

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 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:	The City Council recessed Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. and convened the regular meeting. At 6:33 p.m., the Council returned to Executive Session to continue discussion of authorized items. The second Executive Session concluded at 8:11 p.m., at which time the Council reconvened into open session. No action was taken in Executive Session.
551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY - PENDING LITIGATION 6:25-CV-00109 WILDE V. WILLIAMS ET AL: CITY OF JACKSONVILLE V. BERRY AND CLAY, INC, ET AL	
551.072 REAL PROPERTY	
551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS - CITY CLERK; CITY MANAGER ANNUAL REVIEW	
CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 pm Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae, Councilman Rob Gowin, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace
INVOCATION	Mayor Randy Gorham led the prayer
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 - JACKSONVILLE FAMILY DENTISTRY	JEDCO President Shane Pace presented Dr. Meagan Fancher of Jacksonville Family Dentistry with the award.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	Dr. Deborah Burkett, Chairman of the Cherokee County Annual Flag Day Event, came forward to discuss The Flag Day Event that was held on June 14, 2025. She expressed her thanks for the special accommodations made during the rain that morning. City Manager, James Hubbard, opened the Council Chamber for the event. The flag was unable to be erected that day, and she presented it to Mayor Randy Gorham, City Manager, James Hubbard, and Parks Director, Devin Fredrickson.
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	
MINUTES APPROVAL - JULY 8, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING	
APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF COMMERCE ST. FROM NECHES TO AUSTIN AND AUSTIN ST. FROM 79 TO WILSON FOR THE TOMATO BOWL CELEBRATION, AUGUST 29.	
ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST - JACKSONVILLE POLICE ASSOCIATION CAR SHOW - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025	
ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY	After the second executive session concluded at 8:11 pm, the City Council reconvened in open session and took the following actions: Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion for the City Attorney to negotiate an option and the City Manager, James Hubbard, to execute an agreement with Greenfields LLC. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye." Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion for the City Manager to execute a settlement agreement on the Wilde v.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION PROPOSING A TAX RATE AND SETTING SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, AT 6:00 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE AND BUDGET. TAKE AN INDIVIDUAL VOTE OF EACH COUNCIL MEMBER REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION APPROVING THE 2025-2026 JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR ROXANNA BRILEY

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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Williams ET AL. Second, Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye."
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to confirm the appointment of Dianah Surber as City Clerk. Second, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to extend the City Manager's contract for one year. Second, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."
Dianah Surber was sworn in as the City Clerk.

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the budget with the council and those in attendance. Mr. Hubbard said the budget is being proposed by staff with the tax rate of \$0.63763 per \$100 valuation. Mr. Hubbard explained that the proposed tax rate ceiling would be set at \$0.645 per \$100 valuation. The city manager discussed the history of the tax rate and explained the proposed homestead taxable value of \$168,405, an 8.79% increase from the prior year. Mr. Hubbard let the council know that we would expect to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.63763 per \$100 valuation at the September 9, 2025 council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae made a motion to propose a tax rate ceiling of \$0.645 per \$100 valuation. Second, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. Mayor Randy Gorham asked for a roll call vote.

Mayor Randy Gorham "Aye"
Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae "Aye"
Councilman Rob Gowin "Aye"
Councilwoman Letitia Horace "Aye"
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock "Aye"

JEDCO President Shane Pace came forward and reviewed the proposed budget with the council. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the proposed JEDCO budget. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."

Finance director Roxanna Briley reviewed the financial report with the council.

No items were presented during Open Forum for Mayor and Council

City Manager James Hubbard updated the Council on the stage being built at Hazel Tilton Park and reminded everyone about the inaugural concert that will be held on October 18, 2025 by the Jacksonville Area Arts Alliance. City Manager James Hubbard updated the Council on the progress of the restroom structure and fueling at Concession Park.

8:15 pm

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Dianah Surber, City Clerk