

# **City of Jacksonville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**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 - Excused Absence*

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

*Garrett N. Barket - Excused Absence*

*Robert Birtalan*

*Lindsey Brock*

*Matt Brockelman*

*Lane Burnett*

*Mark Devereaux*

*State Rep. Cord Byrd - Excused Absence*

*Jill D. Haskell*

*Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.*

*Marc Hardesty - Late Arrival*

*Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio*

*Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio*

*Jessica Smith, Legislative Assistant*

*Susan Grandin, Asst. General Counsel*

*Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University - Excused Absence*

*Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University*

*Richard Distel, Research Assistant*

*Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator*

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**Note: Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 15, 2020.**

**Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM      Meeting Adjourned: 12:02 PM**

1. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for February 12, 2020
2. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees - Dr. White & Dr. Pinto

**Dr. Pinto did the updates for both water quality and manatees since Dr. White could not be at the meeting. Dr. Pinto said that the city of Jacksonville is one inch above normal for water fall which is impacting the salinity. The water temperature is warming up and that brings in more manatees. There were 2 manatee deaths in February.**

3. [2020-0045](#) ORD Transmitting a Proposed Large Scale Revision to FLUM of 2030 Comp Plan at 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd.S., btwn St. Johns Industrial Pkwy S. & Alumni Way (36.76± Acres) – PBF & LDR to RC – Morocco Temple Assoc.(Appl# L-5328-18A) (Dist 4-Wilson) (Schoenig ) (LUZ) (PD & PC Apv) (Ex-Parte: CM Salem)  
1/28/20 CO Introduced: LUZ,JWW  
2/4/20 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/11/20 CO Read 2nd & Rerefered;LUZ  
3/11/20 JWW Approve 10-0  
3/17/20 LUZ Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action  
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action  
4/7/20 LUZ Mtg Cancelled COVID-19/PH Cont 4.21.20, per 2020-200-E  
4/14/20 CO PH Cont 4.28.20, per 2020-200-E  
4/28/20CO PH Cont 5.26.20, per 2020-200-E  
5/26/20 CO PH Cont 6.23.20, per 2020-200-E  
LUZ PH – 3/3/20, 3/17/20, 4/7/20, 4/21/20,6/16/20  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3184(3), F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code – 2/25/20 & 3/10/20, 3/24/20,4/14/20,4/28/20,5/26/20,6/23/20

Speaker:  
Ed Lukacovic

#### Public Participation

**Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, went over the PowerPoint which covers the revisions to the comprehensive plan at 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road South which has a site size of 36.76 acres. He covered the proposed zoning and the drainage. The plan would expand development on the site. Then maps and photos were shown of the site. CM Pittman asked if the community had been notified. The Planning Department has notified residents within 300 feet and there was one meeting and only one member of the public showed up and she was representing the CPAC. Her biggest issue was the density.**

#### Public Comment:

**John Nooney read the bill to the Commission. Cyndy Trimmer, represented the occupant. There will be an expanded storm water retention pond in order to drain into the wetlands and the residential use will buffer the sound.**

#### APPROVE

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

**Excused:** 2 - Carlucci, and Barket

4. [2020-0092-E](#) ORD Adopt Small Scale FLUM Amend to 2030 Comp Plan at 0 San Jose Blvd btwn Goodby's Creek & Beauclerc Rd (2.37± Acres) – CSV to NC – City of Jacksonville. (App# L-5433-20C) (Dist 5-Cumber) (Reed) (LUZ) (PD & PC Apv)  
(Rezoning 2020-93)  
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4/14/20 CO PH Cont 4.28.20, per 2020-200-E  
4/28/20CO PH Cont 5.12.20, per 2020-200-E  
5/5/20 LUZ PH Approve 6-1 (Boylan)  
5/12/20 CO PH Cont 5/26/20,per 2020-200-E Rereferred to LUZ 19-0  
5/19/20 LUZ PH Approve 6-1 (Boylan)  
5/26/20 CO PH Approved 17-2 (Boylan,Salem)  
LUZ PH – 3/17/20,4/7/20, 4/21/20, 5/5/20,5/19/20 per C.R. 4.806  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code – 3/10/20 & 3/24/20,4/14/20,4/28/20,5/12/20,5/26/20

Speaker:

Ed Lukacovic

#### Public Participation

**Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, detailed the bill which is a small land use amendment. The bill was first looked at by the Planning Commission on March 5th and City Council March 10th. Mr. Lukacovic detailed the land around the development area which is tied in with Ordinance 2020-148. The proposal is a land swap, giving up 2.37 acres of conservation at Goodbys Creek Preserve for 52 acres of area in Goodbys Creek. Mr. Lukacovic detailed the area surrounding the location and went over pictures of the property. Commissioner Hardesty said that once he learned about the project and found out that the Riverkeeper was in support of the plan that he become also supportive of the plan. Commissioner Devereaux voiced his concerns that this was not a good deal and his worries when looking at the appraisal value. Commissioner Devereaux said that in 2001 the City paid \$190,000 for the property and wondered how it is a good deal that this land swap would be for land valued at \$15,000. Mr. Lukacovic said the representative from Real Estate that will come up for the following corresponding bill could better explain.**

#### Public Comment:

**John Nooney read the bill and ask where all the groups are to talk about the conservation efforts. Michael Balanky, Developer, detailed the project and the work done with the Riverkeeper to cover the resiliency part. Mr. Balanky said that in every way this project will enhance the property. Commissioner Devereaux**

asked who is getting the better economic deal in this project. Mr. Balanky said that he believes it is a win-win for the developer as well as the City of Jacksonville. Renee Hunter, Chief Public Works Real Estate Division, explained that the price of the land would be lower than the 2001 purchase price because there is now a conservation easement that was not there at the time of purchase in 2001.

**APPROVE**

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

**Excused:** 2 - Carlucci, and Barket

5. [2020-0148-E](#) ORD Auth Land Exchange Agreemnt. btwn. The City of Jax. & Chase Proptys, Inc., for Exchange of City's (2.3± Acre) Portion of Goodby's Creek Preserve with Propty Appraiser's Assessed Value of \$470.00 in Exchange for Privately Owned Property of (52± Acres) with Combined Propty Appraiser's Assessed Value of \$15,483.00; Provide Oversight of Exchange of Proptys by Real Estate Div. of Dept. of Public Works & thereafter by Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Comm. Svcs. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
- 2/25/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, LUZ (added per C/P 3/10/20), JWW
- 3/2/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/2/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/3/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/10/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered; LUZ
- 3/11/20 JWW Approve 10-0
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- 3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
- 4/7/20 LUZ Mtg Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
- 5/4/20 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
- 5/4/20 TEU Approve 7-0
- 5/5/20 F Approve 7-0
- 5/5/20 LUZ Approve 6-1 (Boylan)
- 5/12/20 CO Postponed until 5/26/20 19-0
- 5/26/20 CO Approved 18-1 (Boylan)
- Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 3/10/20

Speaker:  
Renee Hunter

Public Participation

**Renee Hunter, Chief Public Works Real Estate Division, detailed the land swap and the conservation effort and said that if the State does not give approval then the project might fall apart. Daryl Joseph, Parks Department, said that they are in support of the project.**

**Public Comment:**  
**John Nooney read the bill to the Commission.**

### **APPROVE**

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

**Excused:** 2 - Carlucci, and Barket

## 6. New Business

- Discussion of the Ft. George Inlet  
Jason Harrah, Project Manager & Florida Supplemental Program Manager,  
Water Resources Branch Programs & Project Management Division,  
Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Discussion of the Ft. George Inlet**

Jason Harrah, Project Manager & Florida Supplemental Program Manager, Water Resources Branch Programs & Project Management Division, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, detailed the area and the impacts to the Ft. George Inlet. Mr. Harrah went over the PowerPoint and detailed they have just started the first part of the project which is the study. He detailed that the focus is on stopping the erosion and working to restore the area. Mr. Harrah went over the schedule of the project and the timeline of the study. He also gave a detailed history of the erosion and the possible solutions to the erosion. Chair Ferraro asked how many people showed up to the public meetings on this issue. Mr. Harrah said that about 30 to 40 people showed up, but only 3 or 4 of them were from the general public while the others were representing organizations. Mr. Harrah said that the sand will continue to erode and this could become a continuing project to maintain.

## 7. Old Business

- Discussion of “Proclamation of Boater Skip Day” - Commissioner Haskell & Commissioner Brockelman
- Discussion of the Derelict Vessels/Floating Structures Committee – Commissioners Brock, Devereaux, Commissioner Adkison

**Discussion of “Proclamation of Boater Skip Day” - Commissioner Haskell & Commissioner Brockelman**

Commissioner Haskell thanked Commissioner Brockelman and Susan Grandin, Office of General Counsel, for their help with the Proclamation. She said that there has been thousands of people already interested in Boater Skip Day.

**Discussion of the Derelict Vessels/Floating Structures Committee – Commissioners Brock, Devereaux, Commissioner Adkison**

Commissioner Devereaux went over the meeting which had the Sheriffs Office representation and other partners. Mr. Devereaux said that the biggest issue is the enforcement through the regulation of floating structures. Mr. Adkison said that the committee has done great work, but also stressed that there needs to be a budget attached to the action. Commissioner Brockelman gave an update on legislation in the State Legislature and that Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will receive \$3 million for derelict vessels recovery.

## 8. Public Comment

Ken Doria detailed issues he is having in his neighborhood that covers 12 lots near Clark's Fish Camp. His issue is that Jacksonville has an easement for drainage in the area and now there has been so much silt and debris that you are unable to navigate the canal. Commissioner Brock suggested a special tax district, so that the maintenance of the canal could be paid for through the tax. Commissioner Birtalan suggested a Special District and detailed how he had done that successfully. Adam Hoyles said that dealing with the septic systems in the area is a greater problem than just the canal.

John Nooney talked about the Charter Revision Commission and that the Chair of the Commission is also on Waterways. Mr. Nooney is asking for a Charter Amendment that any waterway that has public funding should have public access.

## 9. Adjournment

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**Rollcall**

**Present** 12 - Chair Al Ferraro, Vice Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Ron Salem, 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

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