

Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, April 17, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers Conference Room, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL

The Council Briefing began at 6:30 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor William C. Latham

Council Members:	Lee Buck	Keith Doherty	Christine Hoffman (<i>late, 6:45 P.M.</i>)
	Bruce Thomason	Phil Vogelsang	Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes and Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts

Beach Renourishment Project

Kevin R. Bodge, with Olsen Associates, Inc., updated the Council on the beach renourishment project. He reported the dredge has started to pump sand to restore the beach and the dunes. The first phase is to finish the Atlantic Beach area that was not completed in the fall of 2016. He stated this has started just north of One Ocean Hotel in Atlantic Beach and continues 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 before Hurricane Matthew. The dune erosion along that area was very modest. There would be no major work done in that area, and it has begun to self-heal. He added that the additional sand placed on the central part of Jacksonville Beach would ultimately drift southward and benefit that area.

Mr. Bodge explained the alternative plan for a few small areas where we may be able to restore dunes where dredging is not an option. Mr. Bodge explained it could be done through a truck haul project. The dredge would stockpile approximately 5,000 cubic yards of sand. With a separate contract, the City of Jacksonville would then bring in trucks to carry and move the sand down to the needed areas. He added that considering the costs, the effort and impact to the beach, another alternative may be local sand fencing in addition to the planting of the sea oats.

Mayor Latham asked Mr. Bodge what the City of Jacksonville Beach could do to assist. Mr. Bodge responded by making two suggestions:

- The City of Jacksonville Beach could ensure the City of Jacksonville secures a trucking company in a timely manner to move the sand to the needed areas.
- After the dredging is complete, the City of Jacksonville Beach should place ropes and additional fencing to protect the dunes until vegetation is brought in for planting in July.

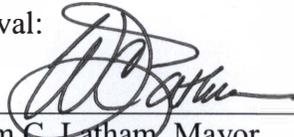
Jacksonville Transit Authority (JTA)/Beachside Buggies Contract

Mr. Forbes reported he was recently informed that JTA would be eliminating the current trolley service for the Beaches area and will be replacing the service with Beachside Buggies. The new service with Beachside Buggies is a free ride service made available to the residents and visitors of the beaches community and is funded by local business sponsorships. Riders would not be charged any fee but encouraged to tip drivers how they see fit. Riders can request on-demand rides between the sponsored locations, hotels, and residential addresses via text and the mobile phone app during operating hours.

The briefing adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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Approval:



William C. Latham, Mayor

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