
The Council Briefing began at 6:00 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

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

Also present was Interim City Manager Karen Nelson.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was to update the Council Members on projects including the following items:

City Manager

Hurricane Michael

Ms. Nelson stated several Jacksonville Beach Police Officers have been sent over to the Panama City area with needed supplies and to assist in any way necessary.

Online surplus auction

Purchasing and Procurement Officer Luis Flores and Ms. Nelson proposed a change to the current Purchasing ordinance that would allow for more frequent online surplus property auctions instead of an annual auction. The requested change in the ordinance would allow the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer the authority to approve the sale of surplus items without having to go before the City Council for approval.

Beam building update

Mr. Flores stated the construction on the Beam building is near completion. It was suggested by Mr. Doherty to add penalty fees for missed deadlines in the contracts. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of adding penalties to contracts for missed deadlines by contractors.

Water line extension

Director of Public Works Dave Millinor stated he was approached by a property owner regarding a property located on the edge of the St. Johns County line. The property owner stated his property has no connection to the City's utilities and is currently running off well water and uses a septic tank. He is requesting to be connected to City utilities. Mr. Millinor stated it would cost the City of Jacksonville Beach approximately \$330,000 to run a water line to the property. Mr. Millinor asked for guidance from the Council regarding the following options:

- The City pays the cost of extending a water line to the property incurring a cost of approximately \$330,000.

- The City agrees to allow the property owner to connect to JEA water and sewer utilities. This would require an agreement between JEA and the City of Jacksonville Beach.

A discussion ensued, and the Council thought the best option would be to allow the property owner to connect to JEA.

Draft of Employment Agreement for City Manager position

A discussion ensued on the changes to the draft of the Employment Agreement for the City Manager position.

Miscellaneous topics discussed by Council

Mr. Doherty inquired about the status of hiring an additional Animal Control Officer. Ms. Nelson stated there may be an opportunity to revisit the request after the hiring of the new City Manager and the Police Chief is completed.

Mr. Doherty stated the City's homeless population is still an issue and Gonzales Park is becoming a popular location for the homeless to congregate. Mr. Doherty suggested moving the City's Veterans Memorial to Gonzales Park with the hopes of bringing activity to the park as a deterrent for the homeless. Mr. Doherty also suggested removing the current shelters and benches at the park as it would alleviate the homeless from sleeping on them.

Ms. Hoffman stated there should be more crosswalks available to allow pedestrians and bikers to cross 3rd Street (State Road A1A) safely. Mayor Latham suggested following up with the Department of Transportation regarding the status of adding more crosswalks.

Golf Course update

Ms. Nelson introduced the new Golf Course Facilities Manager Bruce Mohler. Ms. Nelson stated \$400,000 was transferred as a year-end budget modification to cover the expenses of the golf course while it is being renovated. The transfer would also cover start-up costs and completion of renovations at the clubhouse facilities.

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides stated flooring, painting, and restroom vanities are being updated at the golf course. Mr. Phitides stated the AC unit is being replaced as well, which is part of the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Phitides assured the Council that the golf course and the restaurant would be ready for the soft opening on November 9, 2018.

The briefing adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

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