

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Al Ferraro, Chair

CM Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair - Excused Early Departure

CM Matt Carlucci - Excused Absence

CM Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Alternate

Garrett N. Barket

Robert Birtalan

Lindsey Brock

Matt Brockelman - Excused Absence

Lane Burnett

Mark Devereaux

State Rep. Cord Byrd - Excused Absence

Jill D. Haskell

Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.

Marc Hardesty

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio - Excused Absence

Jessica Smith, Legislative Assistant

Susan Grandin, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Richard Distel, Research Assistant

Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

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Note: Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Meeting Convened: 9:34 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 12:25 PM

1. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for January 15, 2020
2. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees - Dr. White & Dr. Pinto

Dr. White said that there have been high tides due to the water levels being above normal. The rainfall has been below normal which has impacted the salinity. Dr. Pinto said that it is currently not manatee season and has been very quiet. There have been no new deaths since the last meeting.

3. [2020-0002](#) ORD Transmitting a Proposed Large Scale Revision to FLUM of 2030 Comp Plan at 6131 Cedar Point Rd, btwn Nungezer Rd & Sheffield Rd. (48.82 ±Acres) – AGR-III & AGR-IV to RR – Jeffrey & Catherine Andring. (App# L-5421-19A) (Dist 2-Ferraro) (Kelly) (LUZ)(PD & PC Apv)
1/14/20 CO Introduced: LUZ,JWW
1/22/20 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/28/20 CO Read 2nd & Rerefered:LUZ
2/12/20 JWW Approve 1-9 (Failed) (Ferraro, Pittman, Barket, Birtalan, Haskell, Burnett, Hardesty, Devereaux, Brock)
LUZ PH – 2/19/20, 3/17/20
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3184(3), F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4 Ord Code- 2/11/20 & 2/25/20,3/24/20

Speaker:

Thomas Ingram

Edward Lukacovic, Planning Department went over the slides which detailed the proposed large scale revision. Commissioner Devereaux asked about the proposed amount of 2 units per acre. Commissioner Devereaux stated that the only useable land is 29 acres, although the 2 units per acre would be for the entire 48 acres of property. Tom Ingram, attorney for owner, said that they are trying to cluster the units so they are not impacting the wetlands areas. Mr. Devereaux said that the 2 units per acre is then misleading, because with actual useable land this would actually be 3 units per acres. Commissioner Haskell said the proposal is too dense and would not be able to support the bill. There was public comment period and during this there were many constitunets that voiced their disapproval of this plan. Their comment cards are on file. Mr. Lukacovic clarified that there is no current sewer system.

APPROVE (Fail)

Aye: 1 - Pringle

Nay: 9 - Ferraro, Pittman, Barket, Birtalan, Haskell, Burnett, Hardesty, Devereaux, and Brock

Excused: 3 - Carlucci, Brockelman, and Byrd

4. [2020-0022-E](#) ORD Approp \$13,886,334.88 (\$3,236,707.40 in Grant Funds from State of FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) & \$10,649,627.48 from Clean-up of City All-Yrs Subfunds) for Duval County Shore Proj (“The Project”) to Reimb City’s Participation in Proj Cost for Completed Tasks Funded by City through Pymts to Construct 16-17 Dune Repairs & Advance Pymt of Funds to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers & Upcoming Beach Mgmt Tasks, Prov Clean-up of All-Yrs Subfunds as Required before ERP Go-Live Date, Apv & Auth Standard Grant Agreemt btwn State of FL DEP & COJ; Prov Oversight by Engineering & Constrn. Mgmt. Div. of Dept of Public Works. (B.T. 20-017) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
- 1/14/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,TEU, F,JWW
1/21/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/21/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/22/20 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
1/28/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,TEU, F,JWW
2/3/20 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
2/3/20 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
2/4/20 F Amend/Approve 6-0
2/11/20 CO Amend/Approved 17-0
2/12/20 JWW Approve 10-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/28/20

Robin Smith, Public Works, gave a brief description of the bill which appropriates state funding for projects related to the dune restoration.

APPROVE

Aye: 10 - Ferraro, Pittman, Barket, Birtalan, Haskell, Pringle, Burnett, Hardesty, Devereaux, and Brock

Excused: 3 - Carlucci, Brockelman, and Byrd

5. [2020-0069-E](#) ORD Auth Mayor to Apply to FL Inland Navigation Dist (FIND) for 2020 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Projs; Auth Mayor or his Designee & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver all Grant Agreements btwn City & FIND & Docs Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to meet Funding Requirements, City Oversight by Dept of Parks, Recreation & Comm Svcs. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
1/28/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWW
2/3/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/4/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/11/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred; NCSPHS, F, JWW
2/12/20 JWW Approve 8-1 (Hardesty)
2/18/20 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
2/19/20 F Approve 7-0
2/25/20 CO Approved 19-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/11/20

Brian Burket, Parks and Recreation Department, explained that it was the same list of FIND projects outlined at the subcommittee. John Nooney spoke during the public comment period about the implementation of Goodbys Creek Dredge, which will impact the fishing along the entire area. He also brought up the cost of the projects.

APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Ferraro, Barket, Birtalan, Haskell, Pringle, Burnett, Devereaux, and Brock

Nay: 1 - Hardesty

Excused: 4 - Pittman, Carlucci, Brockelman, and Byrd

6. New Business

- Discussion of New Boat Ramp on Half Moon Island - Brian Burket,
Waterfront Project Manager,
Parks, Recreation, & Community Services
- Discussion of Palms Fish Camp - Brian Burket
Waterfront Project Manager,
Parks, Recreation, & Community Services
- Discussion of County Dock Pier - Brian Burket
Waterfront Project Manager,
Parks, Recreation, & Community Services
- Discussion of Adaptive Kayak Launches - Brian Burket
Waterfront Project Manager,
Parks, Recreation, & Community Services

Brian Burket went over recently completed waterways projects. Marshall Adkison asked about the use of pilings for stability of the docks. Mr. Burket pointed out the use of pilings at the Palms Fish Camp dock. Commissioner Hardesty asked if there was money designated for maintenance. Captain Suber said boater improvement funds are used for maintenance and there is a wishlist which has the focus on more appropriations. Commissioner Birtalan suggested a need for more money for maintenance and said he would help with the effort. Commissioner Pringle thanked the Parks Department for their work on the adaptive kayak launches.

7. Old Business

- Discussion of "The District" - Lori Boyer, CEO – Downtown Investment Authority. (9:45 - 10:00 AM)
- Derelict Vessels and Floating Structures Committee Report – Commissioner Lindsey Brock
- Discussion of Ft. George Inlet - Brian Burket, Waterfront Project Manager, Parks, Recreation, & Community Services

"The District"

Lori Boyer, CEO of the Downtown Investment Authority, went over the overall site plan which has been refined over the past year. The Powerpoint is a map of the former Southside Generating Station Site on the Southbank. This development was approved approximately a year ago and over that time the City has approved the engineering design. Commissioner Barket asked if there will be required City clean-up. Ms. Boyer stated that there won't be any needed cleanup. Commissioner Pringle asked about the access to the kayak launch. Ms. Boyer said that access would not be impeded. Ms. Boyer said that there are a lot of businesses that are looking to move in when construction is finished.

Derelict Vessels and Floating Structures

Commissioner Brock talked about the work being done on the proposed ordinance and CMs Ferraro and DeFoor's funding request. Commissioner Devereaux said he would like to help navigate the process for finding grants and would join the committee on derelict vessels and floating structures.

Discussion of Ft. George Inlet

Brian Burket, Parks and Recreation, gave an update on the study. He said that obstacles have been removed on the Federal level allowing the Army Corps of Engineers is allowed to help fund the project and the State Parks Department is currently working with them to be the local sponsor.

8. Public Comment

Erin Johnson introduced herself to the Commission. She is the new Executive Director of the Jacksonville Marine Association. She also said she would want to help the derelict vessels and floating structures committee.

John Nooney talked about kayak launches in Jacksonville.

9. Adjournment

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Rollcall

Present 10 - Chair Al Ferraro, Vice Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Commissioner Garrett Barket, Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Commissioner Jill Haskell, Commissioner Raymond Pringle, Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, Commissioner Mark Devereaux, and Commissioner Lindsey Brock

Excused 2 - Council Member Matt Carlucci, and Commissioner Matt Brockelman

Minutes: Richard Distel, Council Research Assistant

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