

# City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber  
117 W. Duval Street



## Meeting Minutes - Amended

Rescheduled from 8/14/19

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

## Jacksonville Waterways Commission

*CM Al Ferraro, Chair*

*CM Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair*

*CM Matt Carlucci*

*CM Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Alternate*

*Garrett N. Barket*

*Robert Birtalan*

*Lindsey Brock*

*Matt Brockelman*

*Jed Davis*

*State Rep. Cord Byrd*

*Jill D. Haskell*

*Raymond S. Pringle, Jr. - Excused Absence*

*Steve Swann*

*Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio*

*Bobby Baker, Ex-Officio - Excused Absence*

*Melanie Wilkes, 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, September 11, 2019.**

**Meeting Convened: 9:33 AM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:27 AM**

1. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for June 12th, 2019  
APPROVE 8-0
2. [2019-0309](#) ORD Transmitting a Proposed Large Scale Revision to FLUM of the 2030 Comp Plan Generally located S of Normandy Blvd btwn Maxville-Middleburg Rd & Solomon Rd (1915.12± Acres) - RR/AGR-III/AGR-IV/LI to LDR/CGC/AGR-IV - Diamond Timber Investments, LLC, Timber Forest Trail Investments, LLC, VCP-Real Estate Investments Ltd., Kameron L. Hodges & Duane J. Hodges. (Appl# L-5339-18A) (Dist 12-White)(Reed)(LUZ) (Ex-Parte: CM DeFoor,Boylan)  
5/15/2019 CO Introduced: JWW, LUZ  
5/21/2019 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/28/2019 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred;LUZ  
LUZ PH - 6/18/19, 7/16/19, 8/20/19,10/1/19  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3184(3), F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code - 6/11/19 & 6/25/19, 7/23/19, 8/13/19, 8/27/19, 9/10/19

**DEFER (At the Request of CM White)**

3. [2019-0425](#) ORD Transmitting a Proposed Large Scale Revision to FLUM of the 2030 Comp Plan on E/S of I-95, N of SR 9B & S of J. Turner Butler Blvd (2,512.23± Acres) - AGR-I, AGR-II & AGR-III to LDR - Estuary, LLC. (App# L-5349-18A) (Dist 11-Becton)(Fogarty) (LUZ) (SECPAC Deny)(PD & PC Amd/Apv)  
6/11/2019 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWW (added on 6/18/19)  
6/18/2019 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/2019 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred; LUZ  
8/28/2019 JWW Approve 8-0  
LUZ PH - 8/6/19, 8/20/19, 9/9/19, 9/17/19  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3184(3), F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code - 7/23/19 & 8/13/19, 8/27/19, 9/10/19

### **APPROVE 8-0**

**Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Ordinance 2019-425. This is a large scale land use amendment which is going through the public hearing process. The location is on the east side of I-295, north of 9B, and south of J Turner Butler Boulevard. The size is 2512.23 acres. Mr. Lukacovic gave an overview of the satellite photos of the proposed area and wetland and drainage basin map. CM Carlucci asked how navigable is Pablo Creek, Mr. Lukacovic stated that it is not navigable at all.**

**Donna Herrin, member of the South East CPAC, talked about the need for the government to protect the land since this project is a very large scale development and the impacts will greatly shape the surrounding environment. She stated that the approval of this bill would have a direct impact to the Category 2 wetlands.**

**Lisa Rinaman, St. John's Riverkeeper, talked about the 5,000 acres that will impact a large amount of wetlands. Ms. Rinaman disagreed with the Planning Department, she believes that Category 3 wetlands provide an important service to the community. The St. John's Riverkeeper has sent a letter in support of the Council and CPAC that have done great work trying to protect the wetlands in the community. CM Pittman asked if there had been a development plan created for this project. Mr. Harden stated that because the development is 15-20 years in the future that a Master Plan has not yet been created. Ms. Rinaman talked about this time table being the perfect time to correct any mistakes or issues before the development is to begin. Mr. Brock highlighted concerns about the development's possible impact to drainage at Pablo Creek. Steve Swann asked what can't the land be put into the Conservation Plan. Mr. Hardin stated that it can be once the areas are flagged. Bobby Baker asked if there will be big changes to the Comprehensive Plan if the development schedule is planned for 10 to 20 years. Mr. Harden said he plans on doing the Conservation designation at the time of development.**

#### **Speakers:**

**Ed Lukacovic, City Planner III**

**Paul Hardin  
Lisa Rinaman  
Donna Herrin**

**Aye:** 8 - Ferraro, Pittman, Carlucci, Brock , Brockelman, Haskell, Pringle, and Swann

4. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees – Dr. White & Dr. Pinto

**Dr. Pinto gave an update on manatee mortalities. Since the last meeting there have been two more watercraft mortalities. This brings the total to 4 watercraft and 1 undetermined for the year.**

**Dr. White talked about the wide range of the salinity in the St. John's River. The City is currently in a wet period, with 7 inches of raining falling in the month of August. The annual rain fall amount is a little low this year. Dr. White emphasized the uncertainty of the hurricane models of Dorian. He said to prepare now and that Jacksonville University was currently pulling out all boats from the water and with the new moon on August 30th there will be the highest high tides of the year. Dr. White highlighted the Jacksonville Environmental Summit which will be on September 13th. At this event Dr. Pinto will be releasing the "State of the River", which is a report of the last 13 years of data on the river and updates.**

## 5. New Business

Discussion to Fund the Removal of Sunken Boats & Trailers from Waterways

Proposal for JU "Manatee Protection Project" Continuation - Dr. Quinton White/Jody McDaniel

APPROVED 7-0

**Removal of Sunken Boats & Trailers:**

Chair Ferraro discussed the issue with a trailer that is laying in the water near the Dames Point Bridge. Through discussions he found that if the trailer was filled with something that would hurt the environment then the Department of Transportation would do a clean up and remove the trailer. Mr. Ferraro stated his goal to do outreach to different agencies and have them speak before the commission to better understand what their response would be to these sunken boats and trailers. Susan Grandin said she would look into what agencies would be helpful. Mr. Brock stated that there is a Federal Statute, but going after owners of abandoned ships may not be financially successful. Chair Ferraro said he was going to have a noticed meeting with CMs DeFoor and Diamond regarding funding. Jim Suber stated that he had been in contact with the captain of FWC and found that FDEP is in investigation status of the trailer near the Dames Point Bridge. Mr. Suber explained that derelict vessels need to be investigated by law enforcement. Then Mr. Suber gave an update on the sunken boats around Ortega River. CM DeFoor said that during her meeting with FWC she was told that they cannot do anything with the boats in Ortega River. Mr. Brock said that reaching out to tow boat companies could help in the removal of sunken boats.

**JU "Manatee Protection Project" Continuation**

The Proposal for the continuation of the annual JU contract with the City for the Manatee Protection Project was discussed by Jody McDaniel from the Planning Department and by Dr. White of JU. The Proposal lists the Tasks to be covered by the one year extension of the existing contract between the City and JU. Of the 9 Tasks covered in the Proposal, Task 8 includes extra work that will require an additional \$90,000 to do a Boater Speed Zone Compliance Study, which is required by the Manatee Protection Plan, as approved by the State of Florida. The base contract is for \$90,000 which covers maintaining a database, reporting to the commission the findings, monitoring manatees, and education efforts. With the addition of Task 8, the total cost to the City for all 9 Tasks is \$180,000. An ordinance to approve the contract extension and the additional Task 8 will need to be drafted.

The Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the contract extension with JU for the Manatee Protection Project, including the addition of Task 8, the Boater Speed Zone Compliance Study.”

## 6. Old Business

Update: Adaptive Kayak Launches – Commissioner Pringle

- CM Ferraro has requested that Legislative Services prepare to display the video regarding an Adaptive Kayak Launch at Hanna Park in the September Waterways Commission Meeting.

Discussion on 2019-463-E

Speakers: Susan Grandin, Attorney III

Brian Burket, Waterfront Project Manager

**Adaptive Kayak Launches**

**Mr. Pringle detailed the adaptive kayak launches which are built in order to help those with disabilities. The first launch was built at Hanna Park and Mr. Pringle highlighted the video made for this new launch. It was decided that at the next meeting the video would be shown. Mr. Pringle talked about the need for more focus to be on the northside and reaching out to communities that are underserved.**

**Discussion on 2019-463-E**

**Susan Grandin detailed the next steps in regards to the signage around Shad Creek (2019-463-E). The bill has been enacted allowing for \$30,000 of appropriated money to be dedicated for signs around Shad Creek bridge.**

**Brian Burket, Parks and Recreation Waterfront Project Manager, gave an update on the current progress on the permit process for signs around Shad Creek bridge and an update on the docks at Palms Fish Camp.**

## 7. Public Comments:

John Nooney

**Mr. Nooney shared with the Commission that he was making a donation to the EPB reef in the river.**

## 8. Adjourn

**Rollcall**

<b>Present</b>	8 -	Chair Al Ferraro, Vice Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Commissioner Lindsey Brock, Commissioner Matt Brockelman, Commissioner Jill Haskell, Commissioner Raymond Pringle, and Commissioner Steve Swann
<b>Excused</b>	5 -	Commissioner Garrett Barket, Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Commissioner Jed Davis, Commissioner Steven Davis, and Commissioner Cord Byrd
<b>Alternate</b>	1 -	Alternate Ron Salem

**Visiting CMs:  
CM White & CM DeFoor**