

Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, March 18, 2013 – 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL

The Council Briefing began at 6:30 PM.

The following City Council members attended:

Mayor Charlie Latham

Keith Doherty
Steve Hartkemeyer
Christine Hoffman
Tom Taylor
Phil Vogelsang
Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, City Department Directors, and City Clerk Judy Bullock.

Purpose of the Briefing

The purpose of the Briefing is to update the Councilmembers on projects, recent developments, upcoming issues, and review of agenda items.

City Manager

Fireworks –

The City Manager advised that the city is seeking donations for fireworks for the Fourth of July celebration, as the City does not have a budget for fireworks. He added, if the problems of previous years occur, then the City would no longer be able to have a fireworks display.

Tallahassee -

Mr. Forbes announced that he, the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-Tem, and the Finance Officer would be traveling to Tallahassee the following day, March 19, 2013. Mr. Forbes explained that he would be making several trips to Tallahassee, but this trip is associated with the *Florida League of Cities*.

City Council Orientation –

Mr. Forbes reminded Councilmembers that the next Council Orientation would take place on April 17, 2013, at the Public Works Department.

First Street and Roundabouts –

The City Manager advised that First Street is now open and that the blue lights on the roundabout look very nice. He added that the downtown has several new businesses, new landscaping, and that the area looks

great. Mr. Forbes reminded Councilmembers that there are additional costs involved in to maintain the new landscaping.

Ms. Wilson shared concerns regarding the 2nd Street roundabout not being clearly marked. She advised that she had been contacted by several residents regarding the intersection.

Mr. Forbes responded that staff would look into the matter; meanwhile the issue may resolve itself once the residents become accustomed to the change.

Mr. Doherty suggested that the 2nd Street roundabout have the same type of signage that is installed on the 1st Street roundabout.

Ms. Wilson also voiced concerns that the new street layout contributed to a recent traffic backup.

Interim Police Chief Pat Dooley advised that there was an unusually high amount of traffic during that period.

Downtown Businesses

Mr. Forbes stated that the City would be working with a company that will provide assistance and guidance in attracting the type of businesses they would like in the downtown area.

Construction Projects

Senior Planner Bill Mann and Mr. Forbes reviewed a list of proposed construction projects that included:

- Six lot single-family subdivision on the west side of 1st Street between 9th and 10th Avenues North
- Three lot subdivision on 1st Street
- Two lots on 10th Avenue North
- The George Moore property has a PUD application and will eventually come before the council for approval – the proposed project is for a 176 unit apartment project
- A three level residential project with a parking garage is under review
- Construction of a small Church to be built beside the entry to Hopson Road (near the Intracoastal Waterway)

Mr. Forbes provided an update on the 1st Street and 5th Avenue construction project. He advised that the road should be open by May 8, 2013.

New Fiber Cable Routes & Telecommunication Companies in Jacksonville Beach

Public Works Director Ty Edward distributed a map delineating the various telecommunication companies and went over the routes they will be using to run the underground cable. Mr. Forbes explained that one of the cables will be coming ashore at Seagate Avenue and added that the all permitting is in place.

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Business Workshop

Mr. Forbes reminded Councilmembers that a “Business Workshop” will be held at the Jacksonville Beach Community Center, on March 26, 2013, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The workshop adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock
City Clerk

Approved:

/s/William C. Latham
William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: April 1, 2013