

**Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, April 3, 2017 – 6:15 P.M.
City Council Chambers Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL**

The Council Briefing began at 6:15 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

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, Public Works Director Ty Edwards, and Assistant City Clerk Catherine Ponson.

Public Works Department

Ty Edwards, Public Works Department, and Mike Taylor, Water Plant Supervisor, presented to the City Council how Waste Treatment Plant # 1 can be operated remotely. This would be beneficial during storms or hurricanes. Mr. Taylor explained by using a “hotbox” connected to the City’s network; he can start/stop pumps and monitor tank levels. All of the information is accessible offsite.

Mr. Forbes explained that the City would be applying for Conditional Use approval to build a new well at the intersection of 11th Street North and 8th Avenue North. This is a result of one of the City’s other wells (#11) being abandoned due to salt water intrusion. The location for the new well has been approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District and would be enclosed with a small building similar to well #23.

Beach Renourishment Project

Kevin R. Bodge, with Olsen Associates, Inc., updated the Council on the beach renourishment project. He informed the Council that the renourishment would recommence on Saturday, April 8, 2017. He reported the dredge would start to pump sand to restore the beach and the dunes. The first phase would be to finish the Atlantic Beach area that was not completed in the fall of 2016. He stated this would start just north of One Ocean Hotel in Atlantic Beach and continue northward to 16th Street or 17th Street. The project should be completed by the last week of April. Then, work would begin on the Jacksonville Beach central segment which is about 9,500 feet of shoreline where the dunes have not otherwise been previously restored, between about 9th Avenue North and 17th Avenue South.

Mr. Bodge explained the area south of 17th Avenue South was renourished immediately prior to Hurricane Matthew. The dune erosion along that area was very modest. There would be no work done in that area and it has begun to self-heal. He added that the additional 90,000 cubic yards of sand placed on the central part of Jacksonville Beach would ultimately drift southward and benefit that area.

Mr. Vogelsang inquired about an alternative for the smaller projects where dredging is not an option. Mr. Bodge answered it could be done through a small truck haul project. A sand source would have to be

identified and then truck the sand in. Mr. Bodge further explained road trucks would dump the sand and then off-road trucks would move the sand. He added that considering the costs, the effort and impact to the beach, a better alternative would be local sand fencing in addition to the planting of the sea oats.

Mr. Bodge added that the sea oat planting would be done by the City of Jacksonville. The first planting would be done mid to late May in the Neptune Beach and North Jacksonville Beach areas, where the dunes have been restored. Very shortly after that, the Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach sections will be planted.

Mr. Thomason asked about the timeframe for completion of the planting of the sea oats due to hurricane season beginning in June. Mr. Bodge answered that contractually, it should be done by July 10.

Mr. Bodge agreed to report back to Mr. Forbes and the City Council in two weeks after he reviews the options for the south end of Jacksonville Beach.

Police Department

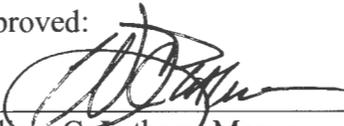
Police Chief Pat Dooley reported that due to the increase in the number of visitors to the beach, he is able to increase staff without increasing overtime. This plan was developed by the Downtown Community Assisted Police Officers (CAPE) and Community Response Team (CRT) themselves. The plan would provide coverage downtown during the peak times on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. He added that the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has agreed to provide officers for mutual assistance.

Chief Dooley stated that he is in the process of replacing the K-9, Mako, who recently passed away. The cost is approximately \$7,500.

The briefing adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Submitted by: Catherine Ponson
Assistant City Clerk

Approved:



William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: 4/17/17