

**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
held Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.
via Video Conference
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Charlie Latham made the following statement:

“Governor Ron DeSantis’ Executive Order No. 20-139, extended Executive Order No. 20-69, which authorizes local government bodies to continue to conduct meetings without an in-person quorum at any specific location, and they can continue to hold meetings using communications media technology (CMT).

On April 6, 2020, the City of Jacksonville Beach City Council further approved at their public meeting the use of CMT and alternative start times to conduct their Council meetings and briefings.

Accordingly, this City Council meeting is being held in a modified manner using CMT. The Council, staff and the public are not physically present in City Hall tonight.

In a moment, the City Attorney will explain the CMT procedures and adaptations for public attendance and public comment that have been put in place and being utilized.

The City Council members and City personnel are appearing through CMT.”

OPENING CEREMONIES:

In lieu of the Invocation, Mayor Latham asked everyone to join in a moment of silence as the country experiences social discourse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latham called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Latham invited City Attorney Chris Ambrosio to state the CMT procedures and adaptations being utilized for this meeting.

City Attorney Chris Ambrosio explained the CMT instructions and opportunities for the public to attend and participate were published on various platforms in a public notice [*on file*] and went over the options.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty Georgette Dumont Sandy Golding
Christine Hoffman Cory Nichols Phil Vogelsang (absent)

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Dumont, and passed unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Council Meeting held on June 1, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Golding spoke with City of Jacksonville Council Member Rory Diamond about the Penman Road lighted pedestrian crosswalks. She stated 4th Avenue North is being installed now, and the other two located at 8th Avenue North and 15th Avenue North are going through design work. Ms. Golding also announced Beaches Watch would hold a virtual police panel meeting on July 8, 2020. All three Chiefs of Police from the Beaches would discuss public safety and citizens would be able to ask questions.

Ms. Hoffman announced the Beaches Museum would re-open to the public on June 30, 2020.

Mr. Doherty spoke about the recent COVID-19 outbreak at some establishments. He stated bar and restaurant business owners were proactive in closing down for cleaning and testing. He said COVID-19 was still here, and citizens and business owners needed to be cautious.

Ms. Dumont announced the Rhoda L. Martin Cultural Heritage Center would hold an event on June 27, 2020. There would be a new exhibit and gift shop.

Mr. Nichols mentioned he had been contacted about the sidewalk work the City of Jacksonville (COJ) did on Penman Road. He explained the sidewalk was damaged, and COJ was doing safety repairs. Their contractor, who is doing the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), is also tasked with repairs in the area. He said the full renovation of Penman Road is coming in the near future. Mr. Nichols also cautioned about having events while businesses are shutting down.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS:

Mayor Latham extended Courtesy of the Floor to visitors.

- Kassidy Kinkel, 402 14th Avenue South, Unit C, Jacksonville Beach, spoke on behalf of The Surfrider Foundation about the concerns of Expanded Polystyrene foam at the Margaritaville construction site. She explained how it harms the environment and asked for the construction site to be held responsible for containment and proper disposal. She offered the assistance of The Surfrider Foundation to help with the issue.
- Rick Catlett, President of the Gator Bowl, 1 Gator Bowl Boulevard, Jacksonville, spoke in favor of the Deck the Chairs agenda item [Item #20-122].

Ms. Scott advised the remaining Courtesy of the Floor comments submitted were related to Item 20-122, and she would read the comments when the item came up.

CITY CLERK:

Item #20-121 – Reappoint/Appoint One Member to the Community Redevelopment Agency for New Four-Year Term, Expiring on December 31, 2023, or Consider Appointing Other Applicants

Mayor Latham stated interviews were held on June 5, 2020. There were a couple of applicants who listed the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) as their first board choice in addition to Jeff Jones, who is requesting reappointment.

Ms. Golding nominated Jeff Jones for reappointment to the CRA. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Dumont. There were no other nominations put forward.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Doherty to reappoint Jeff Jones to the Community Redevelopment Agency for a new 4-year term expiring on December 31, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Doherty, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Latham suggested the Chair of the related board should be invited to participate in the interview process in the future. Mr. Ambrosio added the staff member relevant to the board should also be included.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: *No items.*

CITY MANAGER:

Item #20-122 – Approve/Disapprove an Agreement with Deck the Chairs, Inc. for the Planning and Operation of the Deck the Chairs Event for a Three-Year Term Commencing January 11, 2021

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item is for a new three-year agreement with Deck the Chairs. At the March 2, 2020, Council Briefing, the consensus was for staff to negotiate a new three-year agreement, including the City's right to audit. He reviewed the highlights of the new agreement. Mr. Staffopoulos added Deck the Chairs was the number one family-friendly event on a survey conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Dumont to approve an agreement with Deck the Chairs, Inc. for the planning and operation of the Deck the Chairs event for a three-year term commencing January 11, 2021.

Mayor Latham opened up the floor for public comments.

The following spoke in support of the agenda item:

- Kurtis Loftus, 348 Aquatic Drive, Atlantic Beach
- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach
- Anne Marie Moquin, 587 Beach Avenue, Atlantic Beach

The following spoke in opposition to the agenda item:

- Ross Thompson, 1016 1st Street South, Jacksonville Beach

Communications Manager Jacob Board advised Malcolm Marvin, 66 Oakwood Road, Jacksonville Beach, had registered to speak but was not present in CMT.

Ms. Scott read submitted comments in support of the agenda item into the record [on file]:

- Jeanell Wilson, 2014 South Oceanfront, Jacksonville Beach – “Deck the Chairs has become an important community event that has grown each year and is a family-friendly event that we have said we aspire to have. Not only does it attract our own citizens, but attracts others from surrounding areas that attend and spend money in our shops and restaurants. This idea was born after the City of Jacksonville Beach had no holiday decorations one December. A small group of ladies from Pablo Towers came to our City Council meeting one night to plead for reinstating holiday decorations. In trying to decide exactly what we should do, Kurtis Loftus presented an idea for Deck the Chairs, which would provide holiday decorations as well as be a benefit/fundraiser for the Lifeguards. Thus, the theme of the decorated lifeguard chairs. It started out small the first year and now has grown into a regional attraction. It was suggested at a Council workshop that we put it out for bid and see what other ideas would be presented. Normally, I would be in favor of that. However, with the occurrences of this year with the pandemic and protest marches, I feel we need the stability of continuing the Deck the Chairs tradition. Therefore, I urge you to approve the contract extension with Deck the Chairs. Thank you, Jeanell Wilson.”
- Laura Kurtz, 1290 3rd Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach – “My vote is a resounding yes for this. Deck the Chairs has become the highlight of the holidays in our community. I am fortunate enough to have children who are now college/high school and were able to grow up enjoying this most magical event and continue to enjoy it and participate as almost adults. It is so professionally organized, and every year it just gets better. It continues to bring such positivity and happiness to our community. One of the best investments for our city by far.”
- JoAnn Lee, 33 Alhambra Street, Ponte Vedra Beach – “Deck the Chairs is an inspiring, all-inclusive, family-friendly event that brings together fun, fantasy, creativity, education, religion, music, social interaction, and all set in a most magical oceanfront setting involving scores of volunteers. Utilizing the lifeguard chair as its symbol of vigilance, strength, skill, patience, wellness, and hope is brilliant.”
- Linda Fogg, 4514 Middleton Park Circle East, Jacksonville – “I hope tonight that you extend the three-year contract of Deck the Chairs. It is the best event that Jax Beach has helped to sponsor. People have come from many different places outside of this area. They come to share a family experience that exceeds their expectation. I’ve been a volunteer with DTC for numerous years, so I can speak from personal knowledge. The people who attend this month-long event all share the love and joy of the season and also gain an education about how sensitive our beach and ocean is connected to us. This event needs to receive this continuous contract, which is so beneficial to both people, businesses, and the best PR for Jacksonville Beach. Linda K Fogg, a beach resident for over 73 years.”
- Colette Sellers, 115 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach – “Deck the Chairs has been the most family-friendly event that our City has hosted in many years. The idea has caught the imagination of children of all ages. From the dog sled so lovely cared for by Maria and Stephon to Jelly Fish Park, to the eclectic Tree with the beautiful light show, to forty plus displays from our businesses and civic and charitable associations, hundreds of us wait and watch for the displays to be built and come out night after night to walk through the wonderland. Children, grandparents, hot chocolate lovers come to visit. Curtis and

Margaret can be spotted every evening making sure the lights are working and serving snacks and hot drinks. They have inspired other groups to join in, such as the Beaches Go Green, who build the Jelly Fish Park to remind us to be better stewards of our Oceanfront Community. With all the love and hard work that hundreds of Jax Beach Citizens pour into this annual month-long project, which is now known throughout the United States, who has a better idea? It's one of a few achievements we can point to as a great family use our fantastic Latham Plaza. And not a beer in sight. We do not have a children's playground on the Plaza. We do have a very nice parade for 45 minutes one day a year and temporary rides set up during adult festivals. Now we have this great December month-long event. What do you have in mind that could top this Family Event? Respectfully, Colette Sellers."

- Reverend Nathan Loewen, 730 Paradise Lane, Atlantic Beach – "Good Evening Jacksonville Beach City Council. I want to thank you for allowing Deck the Chairs to operate over the past years. What it does for the community is amazing. It has taken a dark area and brought light. It is my families person favorite holiday adventure. We go several times each year. DTC has worked hard to showcase talent, art, and the community. I pray that you would consider continuing to allow DTC to partner with Jax Beach to provide this amazing community event and spirit. Yours in Christ, Reverend Nathan Loewen, Lead Pastor, First Christian Church of the Beaches, President of the Beaches Ministerial Association."

Discussion:

Discussion ensued related to the positive feedback about the event, the funding the City contributes, comments raised regarding potential IRS (Internal Revenue Service) issues, providing more comprehensive tracking of "in-kind" or cash donations, and auditing the financials.

Mr. Ambrosio stated direct funding and "in-kind" funding for events is at the discretion of the Council. Mr. Staffopoulos explained the \$7,500 is restricted to specific uses identified in the agreement. Mr. Ambrosio advised he and Parks and Recreation Director Jason Phitides spoke to the Certified Public Accountant and the attorney for Deck the Chairs, and others, and concluded they had no issues with the expenditures or accounting.

Mr. Doherty suggested adding a crosswalk or closing in the area to address traffic issues and pedestrian safety concerns related to the event.

Mr. Nichols asked when this agreement comes up again to allow other members of the community the opportunity to propose other ideas for a holiday event.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Item #20-123 – Accept/Reject the Financial Report for the Month of May 2020

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Nichols to accept the financial reports for the month of May 2020.

Discussion:

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty, Dumont, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Item #20-124 – Approve/Disapprove the Budget Workshop Schedule

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item is to set the budget workshop schedule. The workshops allow the Council to see what is proposed for each department. He advised the Budget Showcase scheduled for July 31, 2020, would likely be a staggered event with departments rotating in and out in order to allow for the proper social distancing.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Doherty to approve the Budget Workshop Schedule.

Discussion:

Ms. Hoffman advised she would be unable to make the first reading of the Budget Adoption scheduled on September 8, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Item #20-125 – Approve/Disapprove the First Amendment for a Renewal of the Agreement for Audit Services with Purvis, Gray and Company, LLC

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item was for the First Amendment for audit services. The Council was made aware at a recent Council Briefing of the change to the state statute regarding the composition of an auditor selection committee. This amendment provides a one-year extension to the existing agreement with an option for an additional one-year renewal.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the First Amendment for a renewal of the agreement for audit services with Purvis, Gray and Company, LLC.

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett explained the State Audit is only required when the City has \$750,000 in grant money issued from the State of Florida. It had not been needed in the past and is not anticipated this year, but the \$2,500 amount was included to show potential costs.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Nichols, Doherty, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Item #20-126 – Award/Reject RFP No. 02-1920 to Florida Blue for Group Medical and Prescription Insurance and to Wingate Insurance Group DBA Abentras for Benefits Broker Services

Mr. Staffopoulos explained the City had last gone out for an RFP (Request for Proposal) in 2012. Human Resources Director Ann Meuse stated the RFP was for group medical and prescription insurance and benefits broker services. Responses were received from three insurance companies – Aetna, Florida Blue, and United Health Care. Florida Blue was the lowest-cost provider. For benefits broker services, one response was received from Wingate Insurance Company, which is Abentras. Ms. Meuse advised the City is saving 7.5% on the health insurance, and there was also a reduction in fees from Abentras. Ms. Meuse explained the reduction in the cost of the health insurance was the result of competitive procurement.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Nichols to award RFP No. 02-1920 to Florida Blue for group medical and prescriptive insurance and to Wingate Insurance Group DBA Abentras for benefits broker services.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Doherty, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Item #20-127 – Approve/Disapprove Removal and Replacement of an Existing Sanitary Sewer Manhole Located within the Intersection of Shetter Avenue and 10th Street South

Mr. Staffopoulos explained this item was for authorization to proceed with replacing a damaged sanitary sewer manhole located at Shetter Avenue and 10th Street South. Staff hoped to include the work as part of a larger Capital Improvement Project in 2023, but the condition of the location had gotten worse. The work needed to be done now to prevent the possibility of future collapse.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the removal and replacement of an existing sanitary sewer manhole located within the intersection of Shetter Avenue and 10th Street South.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Item #20-128 – Approve/Disapprove the Relocation of the Veterans Memorial to Oceanfront Park or Beaches Museum

Mr. Staffopoulos stated staff looked at locations to relocate the Veterans Memorial, currently located at the corner of Beach Boulevard and 2nd Street North. Golf Course Superintendent Trevor Hughes went over the three locations, one at Oceanfront Park and two location options at Beaches Museum.

Motion 1: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the relocation of the Veterans Memorial to the Beaches Museum.

Mayor Latham opened up the floor for public comments.

- Ken Marsh, 2011 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, suggested tabling the item until the City consults with area veterans, families, and the community.

Ms. Scott read comments submitted for this agenda item into the record [on file]:

- Jeanell Wilson, 2014 South Oceanfront, Jacksonville Beach – “Thank you for your consideration in moving the Veterans Memorial to a different location, which can be more accessible. While on the Council about three years ago, I was contacted by a citizen who is a veteran complaining that we did not have a Veterans Memorial. In checking and following up with him, I informed him we did have one. In the current location, it gets little attention, and most do not know that it exists, as he did not know. We started looking into it at that time. We are fortunate to have several City parks and areas for the relocation. However, I feel the Oceanfront Park at 5th Avenue South is the best location for visibility and accessibility. We already have a memorial in the same park with bricks for Breast Cancer Awareness that the Donna Run started a few years ago. This Veterans Memorial would be in keeping with that. This location offers an open area where a visitor could easily find it and have space to reflect while listening to the sounds of the ocean. In light of this, I urge you to relocate the Veterans Memorial to Oceanfront Park. Thank you, Jeanell Wilson.”
- Colette Sellers, 115 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach – “We have a beautiful park on the Oceanfront at 5th Avenue South where kids play kickball, little dogs run in circles on the green, ladies sit on the stone stools and chat. People leaving the beach love to stroll through. Since we are like the United Nations, families with strollers learning our customs and language walk to their cars through this beautiful area. Many folks enjoy the UNF sculptures across the street and take selfies with the boy & the dolphin or on the staircase, an oddity in Jax Beach. This park, that was the entrance to our beloved old pier, is a wonderful place to honor our Veterans by creating a circle with the plaques and flags of our six services. I think we should choose this park that offers an inspiring spot for reflection, with balmy ocean breezes, to remember those men and women who protected our freedom, often on other beaches throughout the world. Respectfully, Colette Sellers.”

Discussion:

A lengthy discussion ensued. Several Council members indicated they had spoken with area veterans. Each Council member addressed the benefits and negatives of each proposed location.

Mr. Doherty asked the Council to consider dedicating the memorial to local Jacksonville Beach resident Gunnery Sergeant Benjamin Chitgo, who died in Vietnam in 1967, leaving four children who still live on 8th Avenue North. His preference is the Beaches Museum Central location.

Ms. Golding advised Commander Prosser with VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 3270 polled the membership, and their preference was Oceanfront Park.

Ms. Hoffman disclosed she had an affiliation with the Beaches Museum, but the motion does not present any special gain to her or the organization. She preferred the Beaches Museum site.

Ms. Dumont supported Oceanfront Park.

Mr. Nichols suggested taking a look at Gonzales Park. He believed the Council should delay the vote.

Mayor Latham preferred Oceanfront Park.

Motion 2: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Doherty to delay the vote until the July 20, 2020, Council meeting.

Mr. Ambrosio advised Ms. Hoffman didn't specify which of the two Beaches Museum locations she was recommending for approval in her original motion.

Amended Motion 1: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Doherty to amend her original motion to specify the Museum Central location.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty
Nays – Golding, Dumont, Mayor Latham
Motion 1 failed 3-3.

Restated Motion 2: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Doherty to postpone until staff can review any other location, specifically Gonzales Park, and have a vote at a later time.

Discussion:

Ms. Hoffman stated of the previous six locations staff brought forward, none were more favorable than Oceanfront Park. Ms. Golding mentioned Gonzales Park was brought up before, and there was discussion. It was not a suitable location because there are other ideas for the park.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Nichols, Doherty
Nays – Hoffman, Dumont, Golding, Mayor Latham
Motion 2 failed 4-2.

Motion 3: It was moved by Ms. Dumont and seconded by Ms. Golding to move the Veterans Memorial Park to the Oceanfront Park

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Doherty, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Mayor Latham
Nays – Nichols,
Motion 3 passed 5-1.

RESOLUTIONS:

Item #20-129 – RESOLUTION NO. 2056-2020

Mayor Latham requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2056-2020 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING GOLF COURSE FEES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS
AND GUIDELINES FOR THE GOLF OPERATIONS POLICIES;
DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER; REPEALING
RESOLUTION NO. 2029-2019 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Dumont to adopt Resolution No. 2056-2020 and its Attachment A establishing driving range rates for the Jacksonville Beach Golf Course.

There was no discussion by Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Doherty, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

Item #20-130 – RESOLUTION NO. 2054-2020

Mayor Latham requested the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2054-2020 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2047-2019 BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO INCORPORATE NEW RESEARCH RESULTS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS IN THE MATTER KNOWN AS THE LAKESIDE DRIVE GATE; DECLARING VALID PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR A MANUALLY OPERATED GATE TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY CLOSED WITH EXCEPTION FOR KINGS ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURES, CERTAIN EMERGENCY EVENTS AND PUBLIC SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, COUNCIL AUTHORITY, STAFF DIRECTIONS, PUBLIC PURPOSES, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Nichols to adopt Resolution No. 2054-2020 to amend Resolution No. 2047-2019 to incorporate new research, reports, and Council decisions concerning the Lakeside Drive gate matter.

Mr. Ambrosio reviewed the updated information being incorporated into the resolution, including multiple public agencies advising a manual gate was sufficient for their services, and a low-speed vehicle pathway should not be included.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

Item #20-131 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8144 (Second Reading)

Mayor Latham requested the City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2020-8144 by title only, whereupon Ms. Scott read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE JACKSONVILLE BEACH 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COASTAL MANAGEMENT

ELEMENT, TO ADOPT NEW POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES TO MEET THE PERIL OF FLOOD REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3178(2)(f), FLORIDA STATUTES, PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Latham read the following:

“This ordinance for the amendment to the text of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan is before this Council for a public hearing and adoption on its second reading. Under the laws of the State of Florida, an ordinance which changes the text of any Element of the City’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan, is a ‘quasi-legislative’ proceeding. A quasi-legislative proceeding means that a governing body is acting in its rule-making capacity.

It is the duty of the Council to arrive at sound decisions regarding proposed changes to the text of the adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan. This includes receiving citizen input regarding any proposed text change.

The application has been reviewed by Staff and the Planning Commission for consistency with other portions of the Comprehensive Plan. The Council may hear from all interested parties in the legislative determination of an amendment to the text of the City’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

The Council’s decision on a Comprehensive Plan amendment application is based on the criteria set forth in Section 34-182 of the Land Development Code. Each member of the Council has been provided a copy of the criteria.”

Public Hearing:

No one registered to speak on this item, and no public comments were submitted.

Ex Parte:

Mayor Latham closed the public hearing and read the following:

“Before requesting a motion on this ordinance, beginning with myself, each of the members is requested to indicate for the record both the names of persons and the substance of any ex parte communications regarding this application. An *ex parte* communication refers to any meeting or discussion with a person or citizen who may have an interest in this decision, which occurred outside of the public hearing process.”

All Council members indicated they had not received any ex parte communications.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Nichols to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-8144, adopting text amendments to the Jacksonville Beach 2030 Comprehensive Plan, related to the “Peril of Flood” requirements of Florida Statutes.

Mayor Latham read the following statement for the record:

“Before opening the floor for discussion or questions by the Council, please be reminded that our decision will be based on the criteria set forth in the Land Development Code, Staff’s report, the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the public input at all hearings.”

Discussion:

There was no discussion by the Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty, Dumont, Mayor Latham
The motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Ambrosio advised the City's code does not state what the board candidate interview panel should consist of; therefore, the chair of a board could participate on the panel.

Mr. Ambrosio stated he had previously asked for a closed-door session regarding the SLG case, and he is going to postpone it until the Council returns to in-person meetings.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the City recently completed its Community Conversations with the public. A business Community Conversation had been scheduled on June 17, 2020, with several business owners utilizing CMT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 7-20-2020

LS: sg