

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, December 19, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Council Member Wilson asked for a moment of silence for Bennie Furlong, 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, as presented:

- City Council Workshop held on December 5, 2016

It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman, and passed unanimously, to approve the following minutes, as amended, on Page 5 to read “the result is that garbage/trash will be picked up twice a week; recycling, yard waste and bulky waste will be picked up once a week.”

- Regular City Council Meeting held on December 5, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Vogelsang commented he was interested in adding a water feature, such as a “splash pad” in South Beach Park or modifying the existing water feature by adding a rubber coating on the concrete to prevent injury. He stated he had been in contact with contractors and would like to present the options to the City Council with the options.

Mr. Forbes stated a workshop would be appropriate. However, anything over \$25,000 would have to be bid out. He added after the skate park is completed, they could look at the cost of the expansion.

Mayor Latham announced he is calling a Special City Council Meeting to discuss the Special Events review. After discussion from the City Council regarding available dates, Mayor Latham announced the Special City Council Meeting would be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Speaker(s):

- Shandy Thompson, 522 3rd Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, thanked the Beaches Museum and History Park and the Jacksonville Beach Police Department for recent Christmas events. She stated she had concerns regarding the development of duplexes in her area.
- Tony Komarek, 533 11th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke regarding the developers in the community being granted variances and the density and structure issues in Jacksonville Beach.
- Kurtis Loftus, 1948 Horn Street, Jacksonville Beach, Chairman of Deck the Chairs, stated the new light show has been a success and thanked the City Council for their support.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CITY CLERK:

CITY MANAGER:

- (a) **Item # 16-524, Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of November 2016**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to accept the monthly financial reports for the month of November 2016, as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

- (b) **Item # 16-525, Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute the Attached Cooperative Agreement Related to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Proposed "First Coast Flyer" Bus Rapid Transit (FCF-BRT) System at Three Jacksonville Beach Locations**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute a cooperative agreement for the bus stop facilities proposed for the new "First Coast Flyer" East Corridor Bus Rapid Transit System.

Mr. Forbes explained the First Coast Flyer East Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project would extend 18.5 miles from the downtown Rosa Parks transfer station to 2nd Street North at 3rd Avenue North in Jacksonville Beach. The transit system will contain 12 stations (21 platforms) located at strategic intersections between those two locations. Two of these stations (three stops) will be located in Jacksonville Beach. One stop on this route will be located adjacent to the new public parking lot being constructed in downtown Jacksonville Beach on 2nd Street, between 3rd and 4th Avenues North. The other two will be located on Beach Boulevard in the Penman Road vicinity, where JTA currently maintains bus stops on both sides of Beach Boulevard (one westbound in front of the cemetery at an existing bus stop, and one eastbound at the Jacksonville Beach entryway sign, also at an existing bus stop).

Mr. Forbes stated this agreement assures the Federal Transit Administration that the funded improvements will remain viable for the life of the improvements.

Bill Mann, Planning and Development Director, introduced Suraya Teeple, Transportation Development Officer with the Jacksonville Transit Authority, who gave a presentation and showed a video [on file] about the First Coast Flyer project.

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

(c) Item # 16-526, Authorize the City to Sign an Agreement with EVgo Services LLC., for a DC Fast Charging Station for Electric Vehicles

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign an agreement with EVgo Services LLC, as detailed in a memo dated December 8, 2016, from Beaches Energy Director Allen Putnam.

Mr. Forbes explained this would be a pilot project for EVgo Services, LLC, to install charging stations for electric cars. There will be one charging station and two parking spaces to be used solely for charging electric vehicles. EVgo Services, LLC will install the charging station and then turn over ownership of the station to the City. The key terms of the agreement are as follows:

- The term of the agreement is four years after which it automatically renews for successive one-year periods unless terminated by either party upon at least 30 days' prior written notice;
- EVgo Services LLC will provide all preventive and corrective maintenance services for the four-year term of the contract.
- If the City terminates the agreement before the end of the four-year term, the City will be obligated to pay EVgo the full value of the charging station which is \$12,000.
- The two charging station parking spots will be painted differently. The existing two handicap spots will be relocated.

Mr. Thomason stated he had concerns with some of the wording of the contract.

Susan Erdelyi, City Attorney, stated Paragraph C.4 on Page 4 of Exhibit A of the agreement entitled, Waiver, would need to be removed if the agreement is approved. She added she is comfortable with the indemnification language. She also stated Page 5, Paragraph 6 of the agreement references New York law and would need to be changed to Florida law.

Mr. Thomason commented he had additional concerns as there was no EVgo representative at the meeting and asked about the time frame given for approval of the agreement.

Allen Putnam, Director of Beaches Energy Services, answered that Nissan provides funding for these types of installations and requires approval before the first of the year or the funding goes away.

Mr. Forbes suggested tabling the item to make sure all of the questions are answered and have a representative from EVgo be present when this item is considered.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Wilson, and passed unanimously, to table the proposed agreement until a meeting in the future when a representative of the company can be present.

(d) Item # 16-527, Approve Making the Current Part-time Carver Center Recreation Leader Position Full-Time

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve making the part-time Carver Center Recreation Leader position full-time as described in a memo from the Parks & Recreation Director dated December 4, 2016.

Mr. Forbes explained the Carver Center community is growing and participation in activities at the Center is increasing. Changing the part-time Recreation Leader to full-time will help the Center more fully serve families in the area. With the full-time position, more sports programs, additional social skill programs, new teen programs and partnerships with community organizations (i.e. Beaches Baptist) can be added.

If approved, the full-time Recreation Leader's main responsibilities will be providing recreational and sports opportunities for the youth of the community. A full-time Recreation Leader will also allow the Community Center to be open on Saturdays. The Carver Center will remain a safe haven for children in the area.

Speakers:

- Samuel Owens, 777 5th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke in favor of the agenda item.

- Sam Thomas, 2259 South Beach Parkway, Jacksonville Beach, spoke in favor of the agenda item.
- Anthony M. Cooper, 101 S. Penman Road, Jacksonville Beach, spoke in favor of the agenda item.

Discussion:

Ms. Hoffman complimented the Carver Center staff and having the full-time position would enable the Carver Center to do even more for the community.

Ms. Wilson stated her support of the Carver Center.

Mr. Thomason stated he supports the Carver Center.

Mr. Vogelsang stated his support and is an advocate of having a program geared toward youth in the community.

Mayor Latham stated his support and commended the Carver Center staff for their service.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Item # 16-528 RESOLUTION NO. 1969-2016

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1969-2016, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL, PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND UNCLASSIFIED (NON-UNION) CITY POSITIONS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution No. 1969-2016, amending the Classification and Pay Plan for Managerial, Professional, Administrative and Unclassified (Nonunion) City positions, effective October 1, 2016.

Mr. Forbes explained every three to five years, the City conducts a pay study. In 2016, the City contracted with Cody & Associates to conduct a Study of Classification and Salaries, which included a review of job descriptions, job titles and salary ranges for all LIUNA and nonunion positions. It was discovered a percentage of general employees’ pay did not meet market conditions.

Mr. Forbes stated this resolution also includes changes to the City’s automobile allowance to reflect market conditions.

Ms. Wilson stated her concern is the study only compared salaries of other cities and not independent companies. [She also added the change is during the peak of the market.]

Mr. Forbes answered that the comparison is done with other area cities in this labor market.

Mr. Buck commented that these salary adjustments need to be made and this should be approved.

Mr. Vogelsang questioned the asterisk by the City Manager's name in the automobile allowance section.

Mr. Forbes responded he was pointing out that he no longer has a City-provided vehicle and he will now receive an automobile allowance.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Mr. Vogelsang, seconded by Mr. Buck, and passed unanimously, to remove the asterisk and the language in parentheses on the Additional Pays section.

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

ORDINANCES:

Item # 16-529, ORDINANCE NO. 2016-8085 (Second Reading)

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2016-8085 (Second Reading), by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET LOCATED IN THE OCEAN VIEW HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION. (A portion of Burling Way to 34th Avenue South)”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-8085, renaming an isolated segment of Burling Way located immediately west of Isabella Boulevard and south of Osceola Avenue, to 34th Avenue South and changing the addresses of the four affected properties on that segment of roadway.

Mayor Latham reminded the audience this is the second reading of this ordinance. The first reading was two weeks ago on December 5, 2016.

Mr. Forbes summarized that this ordinance is renaming an isolated segment of Burling Way to 34th Avenue South at the request of the property owners as it is problematic for public safety reasons and the general public who might be trying to locate any one of the homes.

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

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

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 1-17-17