

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, May 19, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charlie Latham called the meeting to order.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Invocation was by Council Member Wilson; followed by the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty Steve Hartkemeyer Christine Hoffman - *Absent*
Tom Taylor Phil Vogelsang Jeanell Wilson

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Phil Vogelsang –

- Mr. Vogelsang advised that there was an article in The Beaches Leader regarding crime statistics over the past two-years and it indicated that there was no change in 2013. Mr. Vogelsang disagreed with the Beaches Leader, and advised that violent crimes had decreased significantly and went on to commend the Jacksonville Beach Police Department for an outstanding job.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Taylor –

- Mr. Taylor congratulated the Police Department on their annual Memorial Ceremony.

Mayor Latham –

- Mayor Latham announced on May 13, 2014, that Congressman Crenshaw and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Sean Stackley discussed the Navy's plans for the Mayport Naval Station. He advised, by fiscal year 2020, the Navy plans to increase the number of ships from 15 to 25 (67% increase), and the correlating increase of personnel will be from 3,740 to 4,842 (29% increase).
- Mayor Latham stated that one of his most important honors each year is to participate in the Police Memorial Ceremony, which was held on May 14, 2014. He expressed his appreciation to Chief Dooley and staff for coordinating a memorable event that recognizes the sacrifice of the men and women of the police force (and their families) make to keep our citizens safe.

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- He advised on May 14, 2014, the League of Cities Dinner was hosted by Jacksonville Beach at the Casa Marina Hotel. Mayor Latham extended his thanks to the following businesses that donated door prizes for the event:

Adventure Landing
Jacksonville Landing
Campeche Bay
Jax Beach Surf Shop

Angie's Subs
Beaches Car Wash
Blue Water Daiquiri & Oyster Bar
Lynch's Irish Pub

- On May 15, 2014, a Town Hall meeting with Sanctuary residents was held. He thanked Chief Dooley and Officer Carlene Bowman for attending the meeting. He added that these meetings are very valuable to the City, as unvarnished feedback is provided by the citizens. Mayor Latham encouraged all neighborhoods and Condominium Associations to schedule a meeting of this type.
- Mayor Latham stated on May 17, 2014, he was honored to participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new McDonalds on 3rd Street. He congratulated owner Jacques Guske for building a brand new McDonalds restaurant for Jacksonville Beach.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

Speakers:

- Dana Rethemeyer, 1100 Seagate Avenue, #189, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266
Mr. Rethemeyer expressed his concern on the safety of pedestrians crossing streets. He added that he was a victim of a hit-and-run accident last year.
- JoDee Evans, 63 South 37th Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250
Ms. Evans addressed the Council on the parking problems in the area of 37th Avenue South. She stated that in the past there had been "No Parking" signs on both sides of the street. Ms. Evans suggested that the "No Parking" signs be reinstated to help alleviate the problem.
- Tom Larson, 887 Marshside Court, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250
Mr. Larson spoke to the Council regarding the amount of time and emphasis they are spending on the Downtown area and the lack of time spent on the residential areas of the City.
- Gerry Williamson, 3804 Duval Drive, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250
Mr. Williamson expressed his concerns with parking and the number of persons utilizing the 37th Avenue South beach access.
- Jon Cummins 3704 Duval Drive, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250
Mr. Cummins advised, in his opinion, that there are far too many persons using the 37th Avenue South beach access. He also addressed the parking problems, and the traffic laws that are disregarded in the neighborhood.
- Mick DuRocher, 41 Millie Drive, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250
Mr. DuRocher addressed the Council regarding the residents that live on the south end of the beach and stated that their problem is a "Quality of Life" issue. He also spoke about the parking problems at the beach.

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Mayor Latham assured the speakers that the Council and City Administration are working on the future of Jacksonville Beach and that includes businesses and residents. He suggested that the speakers from the Southend of the Beach set-up a meeting with the Police Chief and himself to have an opportunity to hear, in detail, the problems the residents are facing.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

(a) Employee of the Quarter Award

Mayor Latham read and presented awards to the following employees:

- Bill Summer, “IT”- Finance Department
- Jackson Roberson, Public Works Department
- Joel Consoldane, Beaches Energy Services

(b) Recognition of the Planning & Development Director Steve Lindorff’s Election to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP)

Mayor Latham recognized and congratulated Mr. Lindorff on his election to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. It was noted that Fellowship is granted to planners who have achieved excellence in professional practice, teaching and mentoring, research, public and community service, and leadership.

CITY CLERK

CITY MANAGER

(a) Monthly Financial Reports – Month of April 2014

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for the month of April 2014.

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

(b) Authorize Additional Funding for the Deck the Chairs Holiday Celebration

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to authorize an additional \$15,000 for the Deck the Chairs winter light festival, as described in a memo from the City Manager, dated May 14, 2014.

Mr. Forbes explained that two-years ago the Council asked that the City have more Christmas decorations and the event “Deck the Chairs” took place last year and was a huge success. Mr. Forbes expressed his appreciation to Curtis Loftus for his ongoing assistance with the holiday decorations. He added that there are monthly committee meetings held regarding the decorations. It was noted the Mayor or the City Manager is attending these meetings.

This year’s plans are to have 40 lifeguard chairs, street light pole banners, lifeguard chair way finding signs, a 19 foot handcrafted holiday tree with coastal ornaments, a deck the chair visitor entrance sign, a sound system for holiday music and other expenses, as needed.

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Mr. Forbes explained that the request for additional funds includes \$5,000 for wood and materials for lifeguard chair construction. The City's lifeguards have volunteered to build the additional chairs if the materials are provided.

Mayor Latham advised that the funding would not only be from the City. Currently, sponsorship is being acquired to help with the expenses. It was also noted that private funds are being raised to improve the decorations on the A1A street lights.

Ms. Wilson asked if the additional lifeguard chairs would be used by the lifeguards. Mr. Forbes advised that they will use as many chairs as needed and the remainder will be stored in City facilities.

Mr. Doherty commented that it is a great project and last year. Local businesses donated funds to decorate one of the chairs.

Mr. Vogelsang stated that it is a good start for a tradition and is a family-friendly event and a positive step for the City.

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

(c) Approval of Budget Adjustment for Repairs to HVAC Systems and Security Gate

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve replacement of HVAC systems and security gate as described in a memo from the Property Management Superintendent, dated May 7, 2014.

Mr. Forbes explained that the HVAC systems in City Hall and the Police Department are approximately 16-years old and need to be replaced. He went on to review the list of equipment to be replaced.

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

(d) Approval of the Attached Final Plat Documents for *Channelside Townhomes*, a Proposed 29-Lot Townhouse Development Under Construction on the South Side of Beach Boulevard at the Intracoastal Waterway. (Rick Johnston, Saltmarsh I, LLC – Applicant)

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve the Final Plat for the *Channelside Townhomes* subdivision.

Mr. Forbes advised that the subdivision is situated where the former Lighthouse Restaurant was located. It is a 29-Townhouse Development and the infrastructure is already in place.

Ms. Wilson asked about parking and Senior Planner Bill Mann advised that each unit would have a two-car garage and two spaces in the driveway.

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

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(e) Authorize the City’s 2014 Asphalt Rejuvenation Pavement Maintenance Program

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to authorize the City’s 2014 Asphalt Rejuvenation Pavement Maintenance Program, as detailed in the memorandum from the Public Works Director, dated May 1, 2014.

Mr. Forbes advised that the process will rejuvenate the asphalt, which is a plastic product, on streets that are in good condition. The process greatly increases the life of the streets and the project includes approximately 29 miles of roadway. He added that they would come back to Council for the streets that will require milling and a new overlay.

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

(f) Authorize Rehabilitating Deteriorated Sewer Manholes and Wetwells with REFRATTA HAC 100

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to authorize rehabilitating deteriorated manholes and wetwells, as explained in the memorandum from the Public Works Director, dated May 11, 2014.

Mr. Forbes stated that the City has a great sewer system, but has not done a good job on maintaining the manholes. There are approximately 2,126 sewer manholes in the City and some have collapsed. Mr. Forbes reviewed the repair process and advised the product being considered is *REFRATTA HAC 100*, which combines structural repairs, surface repairs, and corrosion resistance. The City has been using and will continue to use *Spectrashield* coating on manholes that do not require structural and surface repairs. Mr. Forbes added that the City has \$120,000 for the project.

In response to Ms. Wilson’s question regarding the number of manholes that can be repaired with the current budget, Mr. Forbes stated that they are starting with 20 manholes and will continue as needed.

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

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-8053 – Second Reading – Public Hearing

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2014-8053, by title only; whereupon Ms. Bullock 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 VII. ZONING DISTRICTS,

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**DIVISION 2, SECTION 34-344. COMMERCIAL SERVICE: CS,
PARAGRAPH (b) *PERMITTED USES* TO ADD “PHYSICAL FITNESS
FACILITIES” TO THE LIST OF PERMITTED USES IN THE
COMMERCIAL SERVICE: CS ZONING DISTRICT; TO REPEAL
ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

Mr. Forbes explained that the ordinance allows ‘Physical fitness facilities, excluding weightlifting facilities and weight training apparatus’ to the list of permitted uses in the small CS zoning district.

Public Hearing: Mayor Latham opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-8053.

There being no one coming forward to speak to the issue, Mayor Latham closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-8053, as amended, amending the text of the Land Development Code to add ‘Physical fitness facilities, excluding weightlifting facilities and weight training apparatus’ to the list of permitted uses in the Commercial Service: CS Zoning District..

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Latham adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock
CITY CLERK

Approval:

/s/William C. Latham

William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: June 2, 2014