

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, April 3, 2017, at 7:05 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



OPENING CEREMONIES:

Council Member Wilson gave the invocation, followed by the salute to the flag.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latham called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, City Clerk Laurie Scott, Chief Financial Officer Karen Nelson, Planning and Development Director Bill Mann, and Staff Assistant Mandy Murnane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- City Council Workshop held March 20, 2017
- Regular City Council Meeting held March 20, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Latham took a moment to recognize The Honorable Elaine Brown, Mayor of Neptune Beach, for a special announcement.

Mayor Brown of the City of Neptune Beach announced the Florida Department of Transportation had designated the section of Florida A1A in Duval and Nassau counties as the "A1A Ocean Islands Trail Scenic Byway." Mayor Brown extended an invitation to attend the unveiling of the "A1A Ocean Islands Trail," on April 25, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. at the historic Broward House in Jacksonville, Florida.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

Speakers:

- Janine Hynes, 11712 Shellfish Drive, Jacksonville, addressed the uneven sidewalks around Jacksonville Beach as she tripped on November 5, 2016, on the Northwest corner of 3rd Avenue North and 2nd Street North.
- Steve Wilson, 1031 1st Street South, Jacksonville Beach, spoke to the City Council about the Advanced Disposal Recycling program accessibility at multifamily dwelling locations.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CITY CLERK

CITY MANAGER

- (a) **Item # 17-048, Approve the Purchase and Installation of Cameras and Equipment for the City Council Chambers to Enable Live Stream Video of Public Meetings**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the purchase and installation of cameras and equipment for City Council Chambers from *Siemens* to enable live stream video of public meetings.

Deputy City Manager, Trish Roberts, stated the meetings would be Live Streaming on YouTube and then cataloged by date. The City Clerk's Office will be trained to manage the video equipment accordingly.

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

- (b) **Item # 17-049, Authorize the Interior Rehabilitation of Both Raw Water Ground Storage Tanks at Water Plant #2 with *Utility Service Company***

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize the interior rehabilitation of both Raw Water Ground Storage Tanks at Water Plant Number 2 with *Utility Service Company* as explained in the memorandum from the Public Works Director dated March 22, 2017.

Mr. Forbes explained the two 500,000-gallon ground storage tanks located at Water Plant #2, adjacent to South Beach Park, were inspected in July 2016. The inspection reports recommended that the interior of each tank receive advanced maintenance within the next year, repairing corrosion and recoating. This rehabilitation work includes sweep blasting the entire interior coated surface, restoring the concrete to original thickness, and then applying two coats of specialized interior tank coating.

Public Works Director, Ty Edwards, informed the Council Members that quality assurance checks would regularly be completed by the Maintenance Supervisor and Water Plant Supervisor, as well as a specialized third-party inspector during critical points in the project timeline.

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

- (c) **Item # 17-050, Award Unit Price Bid 1617-03, Titled "Water Main Replacement Project - Phase D (Various Locations)," to the Lowest Bidder for Each of the Base Bid, Additive Alternative 1 and Additive Alternative 2.**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the memorandum from the Public Works Director dated March 22, 2017, award

Unit Price Bid Number 1617-03, titled, “Water Main Replacement Project – Phase D (Various Locations)” as follows:

1. Award the Base Bid to the lowest bidder, *G & H Underground Construction, Incorporated*.
2. Award Additive Alternates 1 and 2 to the lowest bidder, *TB Landmark Construction, Incorporated*.
3. Authorize construction administration services with the projects’ design firm, *Jones Edmunds & Associates, Incorporated*.

Mr. Forbes reported on the “Water Main Replacement Project – Phase D (Various Locations).” This project is part of the water main improvements program in the City’s FY2016 Capital Improvement Plan, where existing deteriorated, unlined cast iron and galvanized water mains are being replaced over time. This work includes replacing 116 water services (combination of long side and short side), service saddles, tubing, corporation cocks and curb stops, meter boxes, and replacement of disturbed areas.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

(a) Item # 17-051, RESOLUTION NO. 1975-2017

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1975-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA TENTATIVELY APPROVING AN AMENDED FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE JACKSONVILLE BEACH 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCREASE THE FLOOR AREA RATIO FOR HOSPITAL AND RELATED BUILDINGS FROM 0.35 TO 0.55, AND AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF SAID AMENDED ELEMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution No. 1975-2017, tentatively approving a text amendment to the Future Land Use Element of the Jacksonville Beach 2030 Comprehensive Plan to increase the floor area ratio for hospital and related buildings from 0.35 to 0.55, and authorizing transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Mr. Forbes said the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity would receive the proposed amendments and provide comments and approvals. Upon receipt, the finalized amendment will then be presented again to the City Council for adoption. This increase in the Floor Area Ratio will allow for future hospital and related services to be located on the existing hospital campus while there is still developable land remaining.

President of Baptist Beaches Hospital, Joe Mitrick, briefed the City Council on the growth projections taken into consideration in the future infrastructure changes, noting that as hospital equipment needs expand, patients and doctors will increase, which requires a building footprint to allow for growth.

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

(b) Item # 17-052, RESOLUTION NO. 1976-2017

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1976-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING BILLS THAT TAKE AWAY THE RIGHT TO MANAGE THE AFFAIRS OF OUR CITY THROUGH HOME RULE; AND IN SUPPORT OF VISIT FLORIDA AND ENTERPRISE FLORIDA.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 1976-2017 opposing proposed state laws that take away home rule from Florida cities.

Mr. Forbes explained that the resolution opposes bills presently before the legislature that take away cities ability to manage their affairs. These bills include:

- Preemption of our control of city-owned right-of-ways for the placement of wireless antennas and equipment.
- The local regulation of business. Prohibits a city from any business regulation not allowed by state law.
- Community Redevelopment Agencies. This bill sets a date to terminate all Community Redevelopment Agencies in the state and does not allow any new projects after October 1, 2017.
- Local Government Fiscal Responsibility. Prevents a municipality from levying a millage rate above the rolled-back rate unless the government does not have any unencumbered fund balances of more than 10%.
- The local business tax. Limits the amount of the local business to \$25 for any taxpayer. Prohibits cities from levying the local business tax if the tax was not adopted by January 1, 2017.
- Sovereign Immunity. Amends the waiver of sovereign immunity in tort actions by increasing municipal liability from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 per person, and from \$300,000 to \$1,500,000 per incident. Ironically, this bill does not increase the limit of liability for the state.
- Vacation Rentals. This bill would amend the current law to prevent local governments from adopting ordinances specific to vacation rentals.

This resolution also gives City Council support to Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida since they are vital to the future economic development of the state.

Jon McGowan, 5 North 17th Avenue, spoke in favor of the resolution and stated his support of the local government's ability to manage its own affairs.

The Council Members shared their support on allowing the municipalities to maintain their cities and appreciate the lobbying efforts made in this matter.

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

(c) Item # 17-054, RESOLUTION NO. 1974-2017

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1974-2017, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 1974-2017 authorizing the mid-year budget adjustment.

Mr. Forbes stated the mid-year budget adjustments were wages based on the recent contract with LIUNA and general employees, the distribution of the monies used for the airshow, and the Hurricane Matthew disaster recovery process, including sanitation, debris removal, and Beaches Energy power restoration.

Chief Financial Officer, Karen Nelson, said the hurricane reimbursement was requested; however, the process could take several years to complete due to auditing agencies and the inconsistent rules for each storm. Ms. Nelson told the City Council that the best estimate for debris reimbursement is about 80%.

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

ORDINANCES:

(a) Item # 17-053, ORDINANCE NO. 2017-8088

Mr. Forbes requested the City table Ordinance No. 2017-8088 until the next Council meeting due to changes in the state law appeals process.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to table Ordinance Number 2017-8088, amending specific sections of Chapter 5, Section 5-24, “Dangerous Dogs,” until the next Council meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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: 4/17/17