

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting  
held Monday, February 4, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Charlie Latham called the meeting to order.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:**

Invocation was by Council Member Vogelsang, followed by the Salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor:	Charlie Latham		
Council Members:	Keith Doherty	Steve Hartkemeyer	Christine Hoffman
	Tom Taylor	Phil Vogelsang	Jeanell Wilson

Also present was City Manager George Forbes and Judy L. Bullock, City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, and passed, to approve the following minutes, as presented:

- Council Briefing held December 17, 2012
- City Council Workshop held January 16, 2013
- Council Briefing held January 22, 2013
- Regular Council Meeting held January 22, 2013

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Councilmember Chris Hoffman**

- She extended her appreciation to everyone who assisted in the fundraising for BEAM.

**Councilmember Tom Taylor**

- He announced that the Exchange Club fundraiser will be held on February 9, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the Casa Marina restaurant and encouraged everyone to attend.

**City Manager George Forbes**

- The City Manager advised that he had overlooked two items during the Briefing. He stated that he is working with Sam Veal on a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event. Plans are to bring the specifics back to the Council in approximately 30 days.
- Mr. Forbes told Councilmembers that there is a screen up at the pavilion which will show a small part of a movie to enable sound checks and compatibility of the screen size. He added that Recreation and Parks Director Gary Meadors had worked on the movie nights and found the

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screen being tested will cost less and allow the City to sponsor two movies this year instead of one. Mr. Forbes encouraged Councilmembers to look at the screen, following the meeting.

**Mayor Charlie Latham**

- He advised, on January 31, 2013 that he and Mr. Forbes had met with the Mayors and City Managers of Neptune and Atlantic Beach, Senator Aaron Bean and Representative Janet Adkins. Senator Bean and Representative Atkins are in full support of pension reform and long-term solutions to save the Ferry.
- He announced that he had the pleasure of being the official “Starter” for the *Chariots of Fur* run at the beach. Mayor Latham explained that the run was to benefit the local nonprofit St. Francis Animal Hospital who provides veterinary care, regardless of the owner’s ability to pay.
- Mayor Latham also announced that he had the pleasure of attending the Grand Opening Celebration of the *Shobukan Martial Arts Center*; and he will be attending the Grand Opening of the *Homeparts* store on February 11, 2013.
- He advised that he also attended the “Four Chaplains Memorial Service” at American Legion Post 129. Mayor Latham encouraged the public to attend this annual service, as it is in the memory of our fallen soldiers.
- Mayor Latham reminded everyone that the “Parking Workshop” (commercial parking) would be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2013.
- He also announced that Christmas planning will probably begin in March, to allow time to gather volunteers and sponsors to assist. Mayor Latham advised that the Council is remaining true to their commitment to “Building Community” and bring family-oriented events to Jacksonville Beach.
- Mayor Latham commended Public Works Director Ty Edwards on his efforts to update the City’s website on upcoming projects and construction updates. Mayor Latham advised that residents can access this information at [www.jacksonvillebeach.org](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org), then, click on the heading “Construction Projects/Road Closures”.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS**

**Speakers:**

- Robert Tilka, 3584 Trident Court, Jacksonville Beach  
Mr. Tilka spoke in opposition to paid parking.
- Ken Marsh, 2027 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach  
Mr. Marsh spoke in opposition to paid parking and advised that there is a Mardi Gras event on Saturday, February 9, 2013, that has events that targets alcohol consumption.
- Tony Hall, (downtown business owner) 221 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Jacksonville Beach  
Mr. Hall spoke in opposition of paid parking.

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- Bill Stevens, 733 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Jacksonville Beach  
Mr. Stevens spoke in opposition of paid parking.
- Vince McGuire, 127 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Jacksonville Beach  
Mr. McGuire spoke in opposition to paid parking.

Mayor Latham advised the speakers that any decision on parking has been postponed until the Parking Workshop scheduled on February 13, 2013, is held.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

- (a) Update on the 26.2 With Donna National Marathon

Interim Police Chief Pat Dooley and Donna Deegan provided an overview of the route and assured Council that plans are in place to ensure that residents are provided with ingress/egress to their homes during the run. He added that there will be no amplified music along the route with the exception of the downtown area (1<sup>st</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South).

Ms. Deegan added that each home along the marathon route is visited and provided with information about the run. She added that approximately 10,000 runners are registered to participate. Ms. Deegan responded to a question about getting the runners from the end of the route, Mayo Clinic, back to TPC where their vehicles are parked. She explained that the runners will be shuttled back to the TPC area.

**CITY CLERK**

- (a) Appointment of Two Alternate Members to the Board of Adjustment

Motion #1: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to reappoint Sylvia Osewalt to the Board of Adjustment, as First Alternate Member for a two-year term, expiring on January 31, 2015.

Ms. Wilson inquired about other applicants and City Clerk Judy Bullock explained that she currently has only one applicant that is greatly interested in serving on the Board of Adjustment, but he has not been through the interview process. She added that, until recently there were only two applicants on file.

Mr. Forbes clarified that "Alternate Members" attend the meetings, however they do not vote on a motion unless the regular member(s) are absent. He also advised six applicants are scheduled for interviews on the afternoon of Monday, February 11, 2013.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Doherty, Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, Taylor, Vogelsang, Wilson, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

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Motion #2: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to reappoint Michael Gallimore to the Board of Adjustment as Second Alternate Member for a two-year term, expiring on January 31, 2015.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, Taylor, Vogelsang, Wilson, Doherty, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER**

- (a) Approve a Draw from the Federal Equitable Sharing Fund to Pay for the Police Department's Portion of the Fallen Police Officer Monument, to be placed in Front of the Police Department.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve a draw in the amount of \$5,593.36, from the Federal Equitable Sharing Fund as described in the January 25, 2013, memo from the Interim Chief of Police entitled "Draw for purchase of Fallen Police Officer Monument from Federal Equitable Sharing Fund."

Mr. Forbes explained that the memorial is for fallen officers and Jacksonville Beach has only lost one officer in the line of duty, Town Marshal Charles B. Jones, June 27, 1927. Only names of officers killed in the line of duty will have their name added to the memorial.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hoffman, Taylor, Vogelsang, Wilson, Doherty, Hartkemeyer, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Allocate \$14,500 for the Emergency Repair of the Fire-Pump on Reserve Engine-25.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve \$14,500 for the emergency repair of the fire-pump on Engine-25, as described in a memo from Fire Chief Gary Frazier, dated January 24, 2013.

Mr. Forbes explained that the repairs needed on the fire engine were of an emergency nature and he authorized expenditure of the funds for the repairs. At this time, he needs the Council to approve the expenditure of funds, instead of approval to repair the pump.

Fire Chief Gary Frazier advised that this is a Reserve Engine – 25 and is a 1993 model. The pumper is used to supplement the front line equipment. Recently, on a regular pump test this unit failed, which is used anytime water is needed to supply hose-lines. The unit was taken to Sanford, Florida to the company *Ten-8 Fire Equipment* for repair. For safety conditions, this truck is essential as a backup.

Following a brief discussion among the Councilmembers, a roll call vote was requested.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Taylor, Vogelsang, Wilson, Doherty, Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

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(c) Approve Cemetery Improvements at H. Warren Smith Cemetery.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve the improvements to the H. Warren Smith Cemetery, as described in the memorandum from the Recreation & Parks Director, dated January 22, 2013.

Mr. Forbes reviewed the improvements for the H. Warren Smith Cemetery. The enhancements will include an entrance archway on Penman Road, fencing, irrigation and landscaping.

He also explained that the funds for the proposed improvements will come from the Cemetery Capital Improvement Account, which is funded by transferring 63% of the sales of cemetery lots into this account.

A discussion ensued about recent improvements, cremorial niches, a rose garden for scattering ashes, the future of the funding for improvements and the perpetual care requirement.

Ms. Wilson advised that she would like the City to set-up and fund an account to care for the cemeteries.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Vogelsang, Wilson, Doherty, Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, Taylor, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

(d) Authorize Preparation of:

- The Application for Renewal of the City's 5-year Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit with *Jones Edmonds*, and
- A Concurrent Copper and Cyanide Mixing Zone Assessment Study with *CDM Smith*, Along with Necessary River Sampling by *JEA* to Support the Assessment

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to authorize the work for the Wastewater Permit Renewal Application, the Mixing Zone Assessment Study for Copper and Cyanide, and the associated River Sampling as explained in the memorandum from the Public Works Director, dated January 25, 2013.

Mr. Forbes reviewed the percentages of copper and cyanide permitted in wastewater, which are much lower than the requirements for drinking water. He advised that wastewater is a heavily permitted area and the City must meet the requirements or pay extensive fines.

Mr. Forbes responded to a question from council regarding the percentage Jacksonville Beach pays, compared to Neptune and Atlantic Beach. He advised that Jacksonville Beach pays 41% due to the volume of wastewater.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Wilson, Doherty, Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, Taylor, Vogelsang, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

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- (e) Award Bid Number 1213-03 "Installation of Underground Electric Infrastructure"

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to award Bid Number 1213-03 "Installation of Underground Infrastructure" to Heart Utilities of Jacksonville, Inc., for a period of one year with the City Manager having the authority to renew the bid for two additional one-year periods. In the event the first qualified low bidder cannot meet contract stipulations, the next qualified low bidder will be used.

Mr. Forbes explained that the City uses private contractors to assist in large projects. He added that Beaches Energy was basically rebuilt and is now one of the best and most reliable electric systems in the state.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Doherty, Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, Taylor, Vogelsang, Wilson, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Latham Comments**

Mayor Latham advised that the Council is proactively looking at the parking issue and the Mardi Gras concerns of Mr. Marsh. He stated that the Council is there for the residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Latham adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock  
City Clerk

Approval:

/s/William C. Latham

William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: February 18, 2013