

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Held Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
In the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fland Sharp.

Opening Ceremony

Invocation was by Council member 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 Attorney Stephen Stratford and City Clerk Heidi Reagan.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, and passed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 17, 2006, as presented:

Courtesy of Floor to Visitors

Dick Carlsberg and Beth Fleet - Supervisor of Elections Office, 105 E. Monroe St., Jacksonville: Mr. Carlsberg and Ms. Fleet requested that the Council consider changing the candidate qualifying dates for the city elections to allow sufficient time for the Supervisor's office to mail absentee ballots overseas. They requested that the qualifying dates be changed to noon on September 18, 2006 through noon on September 22, 2006 to conform with the Florida Statutes requiring that qualifying be held during the period no sooner than 50 days prior to and not later than 46 days prior to the election.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if an ordinance was being prepared to change our qualifying dates, to which Ms. Reagan responded in the affirmative.

Ben Rubin, 126 First St., S – Spoke on the recent Bert Harris and vested rights claims. Asked several questions, including what the City's strategy is in defending these claims.

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City Clerk “a”

Appointment of Alternate to Board of Adjustment to Fill Term to Expire February 1, 2007

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley to appoint Joseph Loretta, as the Alternate member for the Board of Adjustment.
(*Term to expire on February 1, 2007.*)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager “a”

Cancellation of the July 3, 2006, City Council Meeting

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley to cancel the July 3, 2006, City Council Meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager “b”

Bid Award and Budget for the Gonzales Park Improvement Project

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to approve the award of projects to improve Gonzales Park as defined in a memo from Gary Meadors dated January 19, 2006, entitled, “Bid Award and Budget for the Gonzales Park improvement project”.

(*The projects outlined in the above referenced memo are:*

- 1. Award the sidewalks and road construction to Miranda Construction at a price of \$81,000.*
- 2. Approve the award of the park entrance sign to Hufham Construction at a price of \$3,200.*
- 3. Approve the award of the park equipment to Hunter Knepshield at a price of \$36,702.*
- 4. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the contracts necessary to implement these bid awards.)*

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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City Manager “c”

Contract Awards and Budget for the A1A/Huguenot Park Improvement Project

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, for approval to award the A1A/Huguenot Park Project as defined in a memo from Gary Meadors dated January 19, 2006, entitled, “Contract Awards and Budget for the A1A / Huguenot Park Improvement Project”.

(The projects outlined in the above referenced memo are:

- 1. Approve the budget for the A1A/Huguent Project at a cost of \$282,725.*
- 2. Award RFP #4-0506 to B&L Landscape for a total price of \$175,900 (price is for both the A1A/Huguenot Park project - \$105,600; and the Gonzales Park project - \$70,300).*
- 3. Approve B&L and MBI as continuing contractors for future pricing of landscape projects.*
- 4. Approve the award of the park entrance sign to Hufham Construction for a price of \$7,525.)*
- 5. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the contracts necessary to implement these bid awards.)*

Discussion: Mr. Forbes stated that this project has been discussed several times in the past and that initially a bid of over \$900,000 was received for this project. Consequently, the staff committed to looking for alternative methods for bidding these projects out to try and reduce the cost. By awarding the bids as presented and using several different sub-contractors, instead of one contractor, we will be able to save between \$300,000 and \$400,000 on this project which provides major enhancements to Gonzales Park as well as major landscaping enhancements along A1A and in Huguenot Park.

Additionally, Mr. Forbes explained this motion also includes using B&L, which was the lowest bidder meeting specifications and MBI, which was the second lowest bidder meeting specifications as continuing contractors for future small landscaping projects.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1736-2006

City Clerk Heidi Reagan read Resolution No. 1736-2006, by title only:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH,
FLORIDA RELEASING, VACATING AND ABANDONING A PORTION
OF A FIFTEEN (15) FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND DRAINAGE**

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EASEMENT RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EASTERLY PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 43, CONSTITUTION COVE – UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGES 57 AND 57-A OF THE CURRENT RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to adopt Resolution No. 1736-2006, as read by title.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1738-2006

City Clerk Heidi Reagan read Resolution No. 1738-2006, by title only:

“A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to adopt Resolution No. 1738-2006, as read by title.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes explained that usually twice a year the City sells old surplus property. The City is planning on holding a sale on Thursday, February 23rd where these items will be auctioned off - the internet is also being used to sell these items.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1739-2006

City Clerk Heidi Reagan read Resolution No. 1739-2006, by title only:

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND NONUNION MANAGERIAL, PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2006.”

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to adopt Resolution No. 1739-2006, as read by title.

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Discussion: Mayor Sharp explained that this ordinance is just to bring the non-union administrative and managerial employees into the plan adopted for the rest employees.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 2006-7910 – Second Reading

Council Members were advised that Ordinance No. 2006-7910 would be tabled until the February 20, 2006 Council meeting to ensure it is properly advertised.

Adjournment

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Sharp adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Submitted by: Heidi Reagan, City Clerk

Approval:

/s/ Fland O. Sharp

Mayor

Date: February 20, 2006