



OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Council Member Vogelsang, followed by the salute to the flag.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Latham called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- City Council Briefing held March 19, 2018
- Regular City Council Meeting held March 19, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

- Jennifer Mitchell, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), 7775 Baymeadows Way #102, Jacksonville, FL 32256, spoke about April being Water Conservation month and encouraging cities and towns to sign Proclamations for conservation awareness in their communities. Ms. Mitchell stated that SJRWMD provides educational resources for civic groups and middle/high school students.
- Shandy Thompson, 522 S. 3rd Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about the Easter events held at Carver Center and the Jacksonville Beach Golf Course.
- Michael Gruber, 1175 N. 1st Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about vehicles speeding in this area, between Penman Rd. and 10th St. He inquired about steps to enforce the speed limit and/or reduce the speed limit in the area.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Latham stated that the City Manager wished to address the Council.

Mr. Forbes stated he wanted to share some of his anniversaries and asked the Council to bear with him for the next few minutes.

Mr. Forbes stated that it has been a real pleasure to be the City Manager here. He has been a City Manager for over 39 years, and it is now time for change, and for his career to end. With that said, Mr. Forbes stated he will be resigning as City Manager for Jacksonville Beach – his last work day will be August 1, 2018.

Mr. Forbes stated he has been working on his exit strategy and there is a lot of work to do over the next four months – potential for contracting out for the Fire Department, deciding who will serve as the Interim City Manager, start the advertising/recruiting process to interview for a new City Manager, and installing the new Enterprise Software System. Mr. Forbes stated he will have the budget prepared before his last day. He stated there will be a new Public Works Director in a few months, we have a new Deputy City Manager and a new Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Forbes stated he will do everything possible to leave the City in good condition. He thanked everyone for listening.

Mayor Latham expressed his deepest gratitude to George Forbes for his 23 years of service and stated he has been proud to serve with him. He spoke about Mr. Forbes' motto, 'Do the right things for the right reasons,' stating it is a good way to govern and a good way to live your life. Mayor Latham stated Mr. Forbes has been a great role model.

Council Member Vogelsang expressed his appreciation to Mr. Forbes for his service, stating we have big shoes to fill! He spoke about being proactive with the recruiting process and the importance of finding someone with Mr. Forbes knowledge of the electric utility business.

Council Member Wilson expressed her appreciation to Mr. Forbes for his service, stating he has done a tremendous job and will be missed.

CITY CLERK

CITY MANAGER

(a) Item #18-056 – Approve Funding for Upgrades to the Emergency Electrical System at the Police Department Building Located at 101 S. Penman Road

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve funding for upgrades to the emergency electrical system at the Police Department building as described in the memorandum from the Property and Procurement Officer dated March 22, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes explained that during Hurricane Irma it was discovered the generator at the Police Department was not meeting the existing electrical loads. These upgrades are anticipated to be completed prior to the 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season, to ensure there is a self-sustaining power source in emergency conditions.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

(b) Item #18-057 – Approval of Bid No. 1718-07 Flame Resistant and Retardant Clothing

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to award Bid No. 1718-07 for Flame Resistant and Flame Retardant Clothing to *Safety Products Inc.* for a period of two years.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes stated the Beaches Energy Services (BES) and the Meter Department workers are required to wear this specific clothing to safely perform their daily work on the overhead and underground electric system.

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

(c) **Item #18-058 – Approve a Commercial Lease Agreement with Continental Heavy Civil Corporation for Property Located at 20th Avenue North and 10th Street in Jacksonville Beach**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to execute a lease with *Continental Heavy Civil Corporation* for the property at the 20th Avenue North and 10th Street substation, as described in the memorandum from the Director of Beaches Energy Services dated March 23, 2018.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes explained this City-owned property was previously a BES substation. The Tenant wants to lease the property solely for storage of their inventory and equipment while they are working on an FDOT SR A1A Drainage Project in the area of Kings Road and Penman Road. Mr. Forbes reviewed the lease provisions, as detailed in the agenda memo from the Director of Beaches Energy Services.

There was a brief discussion about ensuring the fencing around the property is maintained for the benefit of the surrounding neighborhood.

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

(d) **Item #18-059 – Approve the Final Plat for Replat of Parts of Lots 4, 5, and All of Lot 10, Block 8, Atlantic Shores Unit No. 1 Replat, - (2650, 2652, 2654, and 2656 Almonaster Street)**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the Final Plat for the Almonaster subdivision, a Replat of Parts of Lots 4, 5, and all of Lot 10, Block 8, Atlantic Shores Unit No. 1.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes stated this Plat is for four townhomes. He explained that due to the bottleneck shape of the property, variances were approved. Mr. Forbes stated the Plat has been reviewed and approved by all City departments and is consistent with the Land Development Code (LDC) and the Comprehensive Plan (COMP Plan).

Council Member Wilson inquired if the property was originally permitted/zoned for multi-family or single family. She also expressed concerns about these types of projects returning, after construction and after having received various exceptions from the Code, to get rezoned from multi-family to single family.

Heather Ireland, Senior Planner, responded the property is zoned for multi-family. The applicant's original concept was for condominiums, and he changed it to townhomes, which also lowered the density.

Prior to starting construction of these attached townhouses, Ms. Ireland explained the applicant applied for and received the Concept Plat approval from the Planning Commission. Then the applicant applied for and received variances from the Board of Adjustment for positioning of the structures on the property and providing driveways, based on the townhouse concept.

Speakers:

- Jon McGowan, 5 N. 17th Avenue, #401, Jacksonville Beach, spoke about this Plat being the third application since November 2016, previous discussions about rewriting the variance process for the Board of Adjustment, making changes in the Plat approval process to come before construction begins, and changing the order where the City Council gets involved in the process.

Discussion: Council Member Buck expressed his concerns about the increased number of vehicles parking on sidewalks and streets. He stated the driveways need to be bigger to accommodate all the vehicles per residence.

Senior Planner Heather Ireland explained this project received a rear yard variance (20 ft. in lieu of 30 ft.) to push the structure farther back in order to provide more parking at the front, in the driveway.

Council Member Wilson reiterated her objection to the increase of these types of projects in the City and concurred with Mr. McGowan about making changes to the whole approval process before construction starts.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Thomason, Vogelsang, Buck, Doherty, Hoffman, Mayor Latham.
Nays – Wilson.
The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- (a) **Item #18-060 - ORDINANCE NO. 2018-8107** (First Reading) (Public Hearing)

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2018-8107, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 163.3202, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 5, SECTION 34-467. FLOOD HAZARD AREAS TO REVISE CROSS REFERENCES WITHIN SECTION 34-467, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (This ordinance revises cross-references in the code. It does not change the content.)”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-8107, amending Section 34-467, *Flood Hazard Area* of the City's Land Development Code, to revise cross-references with

Section 34-467 - *Flood Hazard Area*, and to update references therein to the Florida Building Code.

Summary: Mr. Forbes explained the State has requested the City provide internal cross-references and eliminate accompanying cross-reference tables to be consistent with our City Code and not the State Code.

Mr. Forbes also directed attention to page 10, the last item (b), stating this is a change in the State Building Code. He also spoke about the 2016 Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and continued studies of flood hazard areas.

Public Hearing: No one wished to speak on the agenda item.
Mayor Latham closed the Public Hearing.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

(b) Item #18-061 - ORDINANCE NO. 2018-8106 (First Reading)

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2018-8106, by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 "NOISE," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING SECTION 18-7 "LOW VOLUME OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED AND ACOUSTIC SOUND," PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (This ordinance repeals the sunset date for low volume noise. It allows the City to provide low volume noise permits to qualifying businesses.)”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance 2018-8106, amending Chapter 18, Section 18-7, "Low Volume Outdoor Amplified and Acoustic Sound."

Summary: Mr. Forbes stated this has been a pilot project since June 5, 2017, for licensed establishments to get a permit for low-volume outdoor sound. There have not been any noise complaint issues, and it is recommended to adopt this Ordinance, which removes the sunset date of June 5, 2018, and changes the permit renewal date from December 31, to September 30, annually.

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about monitoring and enforcement of the permit applications.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 4/16/18_____

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