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The Council Briefing began at 6:00 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 was City Manager George Forbes.

### **Purpose of Briefing**

The purpose of the briefing was to update the Council Members on projects including the following items:

### **City Manager**

#### **Dogs on the Beach**

Mr. Forbes presented the Council with a sample of the newly designed sign displaying the rules for allowing dogs on the beach.

#### **Golf Course**

Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Jason Phitides, updated the Council on the status of the golf course construction. Mr. Phitides stated the construction is proceeding as planned and the project is on schedule and on budget. The contractor expects to finish the construction portion of the project in two weeks and would then begin the grassing portion of the project.

Mr. Phitides stated the modification to the Consumptive Use Permit to re-route the effluent water has been suspended. Instead, Mr. Phitides reported he is planning to add a dual pump system for automatic PH sensing and acid injection to the irrigation line coming from the pump station. This would automatically adjust the PH level in the water and allow the addition of liquid fertilization when necessary. The cost of this addition is plus or minus \$21,000.

Mr. Phitides stated part of the \$150,000 contingency money for the golf course project would be used for additional sod to alleviate potential washouts from heavy rainfall and may allow the course to open sooner.

Mr. Phitides stated he would be substituting the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan purchase of a 5-gang self-contained mower (\$53,000) with the Bedknife and Reel Grinder (\$47,000). Mr. Phitides stated the Grinder purchase is more important at this time for the grass-growing period and would save time and labor. The gang mower will be included in next year's budget.

South Beach Park

Mr. Phitides reviewed the following projects located at South Beach Park:

- Turf Field – Received SJRWMD permit. Construction to begin Thursday, April 5, 2018.
- Splash Pad – Pump manufacturer informed Mr. Phitides the lead-time may be increased by 10 days. This may affect the opening planned for Memorial Day weekend. The water features have been received from the vendor and the contractor is ready to proceed once the pump is received.
- Fitness Stations – The installation of the new fitness stations is scheduled to be completed in June 2018.

Beachside Buggies

Representatives from Beachside Buggies, Mr. William Chenoweth, and Mr. Dustin Kaloostian provided an overview of the organization. A conversation ensued regarding options for more exposure for Beachside Buggies as well as ideas for the City of Jacksonville Beach to promote the free services provided by the organization to the residents. Mr. Forbes stated adding additional charging stations for the golf carts may be an option in the future. Mr. Kaloostian suggested the option to add display signs around the downtown area to inform people how to download the app and request service from Beachside Buggies. Council Member Doherty suggested adding a note on residents' energy bills advertising the free service.

The Business Development Manager for the Jacksonville Transit Authority (JTA), Mr. Mike Miller stated the sponsorship agreement with Beachside Buggies and JTA does not cover operating costs but only covers capital investments. Since the sponsorship was initiated between Beachside Buggies and JTA, Beachside Buggies have acquired two additional vehicles, one of which is ADA accessible. Mr. Miller stated JTA has had great results from Beachside Buggies and looks forward to another successful year with more growth.

The briefing adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 4/14/18