

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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, 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.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DISTRICTS ONE AND THREE

City Secretary Greg Lowe swore in Mayor Randy Gorham.

CITY SECRETARY GREG LOWE WILL SWEAR IN MAYOR RANDY GORHAM

Mayor Randy Gorham swore in Councilman Hubert Robinson and Councilman Tim McRae.

MAYOR RANDY GORHAM WILL SWEAR IN COUNCILMAN HUBERT ROBINSON DISTRICT 1 AND COUNCILMAN TIM MCRAE DISTRICT 3

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to re-appoint Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION POLICE WEEK; MAYOR RANDY GORHAM

Mayor Randy Gorham presented members of the Jacksonville Police Department with the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK; MAYOR RANDY GORHAM

Mayor Gorham presented Ms. Peaches Bush of Legacy at Jacksonville with the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH; MAYOR RANDY GORHAM

Mayor Randy Gorham presented members from various motorcycle clubs with the proclamation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jack Sheridan with the Marine Corps League came forward to request the league be allowed to use the old fire station until they receive a grant to build their own building.

PUBLIC HEARING-HEAR AND RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mayor Gorham opened the hearing at 6:17 PM. No one came forward. Mayor Gorham closed the hearing at 6:18 PM.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED BY STAFF

City Manager Greg Smith explained this ordinance is modifying the 2020-2021 budget to include expenditures incurred not already in the budget.

Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

PUBLIC HEARING- HEAR AND RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON A REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE FROM "G" COMMERCIAL TO "E" MULTI FAMILY INT 600 BLK OF LOOP 456

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:19 PM. Mr. Howard Blanton came forward to voice his concerns regarding the traffic issues this apartment complex may cause. Mr. Blanton also expressed concerns regarding increased wildlife in his neighborhood due to the apartment complex.

Mr. Mike McEwen came forward and stated he does stand to profit from this transaction, but the

complex will be on the east side of the property and will not back up to Toby Lane. Mr. McEwen also stated this is going to be an upscale apartment complex and will help that part of town greatly. Mayor Gorham closed the hearing at 6:23 pm.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM "G" COMMERCIAL TO PD MULTI FAMILY (PLAN DEVELOPMENT) IN THE 600 BLK OF LOOP 456

City Manager Greg Smith pointed out the plans for the complex are in the council packets. Mr. Smith stated this did go to planning and zoning and that board is recommending approval. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin stated these are market rate apartments and not low-income housing. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the zone change. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION THE 2020-2021 CERTIFIED TAX ROLL

LEE FLOWERS PRESENTATION

TAKE ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION

Mr. Lee Flowers, Chief Appraiser for the Cherokee County Appraisal District came forward to address council. Mr. Flowers thanked Finance Director Roxanna Briley for bringing the error to their attention. Mr. Flowers stated there was a mistake in the amended certification. Mr. Flower stated the certified tax issued in October is the same as the correction that was just issued. Mr. Flowers stated the revenues certified and that the tax rate was calculated off of is correct. Mr. Flower stated he felt like it was the right thing to do to issue the amended certified tax rate so the auditors would have a paper trail of what happened.

At this time City Manager Greg Smith requested council adjourn in executive session per gov't code 551.07 consultation with attorneys.

Adjourn: 6:27 PM

Council Reconvened from Executive session at 6:40PM.

City Manager Greg Smith made a recommendation that council allow mayor, city manager, and city attorney to draft a resolution calling for the removal of Mr. Lee Flowers from his position at the appraisal district and to authorize the city attorney and city manager to take any legal action up to a lawsuit dealing with the second certified appraised value. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin so moved. Second by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

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

Councilman Tim McRae Made a motion to approve consent agenda. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

MINUTE APPROVAL MAY 11, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; MAY 6, 2021 AGENDA WORKSHOP

RE-APPOINT FRANK DOBROVOLNY AS ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL JUDGE

APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERRIFF'S OFFICE

APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ARP TO SELL A SPEED TRAILER

APPOINT NATHAN JONES TO THE LAKE ADVISORY BOARD TO FILL A VACATED POSITION (DISTRICT 4)

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE BYLAWS OF THE VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM

City Manager Greg Smith stated that several months ago council put a moratorium on term limits for all boards and commissions. This resolution is removing term limits and changing the business address of the VTM board to 315 S. Ragsdale. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution modifying the by-laws. Second by Mayor Randy Gorham. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ADD TWO MEMBERS TO THE LAKE ADVISORY BOARD

City Manager Greg Smith stated there will be an ordinance adding two members taking the board to a total of nine and they would also take a more active role in lake rules regulation, the board will also be meeting monthly. City Secretary Greg Lowe pointed out the ordinance had not been approved by legal. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the ordinance base upon approval by legal counsel. Second by councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING EMERGICON AS THE SELECTED VENDOR FOR EMS BILLING.

City Manager Greg Smith stated staff had gone out for RFP and Emergicon is our current provider and scored highest of all respondents. Staff is recommending approval of Emergicon as our EMS billing provider. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve Emergicon as billing provider. Second by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDDING 2021 STREET OVERLAY PROJECT TO DREWERY CONSTRUCTION

City Manager Greg Smith stated the decision was made to contract our paving services and this is to award that project to Drewery Construction in the amount of \$142,500 and this bid can be increased if necessary, by 25%. This came in under budget so we will use some of the budgeted money to repair some potholes and utility cuts. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to award the street overlay project to Drewery Construction. Second by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH SCHAUMBERG AND POLK FOR THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE BOATING ACCESS GRANT

City Manager Greg Smith stated we finally received approval from the state on the grant. This is the engineering contract for the project. He hopes construction will start in September. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the contract. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION DENYING AN ONCOR RATE INCREASE

City Manager Greg Smith stated this is the normal denial when Oncor increases rates. Mayor Randy Gorham made a motion to approve the resolution. Second by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

PRESENTATION OF AFTER-ACTION REPORT FOR WINTER STORM FEBRUARY 2021

City Manager Greg Smith thanked county commissioners and TXDOT in their assistance in keeping the roads clear during the winter storm. Mr. Smith also thanked all law enforcement agencies and employees who worked during the event. Mr. Smith pointed out Central Baptist Church opened its doors to house people during the event. Mr. Smith learned that both UT Health and Christus health supported other locations in the area due to their ability to continue operations during the event. Mr. Smith pointed out that the AMI project was a valuable tool during this event. Mr. Smith reviewed the recommendations for improvement in his report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Greg Smith thanked Finance Director Roxanna Briley for her service and wished her the best. He stated she has done a great job for the city. Mr. Smith stated the library is complete and the ribbon cutting is May 27. Mr. Smith said the police memorial is Wednesday morning at 10AM at Love's Lookout. He also reminded everyone the rodeo is this Thursday thru Saturday.

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

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

City Manager Greg Smith stated there is no need to adjourn into executive session.

551.072 REAL PROPERTY


RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR ANY ACTION IF NECESSARY

N/A


ADJOURN:

7:05 PM

ATTEST:



Greg Lowe, City Secretary



Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville