

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Al Ferraro, Chair

CM Michael Boylan, Vice Chair

CM Garrett Dennis

CM Matt Carlucci, Alternate

Jon Michael Barker

Robert Birtalan

Lindsey Brock

Lane Burnett

Senator Audrey Gibson

Mark Devereaux

Andrew Fraden - Excused Absence

Marc Hardesty

Jill D. Haskell

Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Maritza Sanchez, Legislative Assistant

Barbara Ireland Hobson, Legislative Assistant

Kealey West, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Richard Distel, Research Assistant

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Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM Meeting Adjourned: 12:31 PM

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Presentation by CM Al Ferraro

Chair Ferraro presented a resolution honoring Buddy Haskell for his dedicated service to promoting the Jacksonville waterways.

4. ADA Waterways Status Report - Kara Tucker

Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services, gave a yearly update on the ADA waterways projects in Jacksonville.

5. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

The minutes were approved by Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Chair Ferraro, Mr. Brock, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Fraden.

Hand Vote: 10-0

6. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees - Dr. White & Dr. Pinto

Dr. White talked about the weather patterns that will lead to a drier and warmer winter. Dr. White talked about the salinity and said that the water temperatures have been holding in the mid-60s.

Dr. Pinto said that for the year there have been 19 total manatee deaths in Jacksonville and there have been over 1,000 manatee deaths in Florida due to starvation.

New Business

7. [2021-0739](#) ORD- Adopt Small-Scale Amend To the FLUM Series of the 2030 Comp Plan at 5902 Seaboard Ave, btwn 110th St & Talton Ln (4.91± Acres)
-LDR to MDR -Evangelistic Missionary Movement, Inc. (NKA: Movimiento Misionero Evangelistico LUZ A Las Naciones Inc.).-(Appl. #L-5608-21C)
(Dist 9-Dennis) (Trout) (LUZ) (JWC Apv)
(Rezoning 2021-740)
10/12/21 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWC
10/19/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/26/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred:LUZ
11/9/21 CO PH Addnt'l PH 11/23/21
11/23/21 CO PH Cont'd 12/14/21
12/14/21 CO PH Cont'd 1/11/22
LUZ PH –11/16/21, 12/7/21 1/4/22, 1/19/22
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code –11/9/21 & 11/23/21,12/14/21,1/11/22

Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, went over a PowerPoint that detailed the legislation, as well as the timetable and development potentials. Wyman Dugan went over details of the plan.

The legislation was approved by Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Chair Ferraro, Mr. Brock, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Fraden.

Contact:
Ed Lukacovic

Hand Vote: 11-0

8. [2021-0806](#) ORD Adopt a Small-Scale Amend to the FLUM Series of the 2030 Comp Plan at 0 Old St. Augustine Rd, btwn I-95 & Phillips Hwy (45.60± Acres) -BP to MDR-the Estate of Philip B. Genovar. (R.E. #168081-0000 (Portion)) (Appl. #L-5628-21C) (Dist. 11-Becton) (Parola) (LUZ) (PD & PC Apv) (JWC Apv)
(Rezoning 2021-807)
11/9/21 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWC
11/16/21 Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/23/21 CO Read 2nd Rereferred:LUZ
12/14/21 CO PH Addnt'l PH 1/11/22
1/4/22 LUZ PH Approve 6-0
LUZ PH - 1/4/22
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code-12/14/21 & 1/11/22

Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, went over a PowerPoint which detailed the legislation for this small scale amendment.

The legislation was approved by Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Chair Ferraro, Mr. Brock, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Fraden.

Contact:
Ed Lukacovic

Hand Vote: 11-0

9. [2021-0845](#) ORD Approp \$15,000.00 in Grant Funding from the FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (The "FWC") for Reimbursement of the City of Jax's Costs to Remove 1 Derelict Vessel Located in a Public Waterway in the City of Jax, Purpose of Approp; Providing for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Environmental Quality Div (B.T. 22-022) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Newby at Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)
11/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
12/6/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/6/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/7/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/14/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, TEU, F
1/3/22 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
1/3/22 TEU Approve 7-0
1/4/22 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-12/14/21

Melissa Long, Chief of Environmental Quality, explained the legislation which is approving an appropriation for funding for a derelict vessel removal.

The legislation was approved by Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Chair Ferraro, Mr. Brock, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Fraden.

Contact:
Melissa Long

Hand Vote: 11-0

10. Deep Bottom Creek

Contact:
CM Boylan

Speaker:
Alan Seabrook

A resident from the area gave a presentation detailing the issues with drainage into the creek. CM Boylan talked about the historical background to the sandbar in Deep Bottom Creek. CM Boylan said he is interested in feedback from the Commission. Mr. Brock asked about having a special taxing district in order to fund the dredging. CM Boylan said that would be a heavy burden on the residents. Chair Ferraro suggested getting a Federal agency at the table to discuss these issues.

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Contact:
CM Michael Boylan

Speaker:
Alan Seabrook

Old Business

11. Coal Ash Resolution

Contacts:
Commissioner Hardesty
Commissioner Devereaux
Lisa Rinamin, St. John's River Keeper

Mr. Hardesty detailed the process of unloading coal ash. Ellen Glasser, Mayor of Atlantic Beach, expressed her support for a resolution against the transportation of coal ash in Jacksonville ports. Nick Primrose, JaxPort, said that 21 ISO containers have been shipped through JaxPort, and by law coal ash is deemed non-hazardous so it does not have to be listed. Mr. Primrose said that JaxPort has put out a memorandum stating that they do not support the movement of coal ash. Whitney Croxton, Propeller Club, said that the members of the club are against this resolution. Nicole de Venoge, Surfrider Foundation, talked about the need for clean water and the impact the spill of coal ash had in Georgia. Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper, asked where FDEP is in this conversation. CM Boylan said the focus should be on the EPA and getting it designated as a toxic substance in order for their to be change. Mr. Barker talked about the need for a comprehensive approach since the emergency response during the spill was also very bad. Ms. Haskell said it is important to find a solution and not focus on a ban of coal ash. Mr. Birtalan said he has concerns about the resolution not digging into the real issues around spills and environmental safety. Mr. Hoyles said it is safer to have coal ash in Florida than in Puerto Rico, because we are able to safely store it. Mr. Adkison worried this resolution is a knee jerk reaction when there are many other toxic substances being transported and spilling into the waterways. Mr. Devereaux said he is against the resolution and stressed the need to focus on oversight. Mr. Baker suggested making a subcommittee on this topic. Chair Ferraro said a public noticed meeting should be set up for January to focus on this topic.

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12. Report from Sandbar Committee

Contacts:
Commissioner Hardesty

Mr. Hardesty gave an update on what was discussed at the meeting and let the commission know that the next meeting will be on January 20th.

Public Comment

Margo Moehring, Northeast Florida Regional Council, gave the commission a yearly update on what the Council has been doing.

Adjournment

Note: Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

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Rollcall

Present 11 - Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Commissioner Lindsey Brock, Commissioner Jill Haskell, Commissioner Raymond Pringle, Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Mark Devereaux, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, Commissioner Jon Michael Barker, Chair Al Ferraro, Vice Chair Randy White, and Alternate Matt Carlucci

Excused 3 - Commissioner Andrew Fraden, Commissioner Audrey Gibson , and Council Member Garrett Dennis

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Posted 1.6.2022 5:00 pm