

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Held Monday, May 2, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.
In the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



Call to Order

Mayor Fland Sharp called the meeting to order.

Opening Ceremony

Invocation by Council member Rick Knight; Salute to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mayor: Fland Sharp

Council members: Lee Buck Penny Christian Rick Knight
Dick Matthews Martha Ann Sibley Linda Spence

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, City Clerk Heidi Reagan and Assistant City Clerk Judy Bullock.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, and passed, to approve the minutes of the following meeting, as presented:

Regular Meeting held April 18, 2005

Communications

None

Courtesy of Floor to Visitors

Lance Folsom, 1022 N. 23rd St. – Spoke on the success of the new dog park, and thanked the City for their support.

Carl Smith, 551 S. 6th Ave. – Spoke in opposition to condominiums being allowed to use up parking spaces on the street ends for entry to their garage parking. Requested council consider requiring entry to garages off of 1st Street instead of from the avenue on the street end.

Mayor “a”

Proclamation – City Clerks’ Week

Mayor Sharp read and presented to the staff of the City Clerk’s office a Proclamation recognizing the City Clerk’s staff for their contributions to the City of Jacksonville Beach and proclaiming May 1st -7th to be City Clerks’ Week.

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City Manager “a”

Draw from Equitable Sharing Fund for the Purchase of Rain Gear and Radio Ear Pieces for the Police Department

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, for approval to expend \$18,374.25 from the Equitable Sharing Fund to purchase rain gear and radio ear pieces for the Police Department (*Rain Jackets and Pants from Patrick’s - \$14,999.25; and Radio Ear Pieces from Hasty’s Communications - \$3,375.00*).

Roll call vote: Ayes – Buck, Christian, Knight, Matthews, Sibley, Spence and Mayor Sharp.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager “b”

Presentation of the South 9th Street Corridor Planning Study

The 9th Street Corridor Planning Study was presented by Stephen Tocknell and David Stroud of Reynolds, Smith & Hills (RS & H). The highlights of the recommended improvements are to provide sidewalks on both sides of 9th St., add landscaping improvements, improve drainage, provide barrier curb and gutter, provide “Miami-style” curb and gutter between 1st and 2nd Avenues, South (east side of street) and 7th and 8th Avenues South (west side of street) to allow off street parking. Additional improvements include landscaping at Beach Blvd. and 9th Street to create a visual gateway to the city, crosswalks and a north-bound left turn lane at the intersection, upgrading of landscaping at numerous intersections along 9th Street between Osceola and Beach, eliminating the 3-way stop at Millie Drive and allowing only right-in and right-out turns at Millie. It was also proposed that the wooden electric poles along 9th Street be replaced with concrete poles.

A discussion followed the presentation. Ms. Sibley asked whether there was enough room for sidewalks on both sides of the street. Mr. Stroud responded that they studied the amount of right of way available, and there is room for the sidewalks. The distance between the roadway and the sidewalk would be four (4) feet. Ms. Christian asked whether the growth and changes planned at the hospital had been considered in this proposal. Mr. Stroud stated that the known changes were incorporated into the proposal. Questions were raised about the proposed cost of the program to which Mr. Forbes stated that this is just a design and that it is premature to attempt to discuss costs at this stage.

City Manager “c”

Approval for Reynolds Smith & Hills (RS & H) to Begin a Preliminary Engineering Study of Proposed Roadway and Infrastructure Improvements

It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. for a preliminary engineering study of the South 9th Street corridor between Beach Boulevard and Osceola Avenue.

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Roll call vote: Ayes – Christian, Knight, Matthews, Sibley, Spence, Buck, and Mayor Sharp.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Sharp adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Heidi Reagan, CITY CLERK

Council Approval: _____

Date: _____