

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, October 6, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles Latham called the meeting to order.

The Mayor acknowledged that students of Ms. Phillips Civic Class and a group of Boy Scouts were attending the meeting.

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
Tom Taylor Phil Vogelsang (*absent*) Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, City Attorney Susan Erdelyi, and City Clerk Judy Bullock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- **Special City Council Meeting held September 8, 2014**
- **Special City Council Meeting held September 15, 2014**
- **Regular City Council Meeting held September 15, 2014**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Chris Hoffman –

- Ms. Hoffman announced that the First Annual Beaches Art Fest held at the Pablo Historical Park was a great success.

Council Member Keith Doherty –

- Mr. Doherty spoke about the construction work on First Street, between 6th and 8th Avenues North not being completed on time.
- He also requested that the Council hold a workshop on construction of a parking garage.

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Council Member Tom Taylor –

- Mr. Taylor advised that Father William Kelly of St. Paul’s Catholic Church will be retiring on July 1, 2015, and requested that the Council honor Father Kelly due to the positive work he has done for the community.

Mayor Latham –

- Mayor Latham said that he was honored to participate in the “Blessings in a Backpack” project at Seabreeze Elementary School on September 18, 2014. He congratulated Principal Tina Bennett, her staff, and the volunteer parents for the program that assisted the students.
- Later that day, he also attended the Ribault Garden Club’s “Annual Coffee” function and enjoyed a presentation on recycling.
- The City of Jacksonville Beach hosted a TPO Meeting on September 23, 2014. Mayor Latham expressed his appreciation to the TPO staff for providing an opportunity for the beach communities to provide their thoughts on the long-range transportation projects.
- Mayor Latham congratulated Sandy Golding and the members of the “Beaches Watch” on their ten years of service to the community. He added that he was able to see his friend and colleague Harriet Pruette honored at the event.
- Congratulations were extended to the graduating Class No. 33 of the Citizen’s Police Academy. Mayor Latham stated that the next class will commence in January 2015.
- On Friday, September 3rd, Mayor Latham attended “Truck Day” at San Pablo Elementary, which is a safety awareness program for elementary school aged children. He thanked the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department, Police Department, Lifeguards, and Beaches Energy Services, for their participation.
- Mayor Latham stated that he was proud to be able to participate in the “Sober Living Festival”, at the SeaWalk Pavilion on last Saturday. He added that there was a good crowd and great weather for the event.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

- Mick DuRocher, 41 Millie Drive, Jacksonville Beach

Mr. DuRocher spoke on a number of topics, including the proposed location of the skateboard park, sewer problems at his home, and placing utility lines in the area underground.

- James Sorrell, 1410 Pinewood Road, Jacksonville Beach

Mr. Sorrell recommended that the City’s Code of Ordinances, be updated. He cited outdated sections and stated that 1991 was the last time that the Code had been reviewed/revised in its entirety.

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- Cory Nichols, 1107 South 1st Street, Unit C, Jacksonville Beach

Mr. Nichols (member of the Community Redevelopment Agency), began by suggesting that the City post either a video or an audio recording of the City Council meetings on the City's website.

Mr. Nichols also recommended that the "Vision Plan" be reviewed and revised. He stated that the Vision Plan was to cover seven years and is now outdated. Mr. Nichols added that most of the infrastructure called for in the plan has been completed and stated that the City needs to move on to the business portion of the plan.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CITY CLERK

Adopt the Declaration of Election Results from the State of Florida, Duval County Canvassing Board, for the August 26, 2014, Primary Election

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to adopt the Election Declaration by the City Clerk of the official election results of the City of Jacksonville Beach Primary Election, held on August 26, 2014.

Mr. Forbes explained that the Duval County Canvassing Board issues the official results of the City elections and the City Council then approves the Declaration of Election Results.

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

CITY MANAGER

- (a) **Approve the Non-Serviceable Fire Helmet Policy as Outlined by Fire Chief Gary Frazier in a Memo Dated September 24, 2014**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve the non-serviceable fire helmet policy as outlined by the Fire Chief Gary Frazier, in a memo dated September 24, 2014.

Chief Frazier explained that a firefighter's helmet can be used for a maximum of 10 years then it must be replaced. At that time, the helmet must be destroyed, as they can no longer be used as protective gear, with the exception of the current leather helmet shield, which will be used on the new helmet. Chief Frazier said that most firefighters are attached to their helmet and would like to keep it in remembrance of their many calls.

Since a third of the department's helmets will be replaced this year, it is recommended that firefighters be allowed to purchase their own non-serviceable fire helmet at a cost of \$25.00 with the exception of those firefighters who are retiring from service. The retiring firefighter receives their service helmet and badge at no charge.

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Chief Frazier also presented hardcover books meant for children in the first grade that teaches them how to do the right thing. He advised that the department would like to provide each child with one of the books when they tour the Fire Station.

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

(b) Award RFP Number 12-1314 for Fourth of July Fireworks Display to *Pyro Shows, Inc.*

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to award RFP Number 12-1314 for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display to *Pyro Shows, Inc.*, with the option to renew annually for the succeeding three (3) years, based on the availability of funds and the approval of the City Manager.

Mr. Forbes advised that the City has used this company, and is satisfied with their product and service.

A brief discussion was held regarding the length of the fireworks shows. Mr. Forbes explained that the shows last between 20 - 25 minutes.

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

(c) Award RFP 13-1314 – Professional Services for Assistance with NERC Reliability Compliance Standards for Beaches Energy Services to the Highest Ranked Respondent, *GDS Associates, Inc.*

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to award RFP 13-1314 – Professional Services for Assistance with NERC Reliability Compliance Standards to the highest ranked respondent, *GDS Associates, Inc.*, as explained in the memorandum from the Purchasing Administrator, dated September 19, 2014.

Mr. Forbes explained that the North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) mandates and enforces standards governing physical infrastructure and cyber security. The City has received notice that Beaches Energy Services will be audited during the last week of June 2015.

For this reason, the City issued a RFP to provide the following professional services:

- Evaluate operating procedures and standards in order to conduct a GAP Analysis that would identify any deficiencies to NERC standards
- Develop recommendations for corrective measures for implementation before the June 2015 audit.

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

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RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-8058

Findings of Fact for the Denial of Ordinance No. 2014-8058, Rezoning the Property Located at 602 N. 1st Street from Central Business District: CBD to Redevelopment District: RD.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to approve the Findings of Fact, dated October 6, 2014, for the denial of Ordinance Number 2014-8058, rezoning the property located at 602 North 1st Street, from *Central Business District: CBD to Redevelopment District: RD.*

Mr. Forbes provided an abbreviated overview of the Findings of Fact for the denial of Ordinance No. 2014-8058.

Roll call vote: Wilson – Aye

Doherty – Abstain (*Conflict of Interest Form to be made part of original minutes*)

Hartkemeyer – Aye

Hoffman – Nay

Taylor – Aye

Mayor Latham – Aye

The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Latham adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock
CITY CLERK

Approval:

/s/ William C. Latham

William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: October 20, 2014