

City of Jacksonville

*1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Nick Howland, Chair

CM Randy DeFoor, Vice Chair - Excused Absence

CM LeAnna Cumber - Excused Early Departure

CM Tyrona Clark-Murray, Alternate

Jon Michael Barker

Robert Birtalan

Lane Burnett - Excused Absence

Senator Audrey Gibson - Excused Absence

Mark Devereaux

Andrew Fraden

Marc Hardesty - Excused Absence

Richard Hartley

Jill D. Haskell - Excused Absence

Richard J. Redick

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Barbara Ireland Hobson, Legislative Assistant

Sharon Wyskiel, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Richard Distel, Research Assistant

Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

Meeting Convened: 9:01 AM Meeting Adjourned: 10:59 AM

Attendance

- Present** 9 - Commissioner Mark Devereaux, Commissioner Jon Michael Barker, Chair Nick Howland, Commissioner LeAnna Cumber, Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Ex-Officio Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio Adam Hoyles, Commissioner Andrew Fraden, and Commissioner Richard Hartley
- Excused** 5 - Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, Vice Chair Randy DeFoor, Commissioner Audrey Gibson, and Commissioner Jill Haskell

Visiting Council Member:
CM Ferraro - 2022-820

1. New Business

- 2022-0820** ORD Adopting a Small-Scale Amendmnt to the FLUM 2030 Comp Plan at 6131 Cedar Point Rd, btwn Nungezer Rd & Pumpkin Hill Rd - (R.E. # 159855-0500) (48.82± Acres) – AGR-III & AGR-IV to RR – Jeffrey Andring & Catherine Andring (Appl # L-5752-22C) (Dist. 2-Ferraro) (Hinton) (LUZ) (PD & PC Apv) (Rezoning 2022-821)
11/9/22 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWC
11/15/22 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/22/22 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/13/22 CO PH Addnt'l 1/10/23
LUZ PH – 1/4/23
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Ch 650, Pt 4, Ord Code –
12/13/22 & 1/10/23

Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, explained the legislation with a PowerPoint presentation. CM Ferraro said he is against the development. Paul Harden, representing the applicant, said this project will not impact the waterways and the property is not in the flood plain. Mr. Barker expressed his concerns with the project.

Sharlene Byrum, Jimmy Wood, Deborah Wood, Darlane Valentine, Danielle D'Amato, Pete Bis, Liss Rinaman and Allan Assaf spoke against the legislation and said it will impact the wetlands.

2022-0874 ORD Auth the Borrowing & Approp From the City’s Commercial Paper Facility in the Up To Max Amt of \$17,500,000, To Prov: (1) A \$12,500,000, 10-Yr Term, 3.5% Interest Loan; & (2) A \$5,000,000 Revolving Line of Credit; Prov for Funds Carryover to FY 25-26; Auth a \$10,000,000 Grant, Subj to Future Appropriation, in Each Case to the JAXPORT to Support the Raising of the Fulton Cut Crossing Electric Transmission Lines, to Increase the Number & Capacity of Vessels Able to call on JAXPORT Ports; Amend 2022-504-E, the FY 22-23 Budget Ord, to Replace the 2nd Revised Schedule B4 in Order to Auth the Borrowing &/or the Issuance of Debt For the “Raising of Powerlines” & “JPA Obligation – Fulton Cut Powerlines” Projs; Auth the City to Enter Into an Agrmt With the JAXPORT to Prov the Loan & Grant as Further Detailed Therein; Invoking Exception of 126.107 (G) (Exemptions), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract With JAXPORT; Requesting That the Finance & Admin Dept Administer the Agrmt Authorized Herein (B.T. 23-027) (Sawyer) (Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Mayor) (Co-Introduced by CVP Salem) (JWC Apv)
11/22/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU, JWC
12/5/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/5/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/6/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/6/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/13/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/23 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
1/3/23 R Approve 7-0
1/4/23 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/13/22

Contact:

John Sawyer

Beth McCague, CFO JAXPORT, gave a presentation detailing the authorizing loan of borrowed funds which will go towards the operational improvements at JAXPORT. Ms. McCague talked about the project and the impact of raising the power lines. Ms. McCague said this will support trade and have a strong impact on business coming into Jacksonville. Mr. Birtalan voiced his support for the project. Mr. Devereaux asked about under water power lines. Ms. McCague said those were determined to be too expensive. It was determined that Mr. Birtalan might have a conflict and out of an abundance of caution he abstained from the vote.

John Nooney talked about public participation.

CM Howland, CM Cumber, Mr. Redick, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Fraden, Mr. Barker and Mr. Hartley voted yes. Mr. Birtalan abstained from the vote. The vote was 7-0-1

New Business Continued

Ortega River Derelict Vessels

Mr. Barker talked about his concerns regarding specific derelict vessels on the Ortega River and the damage that has been caused by these vessels. Mr. Barker said that action needs to be taken on this impact in the river.

Contact: Commissioner Barker

3. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality & Manatees - Dr. Gerard Pinto

Dr. Pinto gave an update on water quality and said that water levels are running approximately one foot higher than normal. The water has been cooling and could have impacts on manatees. Dr. Pinto talked about the rehab program for manatees at the zoo. Mr. Hoyles asked about the experiment with clams. Mr. Adkison said he will give a presentation on this project at the next meeting.

4. Jacksonville University - Manatee Protection Plan Contract Renewal - Eric Hinton, Community Planning

Eric Hinton explained the changes to the plan and the actions within the plan. He confirmed that this is the last renewal on the contract.

5. Approval of Minutes**6. Old Business****FIND Subcommittee - Presentation - 2023 FIND Grant Project Recommendations**

Brian Burket, Parks Department, went over the recommendations from the FIND subcommittee meeting. Since there was not a quorum, the vote was postponed until the next waterways committee meeting.

Contact: Commissioner Barker & Brian Burket, Waterfront Project Manager

St. Johns River Shoaling Subcommittee - 10/19/22 Meeting Update

Contact: Commissioner Hardesty

Artificial Reef Subcommittee - 10/19/22 Meeting Update

Contact: Commissioner Haskell

7. Public Comment

Davis Bales and Azi Yavari talked about the need for a speed restriction zone at the Cesery Bridge.

John Nooney talked about the Artificial Reef Trust Fund.

8. Adjournment

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