

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, February 1, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Council Member Vogelsang gave the invocation, 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, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman, and passed unanimously, to approve the following minutes with two minor changes noted to the City Clerk. On Page 5 of 6, Item 15-230, it should say Mayor Pro Tem Wilson instead of Mayor Latham and the Opening Ceremonies occurred before the Call to Order.

- Regular Council Meeting held on January 19, 2016

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

- Special City Council Meeting (Shade Meeting) held on January 11, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Thomason expressed his appreciation for the participants involved in the Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Mobile Collection Event held on Saturday, January 23, 2016. He specifically thanked members of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Citizens on Patrol (COP). He read the following names for the record: Bill Ostrowski, Tim Biles, Justin Breitfelder, Jimmy Durham, Donna Jones, Rose Keyes, Beverly Taylor and Floyd Wilson.

Mr. Doherty announced that this Saturday is the Chariots of Fur Beach Run & Festival at the Seawalk Pavilion with proceeds going to St. Francis Animal Hospital.

Mayor Latham made the following announcements and comments:

- He attended the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony last month for Jacksonville Beach resident Christian Bunker, Ponte Vedra Beach resident Daniel Parkulo and Atlantic Beach residents Alex Flanagan and Emmett Grandy.
- He attended the Mission House Ribbon Cutting for their newly remodeled building and congratulated Lori Anderson on all of her hard work.
- He thanked Bishop Percy Golden for coordinating the first annual Martin Luther King (MLK) synchronized prayer across the beaches on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The Mayor also attended the MLK Celebration at St. Paul's by-the-Sea on Sunday, January 17, 2016.
- He congratulated Jim and Sheri Davidson on opening their new real estate office in Jacksonville Beach. He was honored to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, January 21, 2016.
- He wanted to follow-up on Mr. Thomason's praise to the participants involved in the Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Mobile Collection Event on January 23, 2016.
- He congratulated Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM) for another successful BEAM Ball this past weekend and also noted that BEAM will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their new store on Friday, February 5, 2016.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Speakers:

- Ms. Sandy Golding, 1203 18th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach spoke about the 2016 Chariots of Fur Beach Run & Festival to be held Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Seawalk Pavilion. There will be a 5K, a 1-mile fun run, music, a dog contest and other fun events. This is the fourth year the event has been held and proceeds will benefit the St. Francis Animal Hospital.
- Mr. Tony Hall, 1567 Ashford Court Way, Jacksonville Beach spoke in support of the skate park and thanked the Council for all they do for the community.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

(a) Item #16-229, Employees of the Quarter Presentation

Mayor Latham called City Clerk Laurie Scott and Erica Jackson from Human Resources to the Dais. Both were selected as an Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of 2015.

The Mayor read letters of appreciation for Ms. Scott and Ms. Jackson and presented them with Employee of the Quarter pins.

(b) Item #16-241, Presentation of Distinguished Service Award to Gary Meadors

Mayor Latham asked Gary Meadors to come forward and presented him with a Distinguished Service Award for his career with the Parks and Recreation Department that began back in 1984.

Mr. Meadors then shared a few words about his 31 years with the City. He thanked Mr. Forbes for being a great leader and said one of the highlights of his career was seeing Sunshine Park being developed.

CITY CLERK:

CITY MANAGER:

(a) Item #16-242, Public Hearing and City Council Approval of Projects for Inclusion in the FY 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the City of Jacksonville

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman to approve the Mayor and City Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant application for the fiscal year 2016-2017 as recommended in a memo from Trish Roberts dated January 22, 2016.

Mayor Latham then opened the public hearing for comments; with there being none, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Forbes commented that the City participates with the City of Jacksonville in sharing Entitlement Funding from the Federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The City's portion is utilized to fund the Community Assisted

Policing Effort (CAPE) Program and the Carver Center Recreation Program. Mr. Forbes noted that the Carver Center Recreation Program has been very successful and Mr. Thomason was instrumental in getting this program started.

The City is requesting full funding for both programs in the FY 2016-2017 CDBG grant application.

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

(b) Item #16-243, Approve a Commercial Lease Agreement with Franklin Electric Service, Inc., for Property at the Industrial Park

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to execute a lease with Franklin Electric Service, Inc., for the property at the Jacksonville Beach Industrial Park, as described in the memorandum from the Property & Procurement Officer dated January 25, 2016.

Mr. Forbes stated that the City owns property on 10th Street South known as the Jacksonville Beach Industrial Park. The property was previously leased to First Student Bus Company, whose lease expired in July 2014. Franklin Electric Service Inc. (Lessee) is a local electrical contracting business interested in leasing 7,160 square feet of land including the vacant building formerly used as a maintenance facility for school buses. The Lessee plans to use the facility strictly for commercial office space. Total monthly rent would be \$2,160.58; however, the Lessee will receive five months' rent free as they would be making improvements to the existing building which includes the installation of a restroom facility, new HVAC system and upgrade to the electrical system.

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

(c) Item #16-244, Approve Kimley-Horn & Associates to Study the One-Way Pairing of 1st Street and 2nd Street in the Central Business District, as Explained in a Memo from Bill Mann dated January 22, 2016.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman to approve Kimley-Horn & Associates to study the one-way pairing of 1st Street and 2nd Street in the Central Business District, as explained in the memo from Bill Mann dated January 22, 2016.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Mr. Bill Stevens, 733 2nd Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach spoke in opposition of 1st Street becoming a one-way street. He is concerned about traffic flow, especially during beach festivals, weekend activities, etc.

Mr. Tony Hall, 1567 Ashford Court Way, Jacksonville Beach spoke in opposition to the one-way street proposal. He recently traveled to Santa Cruz, CA, where they have many one-way streets and found it to be a bit confusing. A great deal of money was spent to get 1st Street looking the way that it does and he likes it.

Mr. Gary Messer, 239 N 1st Street, Jacksonville Beach also spoke in opposition of 1st Street becoming a one-way street. Making the street one way will have a direct impact on his business and other local businesses and he thinks the proposed study would not be an efficient use of taxpayer money.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mr. Forbes noted that a City Council workshop was conducted on October 5, 2015 to discuss the status of the various components of the 2015 Downtown Action Plan. During the review of the transportation-related projects, the City Council discussed the possibility of making 1st Street North a northbound one-way street and making 2nd Street North a one-way southbound street. Kimley-Horn provided a cost estimate of \$20,635 to perform the study.

Mr. Thomason stated that he was in agreement with Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hall and Mr. Messer. Making 1st Street one-way will negatively impact local businesses and there may be numerous cars going the wrong way if it is changed.

Ms. Wilson commented that she thinks that it is not a good idea to conduct the study without reaching out to the community. The City would need to solicit input from business owners on 1st and 2nd Streets.

Mr. Doherty stated one of the biggest issues he sees was delivery trucks blocking the entire lane on 1st Street. There are also seasonal traffic issues with traffic coming to a standstill at times and possibly impeding police and emergency vehicles. He would like to see a public workshop held to discuss the issue. He also suggested a trial period of six months or so to see how the one-way street would work, but is ultimately concerned with what is best for public safety.

Mr. Buck stated that this issue has been ongoing for years now. He does not see how a study is going to alleviate any of the problems. He is not for the study.

Mr. Vogelsang spoke in favor of the study and stated that it is dangerous to ride a bicycle on a Friday night down 1st Street with two-way traffic. Two vehicles can barely fit down the street. A workshop should be held to discuss the pros and cons of making the street one way.

Ms. Hoffman stated that she would probably not want a one-way street, but thinks there is a benefit to conducting the study and then making a decision.

Mr. Doherty stated he would like to modify the proposal to see an evaluation of pros and cons versus the \$20,000 study and then hold a public discussion before making a decision.

Mr. Doherty amended the motion to exclude Tasks #1, 3, and 4 from the proposal and conduct Task #2. The motion was not seconded; the motion failed.

Mr. Vogelsang commented on Mr. Doherty's motion, noting that part of Task #4 would be necessary to accomplish Task #2 and the costs would need to be modified.

Mr. Forbes suggested that spending the \$20,000 on the study now could be better than making a bad decision down the road.

Mr. Doherty then made a motion to table this issue until a public workshop could be held. The motion was not seconded; the motion failed.

Mr. Thomason commented that in looking at the proposal, a traffic analysis is not going to be conducted as part of the evaluation. So, he is wondering how the data will allow the City to make an informed decision. Mr. Forbes responded that this is a preliminary study, with traffic observations slated to be conducted; it is not a full-design study which would cost much more. Mr. Forbes has confidence in this company and thinks the preliminary information gathered from their study could be used at a workshop.

Mayor Latham stated that three years ago he would have supported this study, but now he does not. He would support a public workshop and perhaps looking at this study again after the workshop.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hoffman , Vogelsang;
Nays – Thomason, Wilson, Buck, Doherty and Mayor Latham.
The motion failed.

(d) Item #16-245, Authorize Amendment #1 to the City's South Beach Park Skate Park Design Build Contract for Construction of Part A (Site Preparation).

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman to Authorize Amendment #1 to the City's South Beach Park Skate Park Design Build Contract with Team Pain for the construction of Part A (Site Preparation), as explained in the memorandum from the Public Works Director dated January 23, 2016.

Mr. Forbes stated by approving Amendment #1, Construction Part A (Site Preparation), Team Pain will be able to begin construction work on Part B (Concrete Skate Park) when their crew is available. The existing retention pond needs to be filled in and made ready for construction. Flores Construction will do the work and ensure there aren't any settling issues with the pond.

When the design of Part B (Concrete Skate Park) and Part C (General Park Amenities) is 60% complete, the City will host an open house for the public. Subsequently, Team Pain is to provide to the City the finalized design plans with agreed costs, which will be presented to the Council for consideration.

Mr. Thomason commented that he was recently made aware that there will not be a second skate park adjacent to basketball courts. Mr. Forbes said that all features will be located on one site; but, the footprint is still pretty much the same.

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

(e) Item #16-246, Award Bid No. 1516-04 Substation Relay Replacements to the Lowest Responsive Bidder, SEL Engineering, LLC.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman to Award Bid No. 1516-04 Substation Relay Replacements to the lowest responsive bidder, SEL Engineering, as described in the memorandum from the Director of Beaches Energy Services dated January 25, 2016.

Mr. Forbes explained that the transmission line relays provided system control and protection from faults caused by such things as lightning strikes, wildlife, trees and equipment malfunctions. A protective relay's principal function is to monitor the transmission line and operate a circuit breaker if a fault is detected in order to limit or prevent damage to substation equipment. The City's existing electromechanical relays are over 30 years old and have substantially reached the end of their useful life.

To maintain reliability and safety of the bulk electric system and comply with regulatory standards, Beaches Energy Services has implemented a multi-year project to replace all relays with the latest microprocessor relays. This year, relay replacements are planned for the transmission line between Sampson Substation and Florida Power and Light's Millcreek Substation. Invitations to bid were sent to seven qualified vendors. The bid required labor only to remove old relays and install and test the new microprocessor relays. Every year, there will be a need to replace more relays.

Mr. Forbes added that SEL Engineering was half the price of the other vendors and comes highly recommended.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

(a) Item #16-209, ORDINANCE NO. 2016-8067 (First Reading)

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2016-8067 (First Reading), by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 7058, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING NEW CONSTRUCTION ON SITES FILLED WITH SOLID WASTE TO REDESIGNATE THE DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON OR THROUGH COMPLETED PORTIONS OF SITES FILLED WITH SOLID WASTE; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-8067, to correctly designate the Duval County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division, as the agency responsible for the approval of construction activities on sites containing buried solid waste.

Mr. Forbes explained that staff was contacted in May 2015 by a developer interested in developing a nine-lot subdivision on two adjacent undeveloped parcels of land on the west side of Colonies Drive, between Republic and Declaration Drives, and adjacent to the former Constitution landfill. The developer was further informed that since a former landfill was located next to, and possibly extending into, the subject parcels, he would need to address the County approval requirement cited in our code to move forward with his development plans.

The current City Code was adopted in 1980, and at that time, the required County approval would have been through the Jacksonville (Duval County) Department of Health, Welfare, and Environmental Services. This department no longer exists. The City of Jacksonville department that currently approves this type of development request is the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division.

Mayor Latham stated that the sole purpose of this ordinance is to change agencies; there will be a testing process and environmental due diligence in all stages.

Mr. Doherty inquired about the green-marked parcel on the map and if the developer was looking to develop both parcels. Mr. Bill Mann commented that it exists as two separate parcels now and will be sold together. The land has been privately-owned for many years.

Ms. Wilson asked if they will have to go through the City to get approval before building. Mr. Mann responded that the developer will have to go before the Planning Commission for zoning approval.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 2/15/16