
The Council Briefing began at 6:00 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 were City Manager George Forbes, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, Director of Planning and Development Bill Mann, Police Chief Patrick Dooley and Chief Financial Officer Karen Nelson.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Upcoming topics

Mr. Forbes stated a representative for Beach Buggies would be attending the April 2, 2018, Council Briefing to discuss sponsorships.

Mr. Forbes stated improvements for the Police Department's generators would be discussed as an agenda item at an upcoming Council Meeting

Mr. Forbes stated Ordinance No. 2016-8082 for Low Volume Outdoor Amplified and Acoustic Sound would also be discussed as an agenda item at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Mr. Forbes stated another blower on the sequential batch reactor at the Waste Treatment Plant is no longer working. Replacement parts would be ordered. In addition, there are two major transformers still out of commission at the Sampson Sub Station. The T-2 is scheduled to be repaired by the end of April. The T-3 would take longer as a new tap changer would be built in and shipped from Germany.

Upcoming retiring employees

Police Chief Patrick Dooley announced that in January 2019 he would be retiring from the Jacksonville Beach Police Department.

Mr. Forbes explained Commander Corbitt is planning to retire in February 2019. With the Council's permission, an additional Commander would be hired as an over-hire allowing for an easier transition of staff for the Police Department.

Mr. Forbes stated Mr. John David Millinor had been hired to replace Mr. Ty Edwards, current Director of Public Works, upon his upcoming retirement on September 1, 2018. Mr. Millinor would start working in his position towards the middle of May 2018 and would be working alongside Mr. Edwards to assist in the transition process within Public Works.

Waterfall Sales Office grand opening

Director of Planning and Development, Bill Mann stated the sales office for the new Waterfall development would be having a grand opening on Thursday, March 22, 2018, from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Mr. Mann stated the Waterfall property has vested building rights of 101 feet and 8 inches. The current building plans for Waterfall is for 43 units, 86 parking spaces, nine floors total, and the bottom floor would have a lobby and garage spaces.

Dix.Hite + Partners

Mr. Mann shared with Council Members and staff the Jacksonville Beach logo designs and a new Jacksonville Pier entry concept design created by Dix.Hite + Partners. A conversation ensued by the Council Members regarding their suggested changes to the presented designs.

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) parking

Mr. Mann explained that a proposal [*on file*] from Mr. Steve Diebenow (the attorney for the owner of the former Johnson Gallery property) was submitted regarding the possibility of leasing the vacant lot immediately north of the Ritz, as well as leasing a number of existing public parking spaces in the new CRA-owned public parking lot on 2nd Street North, between 3rd and 4th Avenues North, to support his redevelopment of the gallery into two highend restaurants.

Mr. Mann stated the proposal would be presented and discussed at the March 26, 2018, CRA meeting.

A conversation ensued by the Council Members regarding the proposal received by the City.

The briefing adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date:

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