

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin,
Councilman Hubert Robinson, Councilman Tim
McRae, City Manager Greg Smith

ABSENT

Councilman Jeff Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

Doug Wintermute First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Randy Gorham led those present in the
pledge to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYER OF MONTH- AUSTIN BANK -
PRESENTED BY JAMES HUBBARD,
PRESIDENT OF JEDCO

JEDCO President James Hubbard presented Austin
Bank with the Employer of the month award.

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INCENTIVES

JEDCO President James Hubbard told council this
resolution was for up to \$125,000 for STS to
remodel their new building and up to \$120,000 for
Green Triangle Materials to install a required fire
suppression system.

Mr. Hubbard read resolution 07-2019-01 at 6:08
PM.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Steve Killion spoke to the council on concerns
the new itinerant vendor ordinance is not being
enforced properly.

Ms. Shannon Smyrl requested council reinstate the
bar graph on the water bills.

Mr. Mike McEwen requested the council consider
the property maintenance code.

Ms. Shatricia Robinson spoke on the recreation
center. She feels it needs to be open to provide a
place for the children to go.

Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin asked about the
improvement projects at the recreation center.
City Manager Greg Smith stated the air
conditioners were installed but the restroom
project was more expensive than expected and is
no hold.

Mr. Al Welch voiced concerns over the house at
833 Bolton St. He said the have multiple cars, an
old boat and the grass is overgrown. He also stated
they are illegally burning on the property.

Mr. Claude Armstrong voiced his concerns about
the new water bill. He would like to see the
running 12 month comparison placed back on the
bill.

CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS UNDER
CONSENT AGENDA REQUIRE LITTLE OR NO
DELIBERATIONS BY COUNCIL. APPROVAL
OF CONSENT AGENDA AUTHORIZES THE
CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEES TO
PROCEED WITH CONCLUSION OF EACH
ITEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS.

Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve
consent agenda. Second by Councilman Hubert
Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 11, 2019

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF KEITH FORTNER AS THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

APPROVE THE PARADE ROUTE FOR THE FRED DOUGLAS REUNION PARADE JULY 27 FROM 9 AM TO NOON

APPROVE A UTILITY EASEMENT WITH ONCOR ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY NEAR LOVE'S LOOKOUT

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PERMIT FEES TO ALIGN WITH NEW STATE LAW

City Manager Greg Smith explained that due to a new state law we can no longer base fees of the cost of the project. This ordinance changes the fees to be in line with state law. Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING CITY EXPENSES TO THE CDBGTX #7217220- SEWER LINE EXTENSION FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON THE PROJECT

City Manager Greg Smith told council this is additional work being added to the grant and city's portion is up to \$5,000. Councilman Hubert Robinson made a motion to approve the expenditure. Second by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING CHANGES TO POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK

City Manager Greg Smith explained council had approved \$40,000 to upgrade police department in car camera system. The more pressing need is information storage and computer systems. This request is to re-direct the money to upgrade police computer systems. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve redirecting the funds. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ACCEPTING THE BID FOR A 99 YEAR LEASE OF LOTS 6 & 7 SUMMIT SUBDIVISION

City Manager Greg Smith stated this property had been placed out for bid. The low bidder was Fred Lupfer with a bid of \$25, 251. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to accept the bid for the 99-year lease. Second by councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING NEW EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL

City Manager Greg Smith told council this had been presented to them last month during the agenda workshop. He stated the city attorney and city executive staff had reviewed the manual. Councilman Hubert Robinson made a motion to approve the policy manual. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

JEDCO president James Hubbard read resolution 07-2019-01 at 6:34 PM.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution in support of economic development incentives. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin. All vote "Aye" 4-0

PRESENTATION ON BIKE TRAIL AT LOVE'S LOOKOUT

City Manager Greg Smith presented council with preliminary sketches of the new bike park.

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Tim McRae thanked Ms. Shatrica Robinson for her service to our country.

CITY MANGER REPORT

City Manager Greg Smith stated the graph was removed from the water bill to be able to provide more information on the bill.

Mr. Smith also addressed the comments regarding code enforcement and said he will get the officer working on these issues. Mr. Smith told everyone a flyer will be in the water bill next week explaining the water meter transition and the portal. Mr. Smith encouraged anyone who has an odd water bill to contact city staff.

Mr. Smith addressed the condition of city parks and facilities. He said the rain and warm weather has really put city staff behind and they are working to get caught up. Mr. Smith said the splash pad has a new cover.

Mr. Smith addressed the recreation center stating the city has had some staffing issues and they are currently trying to fill the position. He stated it is the goal of the city to have more activities at the recreation center.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM-PER OPEN MEETINGS ACT-PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEYS - POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION; 551.072 DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY

6:50 PM

RECONVENE FOR ANY ACTION IF NECESSARY

8:12 PM City Manager Greg Smith recommended council to authorize the city manager and city attorney to negotiate with Stage stores including and up to condemnation for the sewer line relocation project. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to so move. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager Greg smith recommended council to authorize the city manager to engage McGinnis Lochridge law firm to assist the city with legal matters. Mayor Pro Tem Rob Gowin made a motion to so move. Second by councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0


ADJOURN:

8:13 PM

ATTEST:



Greg Lowe, City Secretary



Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville