

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
315 S. RAGSDALE
6:00 PM

Meeting Items

5:15 PM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM-PER OPEN MEETINGS ACT-PER
TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION:

551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY

551.072 REAL PROPERTY

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS - POLICE CHIEF &
CITY MANAGER CONTRACT (Section 6. Vehicle, Cellular
Telephone and Laptop)

6:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:03 PM

INVOCATION

Mr. Gary Murph of First Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS

Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledges to the
United States and Texas flags.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY JEDCO
PRESIDENT SHANE PACE - VINE ON MAIN

JEDCO President Shane Pace presented Jennifer Darr,
owner of Vine on Main, with the award.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No one came forward.

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

Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae moved to approve the consent
agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Rob Gowin. All
voted "Aye."

MINUTES APPROVAL - FEBRUARY 6, 2025, CITY
COUNCIL AGENDA WORKSHOP; FEBRUARY 11, 2025,
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHEROKEE
COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE FOR THE RENTAL OF
ELECTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY 3, 2025,
MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION
WORKERS FOR THE MAY 3, 2025, MUNICIPAL
SPECIAL ELECTION

APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE FROM 5 PM ON
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, UNTIL SATURDAY, JUNE 14, FOR
THE 41ST ANNUAL TOMATO FEST

ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF
NECESSARY

City Manager James Hubbard announced Steven Markasky
as the new police chief. No action was taken at this time;
Mayor Randy Gorham stated that the Council would recess
back into executive session after the regular Council meeting.

The City Council reconvened at 6:48 PM from the executive
session.

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock authorized the city manager
to execute an acknowledgment of title from JEDCO to the
city of Jacksonville for real estate north of the landfill.
Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye."

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to amend the
city manager's contract from a city-owned vehicle to a
monthly car allowance. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae.
All voted "Aye."

A) PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-2024 FINANCIAL
AUDIT BY PATILLO, BROWN AND HILL
B) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A Pattillo, Brown, and Hill representative presented the
Council with the findings of the 2023 – 2024 financial audit.
The city received an unmodified opinion regarding the

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION A
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION A
RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE
PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES
CORPORATION BY 45 DAYS

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION AN
ORDINANCE ADOPTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE
MOWING OF THE CEMETERIES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION AN
AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE RULES AND
REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAKE JACKSONVILLE,
ADDING A SECTION CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION
OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS ON CITY-OWNED LEASE
LOTS

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURN

financial audit. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to accept the findings of the financial audit. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard told the Council that this item was the proposed continuation of the downtown sidewalk improvement program. Mr. Hubbard said the proposed award amount was \$1 million, with the city contributing \$50,000 in matching funds. Mr. Hubbard told the Council the JEDCO board had approved the contribution of the matching funds. Mr. Hubbard explained this item is only the approval for the grant application. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the proposed scope of the project along Commerce St. S., Ragsdale, and a portion of Main Street. Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion approving the resolution authorizing the grant application submission. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard told counsel this is a standard annual resolution delaying Centerpoint Energy's rate increase. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard told the Council that many utility companies have the right to operate within our public right of way within the city limits. Mr. Hubbard said this ordinance would provide a process by which the city would know what entity and where they were working within the public right-of-way. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard told the Council this item went out for bid, and bids were opened on March 5. Mr. Hubbard said the contract term covers February 14 – November 30, 2025, and is for mowing both city-owned cemeteries. Mr. Hubbard said staff recommended awarding the contract to G's lawn service for \$81,304.21. Mr. Hubbard said the budgeted amount for this mowing contract was \$95,000. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to award the mowing contract to G's lawn service. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard explained this amendment does not change any rules to the lake regulations; It only clarifies the city's position regarding short-term rentals on lease lots on Lake Jacksonville. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the current lake rules and regulations section regarding short-term rentals and the proposed addition to those regulations. Mr. Hubbard explained the proposed change and clarified the definition of a short-term rental as the lease of any dwelling or any portion thereof for less than 30 consecutive days. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the amendment to the lake rules and regulations. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."

Councilwoman Letitia Horace announced that the Fred Douglas Community Development Corporation will hold its service awards banquet on Saturday, March 15.

City Manager James Hubbard stated the demolition of Gardendale assisted living is underway. Mr. Hubbard thanked JEDCO for their assistance with the demolition. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the progress of the boat ramp renovation at Lake Jacksonville, as well as the splash pad at Lincoln Park. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone of the upcoming municipal development district election on May 3, 2025.

Mayor Randy Gorham called a recess into executive session at 6:37 PM.

The Council reconvened at 6:48 PM. Please see "any action of executive session if necessary" above.

6:49 PM

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk