

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro-tem Rob Gowin,
Councilman Hubert Robinson, Councilman Tim
McRae, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock

ABSENT

City Manager Greg Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

John Atkinson of the People's Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS
FLAGS**

Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledge to
the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION--

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK
PROCLAMATION

Randy Gorham presented Communications
Supervisor Lisa Jernigan with a proclamation
declaring National Public Safety
Telecommunications Week April 11-17.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CORPORAL
CODY RODRIGUEZ**

Police Chief Joe Williams recognized Officer Cody
Rodriguez for being promoted to Corporal.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No one came forward.

**HEAR AND RECEIVE INPUT ON A REQUEST
FOR A ZONE CHANGE FOR FROM "G"
COMMERCIAL TO BMH2 TO ALLOW FOR A
MOBILE HOME PARK IN THE 1400 BLK OF
MYRTLE DR.**

6:08 PM Billy and Julie Robinson came forward to
speak in favor of the mobile home park. Mrs.
Robinson stated there is a need in Jacksonville for
affordable housing. Mr. Robinson stated each lot is
8k to 12k sq. feet. He also said utilities are close by
the property and this would provide property tax to
the city. Ms. Robinson pointed out there is an
existing mobile home park next door.

Ms. Chris Ayers came forward to express her
concerns about the increased traffic this would
create along Myrtle Dr. She stated the traffic is
already excessive and the bridge on Myrtle Dr. needs
to be widened.

Hearing Closed 6:14 PM

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE
ACTION AN ORDINANCE MAKING A ZONE
CHANGE FROM "G" COMMERCIAL TO
BMH2 TO ALLOW FOR A MOBILE HOME
PARK IN THE 1400 BLK OF MYRTLE DR.**

Mayor Randy Gorham reviewed the request with
council and stated the planning and zoning board
recommended approval on a 4-1 vote. Councilman
Tim McRae pointed out the city is having our zoning
and land plan reviewed by a consultant and
wondered if granting the zone change at this time
would be getting ahead of ourselves. Councilwoman
Mindy Gellock asked if these were
rentals or for purchase units. Mrs. Robinson stated
they would be rentals. Mayor Gorham stated he
would recognize a motion. Councilman Hubert
Robinson made a motion to deny the zone change.
Mrs. Robinson then asked if the request could be
table. Councilman Hubert Robinson then withdrew
his motion. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion
to table the matter until the zoning consultant
completed his review. Second by Mayor Pro tem Rob
Gowin. All voted "Aye". Matter was tabled.

HEAR AND RECEIVE INPUT ON A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 569 N. RAGSDALE TO ALLOW A RESIDENCE INSIDE A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS.

6:19 PM Ms. Wesley Cannon came forward to speak in favor of the SUP. She operates a business in the location and wants to put her residence there.
Closed 6:20 PM

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 569 N. RAGSDALE PERMITTING A RESIDENCE INSIDE A COMMERCIAL BUILDING

Mayor Randy Gorham reviewed the request with council and stated this does come with a unanimous recommendation from planning and zoning. Mayor Pro tem asked Building Inspector Chris Silvey if this building would accommodate a residence. Mr. Silvey stated he had not seen any plans but with the building be divided into three suites it should be a simple conversion. Mayor Randy Gorham stated to him it goes back to the zoning study Mark Preistner is doing. Mayor Gorham asked Mrs. Cannon if she would be ok with council tabling the matter until they receive the report. She stated she was. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to table the request. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" Matter was tabled.

CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS UNDER CONSENT AGENDA REQUIRE LITTLE OR NO DELIBERATIONS BY COUNCIL. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEES TO PROCEED WITH CONCLUSION OF EACH ITEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

MINUTE APPROVAL MARCH 9, 2021 REGULAR MEETING; MARCH 23, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING; APRIL 8, 2021 AGENDA WORKSHOP

APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO UPGRADE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,000

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

APPROVE A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

Mayor Randy Gorham explained this is for the radio tower at the new public safety complex. He said a tower was budgeted but after studying the new radio equipment it needs to be taller to reach the whole town. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the change order. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Mayor Randy Gorham stated the K9 unit was involved in an accident. He stated vehicles are scarce right now and Police Chief Joe Williams had found two Tahoes ready for delivery. He said we usually acquire two new police vehicles each budget year so one will replace the wrecked K9 unit and one will be parked and put into service the next budget

year. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the purchase. Second by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION DELAYING THE CENTERPOINT GRIP RATE INCREASE 45 DAYS

Mayor Randy Gorham stated this is an annual process. City Attorney Brett Brewer explained the 45-day delay is to allow for negotiations with CenterPoint Energy. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution. Second by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"

PRESENTATION OF AFTER-ACTION REPORT FOR WINTER STORM FEBRUARY 2021

This item was postponed until the May council meeting.

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Tim McRae stated the cost of the police vehicles included upfitting them with all the necessary equipment. Mayor Randy Gorham said Jacksonville hosted the NJCAA basketball tournament this week and the city was proud to do so. Mr. Gorham told everyone this is free adoption week at the animal shelter. Mr. Gorham stated the library opening is still Mid May sometime.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

None

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM-PER OPEN MEETINGS ACT-PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION:

6:33 PM

551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY
551.072 REAL PROPERTY


RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR ANY ACTION IF NECESSARY

7:03 PM Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to authorize the city manager and city attorney to develop parameters for bidding and to place up for bid the old city hall. Second by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

ADJOURN:

7:04 PM

ATTEST:



Greg Lowe, City Secretary



Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville