

**City of Jacksonville Beach  
Minutes of City Council Workshop  
Monday, August 15, 2016 – 5:45 P.M.**

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Mayor Latham called the Workshop to order at 5:45 p.m.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Charlie Latham

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

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Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, Parks and Recreation Director Mary Ellen Donner and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

**Purpose of Workshop**

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the draft agreement with Deck the Chairs, farmer's market and food truck rallies, and an appointment to the Redevelopment Agency.

- (1) Mr. Forbes stated he and Kurtis Loftus, 1948 Horn Street, Jacksonville Beach, Executive Director of Deck the Chairs, reviewed the proposed draft agreement. Mr. Loftus distributed a brochure outlining the Deck the Chairs event. There were a couple of changes discussed. On Page 1 where it states the agreement can be terminated with 90 days' written notice, Mr. Loftus would like it to be 180 days. Also, on Page 2, Item 7, the words "Police Department assistance" and replace it with "security costs."

Mr. Loftus explained he is seeking to partner with the City. A light show has been added to the exhibit this year, and he is seeking funding from the City to help with the costs. He stated the organization is growing and has over 90 local sponsors.

Ms. Wilson expressed concerns regarding locking into a five-year agreement which would prevent other events from taking place. She also stated she thought the event would grow on its own and be self-sufficient. Mr. Loftus stated the organization is young, and the residents enjoy the exhibit. The organization is doing everything they can to raise revenues.

Mayor Latham stated his support of the event and the contract was necessary for this type of event that is unique to the City.

Mr. Vogelsang expressed his concerns regarding the potential ethical conflict should Mr. Loftus be elected to the City Council.

Mr. Forbes explained the agreement would be on the next Council agenda with the discussed changes.

- (2) Mr. Vogelsang stated he wants community-related events brought to the City. He suggested a Food Truck Friday to be followed by a Saturday morning vegetable market. The food truck event could be coordinated with different food truck vendors and held in different locations in the City.

Ms. Wilson stated her concerns which included existing food truck events, the City staff being responsible for coordinating the event, and notifying citizens of the changing locations.

Mr. Forbes stated the City does not have the institutional capacity to put this event on. He suggested discussing this idea at some point in the future.

- (3) Mr. Forbes explained there is a board vacancy on the Community Redevelopment Agency. A chairman and vice-chairman also need to be appointed. He added he would like this to be on the next Council agenda.

Ms. Wilson asked if all the applicants were qualified. Mr. Forbes answered they were.

Ms. Wilson stated she would nominate Mr. Jon McGowan.

Mr. Buck stated he would nominate Mr. Art Graham. Mr. Vogelsang stated he had the same recommendation as Mr. Buck.

The appointment will be voted on at the next Council meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Mayor Latham adjourned the workshop at 6:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Catherine Ponson  
Assistant City Clerk

Approved:



William C. Latham, Mayor

Date:

9/6/16