

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Tuesday, March 16, 2015 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 at 7:00 P.M.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Lee Buck Keith Doherty Christine Hoffman
Bruce Thomason (absent) Phil Vogelsang (absent) Jeanell Wilson (absent)

Also present was City Manager George Forbes, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty, and passed unanimously, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Regular City Council Meeting held March 2, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Christine Hoffman -

- Ms. Hoffman reported she attended the Rhoda Martin Cultural Heritage Center's "Night on the Hill" Gala on March 14, 2015.

Mayor Latham -

- Mayor Latham announced that The Florida League of Cities and Florida League of Mayors have announced the winners of the "If I Were Elected Mayor" statewide essay contest for seventh-graders. The First Place winner was David Day, a Fletcher Middle School student.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Speakers:

- Sandy Golding, 1203 18th Avenue N., Jacksonville Beach -

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Ms. Golding announced that Beaches Watch is hosting a forum for the Jacksonville Mayor and Jacksonville Sheriff candidates on Thursday, April 16th, 2015, at Fletcher High School.

- August Schild, 614 16th Ave S., Jacksonville Beach –

Mr. Schild reported that since March 2012, he has experienced excess noise from barking dogs from the residence next door. Mr. Schild provided a recording of the noise levels as recorded from inside his home. He believes that his neighbors may be operating a kennel at their residence.

Mayor Latham advised that either the Police Chief or he will be following up on his concerns.

- Mick DuRocher, 41 Millie Drive, Jacksonville Beach -

Mr. DuRocher recommended the removal of the shrubbery along the Boardwalk, proposed improvements to roadway along the ditch at 16th Ave. South between 5th & 6th Streets. He reported he had been contacted by city staff regarding sewer issues in his backyard, but there had been no follow through. Mr. DuRocher requested to have underground utilities installed in his Hannah Terrace neighborhood similar to those installed in the new neighborhoods east of Third Street.

- Lance Folsom, 1022 23rd Street N., Jacksonville Beach –

Complimented the improvements made at the Small Dog Park.

- Shandy Thompson 522 3rd Avenue S., Jacksonville Beach –

Discussed concerns about crime in Jacksonville Beach. Ms. Thompson suggested cutting back the shrubbery around the boardwalk and pier, issuing tickets to loiterers, installation of cameras throughout the city that feed video to Police station for monitoring, and establish a Police Substation downtown.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

CITY CLERK:

CITY MANAGER:

(a) Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of February, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for the Month of February, 2015.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Buck, Doherty, Hoffman and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

(b) Allocate \$25,000 for Fire Department Overtime

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to approve Allocating \$25,000 for Fire Department Overtime.

Mr. Forbes explained that during the economic downturn, City of Jacksonville Beach utilized its Auxiliary Firefighters on the shifts to help reduce overtime costs. However, because of employment opportunities for the Auxiliary Firefighters, the availability pool has been reduced and our costs have increased. Secondly, with increase in construction projects throughout the city, the funds will also be used to aid the Fire Marshal in completing the inspections and not slow down any of the construction projects.

Brief discussion on the fluctuating staffing levels of the Auxiliary Firefighters program, upcoming anticipated overtime costs for spring and summer months.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Doherty, Hoffman, Buck and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

(c) Approve the Purchase and Installation of a City-wide E-mail Archival System and a Modular Work Station for the Human Resources Department

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to approve the Purchase and Installation of the City-wide E-mail Archival System and a Modular Workstation for the Human Resources Department.

Mr. Forbes reported that the City Attorney recommended that the City purchase a City-wide e-mail archival system. Current retention period for saving city-wide e-mails before they are deleted is 90 days. The new e-mail archival system would increase the retention period to five years before deleting any emails, includes a larger storage capacity, and retains a single copy of an e-mail with multiple recipients.

Councilmember Doherty asked if the public has access to the e-mail database.

Mr. Forbes responded that the public needs to initiate a Public Records Request for access to e-mails.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hoffman, Buck, Doherty and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

(d) Approve Payment to Siemens Industry, Inc. for Repair of Two High Voltage Siemens Circuit Breakers at the Butler Substation

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Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to Approve Payment to Siemens Industry, Inc. for Repair of Two High Voltage Siemens Circuit Breakers at the Butler Substation.

Mr. Forbes recommended approving a sole source agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., to make repairs to two high voltage Siemens circuit breakers at Butler Substation for \$31,850.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Buck, Doherty, Hoffman, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

(e) Award Unit Price Bid #1415-02 “Wetwell, Tank & Pipe Cleaning, & TV Inspection Services” to Metro Rooter, and Trident Environmental Companies LLC, for a Period of Five (5) Years

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to Award Unit Price Bid #1415-02 “Wetwell, Tank & Pipe Cleaning, & TV Inspection Services” to *Metro Rooter*, and *Trident Environmental Companies LLC*, for a Period of Five (5) Years.

Mr. Forbes recommended approval to Award Unit Price Bid #1415-02 “Wetwell, Tank & Pipe Cleaning, & TV Inspection Services” to two firms, *Metro Rooter*, and *Trident Environmental Companies LLC*, for a Period of Five (5) Years. This program is used to clean storm water systems that are blocked, T.V. lines and other utility systems.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Doherty, Hoffman, Buck and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

(f) Approval of Bid # 1415-03 – Electric Supplies – 12 Months Requirements

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty to approve Bid # 1415-03 – Electric Supplies – 12 Months Requirements.

Mr. Forbes recommended to Award Bid # 1415-03 to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as explained in the memorandum from Beaches Energy Services Director dated March 11, 2015. The series of equipment items listed on the bid sheet are used throughout the electrical system on an annual basis.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hoffman, Buck, Doherty and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

(a) **RESOLUTION NO. 1944-2015**

Mayor Latham requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1944-2015, by title only; whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN”.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to adopt Resolution 1944-2015 opposing seismic air-gun testing in the Atlantic Ocean.

Speakers:

- Tom Larson, 887 Marshside Ct., Jacksonville Beach –

Mr. Larson spoke in support of passing the resolution and wanted City Councilmembers to know he was available for any questions on this item.

Discussion:

Mayor Latham explained the history of this issue as it was brought up originally last year and reviewed discussion from Council Meeting on March 2, 2015.

Roll call vote: Buck, Doherty, Hoffman, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:

/S/ W C Latham
William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: April 6, 2015