

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Held Monday, November 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 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 Regular Council meeting held October 16, 2006, meeting as presented.

Communications

None

Mayor "b"

Jacksonville City Council Member, Elaine Brown – Update on the Mayport Ferry

(Item taken out of agenda order)

At this time, Mayor Sharp invited Jacksonville City Council member Elaine Brown to address the Council.

Ms. Brown provided a verbal report on the funding status of the Mayport Ferry and its continued operation. She advised that rider ship is down and operation of the ferry currently requires an annual subsidy of \$700,000. Funding is in place for the next year, however, due to upcoming budget constraints, funds for operation of the ferry may be cut in the coming years.

Ms. Brown remarked, in her opinion, the ferry is an extension of A1A and has great historic value. She explained that the Coast Guard utilizes the ferry in obtaining parts for equipment maintenance and with addition of 4,500 jobs in the Blount Island area, all modes of transportation will be crucial.

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Ms. Brown extended her appreciation for the Council's support in this matter and advised that she will be going before the legislature to request that funding of the ferry continue. She added that closing of the ferry would be detrimental to the Village of Mayport and their businesses.

Courtesy of Floor to Visitors

Mayor Sharp extended Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors.

Speakers: Jim Overby, 21 Burling Way, Jacksonville Beach; commended the Council on being open to and encouraging citizen input. He then expressed his displeasure regarding remarks made by a member of the council concerning his opinions and concerns and requested an apology.

Mayor "a"

Presentation of 2005 Life Safety Achievement Award to Fire Department

Mayor Sharp read and presented the Residential Fire Safety Institute's 2005 Life Safety Achievement Award, which recognizes the efforts of the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department's to keep the community free of deaths from fire in the year 2005, to Fire Chief Gary Frazier and members of the Fire Department.

City Manager "a"

Interlocal Agreement Between the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue for Automatic/Mutual Aid

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute an automatic/mutual aide agreement with Jacksonville Fire & Rescue.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes advised that the City of Jacksonville Beach had an automatic mutual aid agreement with the City Atlantic Beach. However, the City of Jacksonville now provides fire and rescue services to the City of Atlantic Beach and we do not have an automatic mutual aid agreement with the City of Jacksonville.

He went on to explain that automatic aid is a response with a single engine company to a structure fire in the other city's territory. Under the proposed agreement, Jacksonville Fire & Rescue will provide automatic aid to Jacksonville Beach; and Jacksonville Beach will provide automatic aid to Neptune and Atlantic Beach. Mr. Forbes added that each party to the agreement is responsible for their own costs and the agreements are implemented only if the requested jurisdiction has units available. Mr. Forbes also explained that the difference between automatic mutual aid and mutual aid is that with automatic mutual aid a unit is dispatched automatically, while under mutual aid a unit is only dispatched on request from the other agency.

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He concluded by advising that the proposed agreement does not require Jacksonville Beach to respond across the intracoastal waterway to the City of Jacksonville; however, our fire department is willing to assist where needed within reason. He added that we have responded to a need for assistance, west of the intracoastal waterway in the past.

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

City Manager “b”

Dedication to the City and Acceptance for Maintenance of Public Infrastructure Improvements for the Paradise Key Subdivision

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to approve the dedication to the City and acceptance for maintenance of the public infrastructure improvements that were installed for the Paradise Key Subdivision.

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

City Manager “c”

Proposal for Consulting Services from E Government Consulting Services

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to approve a proposal from E-Government Consulting for consulting services related to computer aided dispatch and records management systems for the Police Department for a fee not to exceed \$61,855.00.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes explained that the Police Department currently has a patched together system for computer aided dispatch and records management systems that has become obsolete. The proposal is from an experienced company and since this is a large expenditure, the city needs to be sure that we are getting the best system for the job.

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

City Manager “d”

Purchase of Replacement Mixer Assembly for the Pollution Control Plant

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to approve the mixer assembly as explained in a memo from Ty Edwards dated, October 28, 2006, entitled “Approval to Purchase Replacement Mixer Assembly for the East Stabilization Tank at the Pollution Control Plant”.

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

City Manager “e”

Funding for Parks Maintenance Projects

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to approve the award of maintenance improvements to city parks as outlined in a memo from Gary Meadors, dated October 27, 2006, entitled “Funding for Parks Maintenance Projects”.

Discussion: Mr. Forbes briefly reviewed the list of projects under consideration:

Oceanfront Park (*\$21,607.00 total cost with contingency*)

Replacement of the existing playground equipment that is deteriorating from rust. The equipment will be more durable due to the proximity of the park to the ocean.

Golf Course Restrooms (*\$18,425 total cost with contingency*)

Replacement of the current septic tank system with a self-contained pump station that will discharge the waste into the City’s sewer system

Gonzales Park (*\$33,000.00 total cost with contingency*)

Replacement of the basketball court in conjunction with current renovation plans.

Huguenot Park (*\$68,200.00 total cost with contingency*)

Installation of a bulkhead to prevent future erosion problems and new landscaping.

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

City Manager “f”

Recommendation on Awarding Bid No. 0506-31 – Padmounted Switchgear – 12 months requirement

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to award Bid No. 0506-31 to G.E. Supply Company, the lowest bidder meeting specifications, as recommended in the memo from Don Ouchley, dated October 25, 2006, entitled “Bid for Padmounted Switchgear”.

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

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1751-2006

Mayor Sharp requested that the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1750-2006, by title only; whereupon Ms. Reagan read the following:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH SUPPORTING
THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER FERRY.”**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Sibley, to adopt Resolution No. 1751-2006, in support of the continued funding of the St. Johns River Ferry, as read by title.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Sharp adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock, Assistant City Clerk

Approval:

/s/Fland Sharp
Mayor

November 20, 2006
Date