

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, June 4, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Council Member Wilson, followed by the salute to the flag.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Latham called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: William C. Latham

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

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:

- City Council Briefing held May 21, 2018
- Regular City Council Meeting held May 21, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Latham recognized a Boy Scout in attendance tonight. Mason Ellens addressed the Council and stated he was in attendance to learn about City government and earn his Communication Merit Badge.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

There were no speaker cards submitted, and no one addressed the Council.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CITY CLERK

CITY MANAGER

(a) Item #18-095 – 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 May 24, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes explained this is the same schedule format used in prior years. It starts with the virtual tour on August 3rd, and the workshops will be on August 6th; August

7th; August 13th, and August 14th.

Ms. Wilson stated she expects to be out of town when the first and second budget readings are scheduled.

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

(b) Item #18-096 – Approve the Attached Final Plat for Replat of All of Lot 1, Block D10, Ponte Vedra Unit Two, Supporting a Three-Lot, Single-Family Residential Subdivision

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the attached Final Plat for a Replat of all of Lot 1, Block D10, Ponte Vedra Unit Two, supporting a three-lot, single-family residential subdivision (100 Mills Lane – *Palm Grove*).

Discussion: Mr. Forbes explained each of the 3 lots exceeded the minimum lot size for *RS-1* zoning. He stated the Planning Commission approved the Concept Plat approval in January 2018.

A brief discussion ensued about the requirement for Council to approve Final Plats and confirming that the Replat is only for a single-family residential subdivision - no duplexes or triplexes.

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

(c) Item #18-097 – Approve a Draw from the Federal Equitable Sharing Fund to Purchase a Smart Trailer with a Programmable Reader Board and a Portable Traffic Counter

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve a draw of \$18,499 from the Federal Equitable Sharing Fund to purchase a Smart Trailer with reader board and a portable traffic counter as described in a May 23, 2018, memorandum from Police Chief Patrick Dooley.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes referred to photos of the Smart Trailer with the reader board and traffic counter. This equipment is helpful to track and resolve the speeding issues and complaints in the City.

Mayor Latham stated his support for the agenda item.

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

(d) Item #18-098 – Approve a Lease Agreements with EZGO for Sixty (60) Lithium Battery Powered Golf Carts and fifteen (15) Gas Powered Utility Vehicles

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve a lease agreement with EZGO for sixty (60) lithium battery powered golf carts and fifteen (15) gas-powered utility vehicles, as described in the memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated May 24, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes stated this is the first of three items regarding the Golf Course so that we can stay on schedule for the re-opening in September 2018.

Mr. Forbes stated lithium batteries are an alternative to lead-acid batteries. They are half the size, less weight, less maintenance, warranty for a five-year life span, require less energy to power and charge in half the time. There is an estimated cost saving between \$4.89 and \$8.71 per cart, per month. The annual lease will cost \$96,990.

Jason Phitides, Director of Parks and Recreation, confirmed that EZGO allowed suspension of the lease payments while the Golf Course was shut down. Mr. Phitides stated the gas-powered carts are for use by Public Works, Streets, Pollution Control, Grounds department, and Golf Course maintenance.

There was a brief discussion about using GPS on the golf carts.

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

(e) **Item #18-099 – Approve Replacements of Key Components of the Golf Course Irrigation System**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve replacements of key components of the Golf Course irrigation system, as described in the memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated May 23, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes detailed key components - the gate valves, electric control valves and sprinkler heads - and he explained how they function. He stated this project was scheduled in the Capital Improvements Plan for the next year, but now it is moved up with the rebuilding of the golf course. There will be brand new greens, and it is critical that they are adequately watered.

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

(f) **Item #18-100 – Authorize a Hazard Mitigation Grant Application for a Property Acquisition and Demolition Project at 3640 Sanctuary Way South**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant application for property acquisition and demolition project at 3640 Sanctuary Way South.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes stated this is a FEMA program where properties with flooding problems are removed and then the local government is allowed to purchase that property. FEMA would fund up to 75% of the costs and the applicant matches with 25% of non-federal funds. During the last two major storms, Mr. Forbes stated that this property/home has flooded twice.

He further explained the program is processed by each county and Jacksonville/Duval County is looking at 72 properties with an approximate value of \$10.8 million. (COJB property is #2 on the list) Mr. Forbes explained the process in detail and showed the estimated 25% cost is \$104,000 for Jacksonville Beach. The application process could take up to two years. The plan, if approved, would be to turn this property into a stormwater area.

A lengthy discussion ensued noting concerns and issues as follows:

- Hard to justify the City spending over \$100,000 without setting a precedent.
- Property is an isolated situation - does not pose detrimental issues to neighboring properties or roads.
- Homeowners insurance covered expenses to fix/repair property after two separate hurricane flooding experiences and the property currently is habitable.

Ms. Hoffman stated her support of the opportunity to apply for a new grant program.

There was a discussion about the DOT drainage area and their responsibility for maintenance of it.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hoffman

Nays – Buck, Doherty, Thomason, Wilson, Mayor Latham.

The motion failed by a vote of 5 to 1.

(g) Item #18-101 – Authorize the Final Design of the Replacement of the Dune Walkovers and the Repairs/Extensions of the Beach Stormwater Outfalls Project to *Applied Technology and Management, Inc.*

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize the final design for the replacement of the dune walkovers and the repair/extension of the Beach Stormwater Outfalls to *Applied Technology and Management, Inc.*, as described in the memorandum from the Director of Public Works dated May 20, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes reviewed the details of the existing dune walkovers and beach outfalls in the City, noting there was damage from the last two major hurricanes. The plan is to redesign the walkovers to go higher over the dunes. Also, we plan to extend the outfalls under the dunes, so we don't have to clean out after every storm. Attached to the agenda memorandum is a map showing the locations of the walkovers and outfalls.

As detailed in the memorandum, Mr. Forbes reviewed the breakdown of the design fees and the funding sources. He also stated the design has been completed for the four ADA dune walkovers.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

(h) Item #18-102 – Award City Bid No. 1718-18, Stormwater Channel Improvements through the Golf Course to *Jax Utilities Management, Inc.*

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to Award City Bid No. 1718-18, Stormwater Channel Improvements through the Golf Course to Jax Utilities Management, Inc. as described in the memorandum from the Public Works Director dated May 24, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes stated this project will clear and improve the drainage. He reviewed the agenda memorandum that detailed the project summary, the bid information, and the funding sources.

Mr. Forbes spoke about receiving only one bid on this project. It was advertised and sent to thirteen contractors. The work needs to be completed in time for the scheduled reopening of the golf course, and the contractors could not meet the required time frame for completion.

Discussion ensued about the trees that are the natural buffer between the golf course and the hospital property, and the need to clear all the way to the Intracoastal Waterway, not just the property adjoining the golf course. Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Phitides explained he will save as many trees as possible that adjoins the hospital.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Item #18-103 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-2018

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2010-2018 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DUVAL COUNTY MARITIME MANAGEMENT PLAN, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. “

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-2018, in support of the 2018 Duval County Maritime Management Plan.

Summary: Mr. Forbes explained the Plan is a guide for Jacksonville, Baldwin, and the Beach cities to protect and have sustainable use of the Intracoastal Waterway, the St. Johns River and major tributaries. Jacksonville Beach is represented in the Plan, which includes the fishing pier, Cradle Creek, and property acquisition to extend public facilities.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: June 18, 2018

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