

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Nick Howland, Chair
CM Randy DeFoor, Vice Chair
CM LeAnna Cumber
CM Brenda Priestly Jackson, Alternate
Jon Michael Barker
Robert Birtalan
Lane Burnett
Senator Audrey Gibson
Mark Devereaux
Andrew Fraden
Marc Hardesty
Richard Hartley
Jill D. Haskell
Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.
Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio
Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Barbara Ireland Hobson, Legislative Assistant
Sharon Wyskiel, Asst. General Counsel
Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University
Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University
Richard Distel, Research Assistant
Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

Meeting Convened: 9:03 AM Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM

Call To Order

Roll Call

St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality - Dr. Quinton White - 10 Minutes

Dr. White said there has been strange weather this year, but no hurricanes have hit Duval County. Dr. White talked about the algae blooms and their impact on the waterways.

St. Johns River Status Report on Manatees - Dr. Gerard Pinto - 10 Minutes

Dr. Pinto said that no manatee deaths have been recorded since the last meeting, and there has been one manatee death recorded this year.

Boat Compliance Study Report - Dr. Gerard Pinto - 10 Minutes

Dr. Pinto went over a Powerpoint that detailed the methodology of the study and went over the observations relative to this study and past studies. Dr. Pinto showed photos of the worst offenders. Mr. Adkison talked about the importance of boater education. CM DeFoor said it is important to find a standard that is easy to follow.

Approval of the Minutes - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Meeting for June 15, 2022.

Senator Gibson, Mr. Birtalan, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, CM DeFoor, CM Howland, CM Cumber, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Fraden, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Hartley voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting 11 to 0.

New Business:

2022-0433 ORD Adopting a Small-Scale Amendmnt to the FLUM 2030 Comp Plan at 7893 Hogan Settlement Rd, btwn Hogan Settlement Rd & Hogan Cove Dr - (R.E. # 007618-0000) (15.41± Acres) – LDR to MDR – Connie L. Michener - (Appl # L-5708-22C) (Dist. 12– White) (Lukacovic) (LUZ) (PD & PC Apv) (JWC Apv)
(Rezoning 2022-434)
6/14/22 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWC
6/22/22 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/28/22 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer: LUZ, JWC
7/26/22 CO PH Addnt'l 8/9/22
8/9/22 CO PH Cont'd 8/24/22
8/16/22 LUZ PH Approve 4-0
LUZ PH – 8/2/22, 8/16/22
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code –7/26/22 & 8/9/22, 8/24/22

Edward Lukacovic, City Planner, gave a Powerpoint presentation of the legislation. CM DeFoor asked about storm water management.

Senator Gibson, Mr. Birtalan, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, CM DeFoor, CM Howland, CM Cumber, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Fraden, Mr. Hartley voted yes to approve the legislation. 10 - 0

Contact: Edward Lukacovic

2022-0463 ORD-MC Estab a Boating-Restricted Area in the Arlington River Around the Cesery and University Blvd Bridges; Amend Chapt 614 (Public Order and Safety), Sec 614.132 (Reg on Operations of Boats), Ord Code, to Estab the Boating-Restricted Area; Prov for Design and Implementation; Prov for Oversight. (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Ferraro)
6/14/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, JWC
6/21/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/28/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer: NCSPHS, TEU, JWC
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 6/28/22

DEFER

Susan Grandin, Office of General Counsel, explained the legislation and detailed its history. Ms. Grandin talked about the meetings CM Ferraro and CM Morgan have had with the community and that they will have more to discuss this issue of the need for a slow speed zone.

Daniel Bierman and Azi Yavari talked about the need for a slow speed zone to help the safety concerns of their rowing club.

Contact: Susan Grandin

Old Business:**Discussion - Maintenance of Baffle Boxes - 10 Minutes**

John Pappas, Public Works, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the maintenance on Baffle Boxes done by the Public Works Department. Mr. Pappas talked about the infrastructure and went over the quarterly inspection process. CM DeFoor asked how they determine the placement of a box. Mr. Pappas said it is grant funded and based on high sediment areas. CM Cumber asked if the soil is tested. Mr. Pappas said that it is not tested.

Contact: John Pappas
Public Works Dept.

Discussion - Sub Committees

Dr. White suggested that artificial reefs continue as a committee. Mr. Pringle, Mr. Adkison and CM DeFoor voiced support for this committee. CM Howland said the committee will have a a scope of focus to only within the river. Mr. Hardesty suggested continuing the shoaling committee. CM Howland confirmed that there will be two committees which will each have 3 members.

Public Comment

John Nooney talked about public participation.

Carnell Oliver talked about environmental rights needed on a state level.

Adjournment

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

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Rollcall

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| Present | 13 - | Commissioner Raymond Pringle, Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Mark Devereaux, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Randy DeFoor, Commissioner LeAnna Cumber, Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Commissioner Audrey Gibson , Ex-Officio Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio Adam Hoyles, Commissioner Andrew Fraden, and Commissioner Richard Hartley |
| Excused | 2 - | Commissioner Jon Michael Barker, and Commissioner Jill Haskell |

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