

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting  
held Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



**OPENING CEREMONIES**

The invocation was given by Council Member Vogelsang, followed by a moment of silence for the high school shooting victims and their families in Santa Fe, Texas, and the salute to the flag.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Latham called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Lee Buck Keith Doherty(*absent*) Christine Hoffman  
Bruce Thomason Phil Vogelsang Jeanell Wilson

Also present was City Manager George Forbes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- Regular City Council Meeting held May 7, 2018

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The “Ladies” of Pablo Towers presented Mr. Forbes with a gift basket to show their appreciation for his assistance with City Council in setting up Christmas decorations for the community. Mr. Forbes thanked the “Ladies” and credited them with “planting a seed,” which has now grown into an even “larger tree” with Deck the Chairs.

Mr. Thomason spoke about the recent tragic loss of another police officer and asked the community to recognize and appreciate the hard work and dedication of law enforcement personnel.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS**

- Jon McGowan, 5 North 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Unit # 401, Jacksonville Beach, spoke on issues previously brought before the Council. Specifically, the beautification and improvements at the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North barricade, providing training for volunteer board members; and rebranding of the downtown area. He updated Council on the decision by the City of Jacksonville General Counsel’s Office that the Supervisor of Elections does not have to provide access to their electronic campaign financing program for Beaches electoral candidates. Also, he recommended hiring an additional part-time animal control officer to cover the periods when the full-time officer is off duty.

## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

### **Item #18-085 – Presentation by Florida League of Mayors Executive Director Scott Dudley to Fletcher Middle School Student Liam Bolai**

Florida League of Mayors Executive Director, Scott Dudley, presented Liam Bolai of Ms. Phillips' 7<sup>th</sup>-grade Civics Class at Fletcher Middle School, with a joint resolution from the Florida League of Cities and the Florida League of Mayors. Liam Bolai won second place in the "If I Were Elected Mayor for a Day" essay contest.

## CITY CLERK

## CITY MANAGER

### **(a) Item #18-086 – Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of April 2018**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to accept the monthly financial reports for the month of April 2018, as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

**Discussion:** Mayor Latham requested a roll call vote as there was no discussion on the agenda item.

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

### **(b) Item #18-087 – Award Bid Number 1718-13 for Crane Rental Services**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to award Bid Number 1718-13 to *Bevel Brothers, Inc.* as the primary contractor, and *Crane & Rigging of Jacksonville, Inc.* as the secondary contractor for crane rental services.

**Discussion:** Mr. Forbes explained from time to time, it is necessary for Beaches Energy Services and other City departments to utilize crane rental services for construction and maintenance activities. If the primary contractor is for any reason unavailable, the secondary contractor would be contacted.

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

### **(c) Item #18-088 – Award Bid Number 1718-15 for the Purchase of Pad Mount Switchgear Type 12**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to award Bid Number 1718-15 to *Trayer Engineering Corporation* for the purchase of Type 12 Pad Mount Switchgear.

**Discussion:** Mr. Forbes stated this was for a three-year bid. Beaches Energy Services utilizes equipment that allows field employees to isolate and reconfigure the primary distribution system through the operation of switches. In the event of a major circuit fault, Beaches

Energy Services must have the ability to sectionalize the affected area, minimizing the number of customers out of service, while permanent repairs are made.

Allen Putnam, Director of Beaches Energy Services, explained the second and third lowest bidders were not considered due to their bids not meeting the City's bid specifications and an incomplete submission.

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

**(d) Item #18-089 – Award Bid Number 1718-16 for the Reconditioning of Painted Surfaces on Padmounted Transformers, Switchgears, and Other Equipment**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to award Bid Number 1718-16 for the reconditioning of painted surfaces on pad-mounted transformers and switchgears to *Seacor Painting, Inc.* as the primary contractor and *Biotraits Chemical, Inc.* as the secondary contractor.

**Discussion:** Mr. Forbes explained the transformers, switching cabinets and other equipment in the field need to be properly maintained through professional painting services.

Mr. Forbes confirmed the secondary contractor would not match the price of the primary contractor in the event the primary contractor is unavailable, and added the funding for this program is included in Beaches Energy Services operating budget. He stated it would be unusual for there to be an emergency forcing us to use the secondary contractor due to the additional cost.

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

**(e) Item #18-090 – Award RFP Number 02 1718, "Concrete Maintenance Installation and Repairs Continuous Services for 36 Months" to *Allsite Contracting, Inc.***

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to award Request for Proposals Number 02-1718, titled "Concrete Maintenance Installation and Repairs-Continuous Services for 36 Months" to *Allsite Contracting, Incorporated*, as explained in the memorandum from the Public Works Director dated, May 10, 2018.

**Discussion:** Mr. Forbes explained this request for proposal is for various concrete items such as sidewalks, handicap ramps, driveways, curbing, spillways, slabs and other similar type work. Quantities for work items will vary depending on the City's needs throughout the year. Mr. Forbes discussed the difficulty over the years that the City has had in maintaining contractors for this type of work, due to the small size of the jobs.

Mr. Forbes added the money is budgeted annually from the Local Option Gas Tax and funds projects such as repairing sidewalks, milling, and repaving streets.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCES**

**(a) Item #18-091 - ORDINANCE NO. 2018-8108 (Second Reading)**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2018-8108, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: RD ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008-7951, SUPPLEMENTING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS AND ZONING ATLAS FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY. (Redevelopment District Zoning for a maximum 81 room hotel located at the southeast corner of Beach and A1A.)”**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance Number 2018-8108, governing the property located at the southeast corner of Beach Boulevard and South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, by providing a new project narrative and site plan for a proposed hotel use. (*Element Hotel*)

**Summary:** Mr. Forbes said the *Element Hotel* is part of Westin Hotels [Marriot]. The hotel would consist of a footprint of 10,236 square feet, three stories in height [meets the City’s 35 feet height limit], with a maximum of 81 hotel rooms with a mix of open and covered ground level parking. Vehicular access to the property would be from 2nd Street only, with an anticipated project start date of October 2018. It does not have a restaurant that is open to the general public. The hotel has a twelve-foot alley which it shares with McDonald’s.

**Speakers:**

- Ed Goodson, a representative of Goodson, Nevin & Assoc., 10175 Fortune Parkway, Ste. 403, Jacksonville, was available for questions regarding the project.
- Sonny Bhikha, Hotelier, 3608 Marsh Park Court, Jacksonville, expressed his support and willingness to work with the City, reviewed the history of his business properties throughout the beaches area and the amenities of the Element project.

**Discussion:** Mr. Thomason asked if the alleyway would be paved.

Director of Planning and Development, Bill Mann, responded yes, the alleyway is currently paved and has curb modifications along the north end to open to the property. The alleyway would not open up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South. McDonald’s users wishing to by-pass the drive-thru lanes would discharge back through to the McDonald’s property. The hotel residents would discharge back through the hotel property making a U-turn on the property, and discharging on to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mr. Thomason agreed with this plan – as it would be much safer.

Ms. Hoffman stated her support of the development project.

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

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the Findings of Fact for Ordinance Number 2018-8108, dated May 21, 2018.

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

**(b) Item #18-092 - ORDINANCE NO. 2018-8109 (Second Reading)**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2018-8109, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY; ARTICLE III, FIRE PREVENTION, AND LIFE SAFETY; SEC. 10-3.03, CODES ADOPTED; TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO THE STATE ADOPTED FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE; PROVIDING FOR UPDATES IN CHAPTER 10 BY ELIMINATING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Updates Chapter 10 of the Life Safety Code and Adopts the 6th Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.)”**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson, and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance Number 2018-8109 that amends Chapter 10 of the Fire and Life Safety Code.

**Summary:** Mr. Forbes reviewed the following notable changes in the 6th edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code:

- Compliance with high-rise sprinkler code retrofit date has moved to 12/31/19 (was 12/31/2017)
- Standards have been set for the operation of food trucks (fire extinguishers, hood fire suppression systems, LP gas lines/tanks, etc.)
- Standards addressing the safe storage, handling, and sales of fireworks
- Standards have been established on the use of rubberized asphalt melters during roof deck operations (extinguisher, location, and operation of the unit. etc.)

**Discussion:** Mayor Latham requested a roll call vote as there was no discussion on the agenda item.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott  
City Clerk

Approval:

  
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William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: June 4, 2018

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