND CREATING A SEPARATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.”**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 1978-2017 establishing rates, charges, and fees for the municipal cemeteries.

Mr. Forbes stated the resolution had been revised to make it a complete listing of all rates and fees that could be charged at the cemeteries. The vast majority of the funds are used towards the capital improvements in the cemeteries.

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

**(d) Item # 17-111, RESOLUTION NUMBER 1979-2017**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1979-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BALL FIELDS AND SPORTS FIELDS.”**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 1979-2017 establishing rates, charges and fees for the municipal ball fields and sports fields.

Mr. Forbes noted that the fee increases correlate with the rate of inflation since the last change.

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

**(e) Item # 17-112, RESOLUTION NUMBER 1983-2017**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1983-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TEMPORARY EASEMENT AND THE PERPETUAL EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE ROAD A1A DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT HAVING FINANCIAL PROJECT NUMBER 4360771, FOR IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE DEPARTMENT'S**

**DRAINAGE CHANNEL AT 15TH AND 18TH AVENUES NORTH AND SEAGATE AVENUE.”**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 1983-2017, authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Temporary Easement and the Perpetual Easement to facilitate the construction by the Florida Department of Transportation of the State Road A1A Drainage Improvements Project.

Mr. Forbes reviewed the design of the FDOT A1A Drainage Improvements Project. The FDOT is requesting a Perpetual Easement for the new bridges and a Temporary Easement during the fifty-four-month construction of the {8<sup>th</sup> Street drainage channel} project. The new bridges would be located at Seagate Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. The City of Jacksonville Beach would be responsible for maintaining the bridges at 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenues North, and would jointly maintain the bridge at Seagate Avenue with Neptune Beach.

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

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute with the Florida Department of Transportation the two Agreements, subordinating the City’s interest in the land of both the Perpetual Easement and the Temporary Easement. This will facilitate FDOT funding the relocation of City facilities within these areas.

Mr. Forbes explained that the City must subordinate its interest to FDOT in the land with both the Perpetual Easement and the Temporary Easement to facilitate the FDOT paying for the relocation of any City utilities within the construction areas.

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

**ORDINANCES**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott  
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: 7/17/17