

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
315 S. RAGSDALE
6:00 PM

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Meeting Items

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

Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro Tem Tim
McRae, Councilman Rob Gowin, Councilwoman Mindy
Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Randy
Gorham. City Council immediately went into executive
session at 5:16 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY - CITY OF
JACKSONVILLE V. BERRY AND CLAY, INC, ET AL

551.072 REAL PROPERTY

CALL TO ORDER

City Council meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor
Randy Gorham

INVOCATION

Invocation given by Pa Roland Tureaud of Sweet Union
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 TO GONZALES INSURANCE
AGENCY AND TAX SERVICE

Shane Pace president of Jacksonville Economic Development
Corporation, presented to Gonzales Insurance Agency and
Tax Service.

JACKSONVILLE ISD’S CTE STUDENT OF THE MONTH
PRESENTED BY JEDCO’S SHERRI MCDONALD

Sherri McDonald presented Amber Tibideaux with
Jascksonville ISD's CTE Student of the Month.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Peggy Alexander presented information regarding flooding
in the 800 block of Howard and Marshall St. She presented a
list of losses totaling \$21,579 and asked for reimbursement.

Mary Z. Lewis presented a letter to the council, expressing
her concerns about auctioning off the interior circle in her
neighborhood at Lake Jacksonville. She let it be known that
the neighborhood is small and the selling of this spot would
likely cause congestion.

Kenneth Smalley with the American Legion came forward
and asked there were any benefits that the City provided for
Veterans.

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 Rob Gowin made the motion to approve the
Consent Agenda

Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae

Motion Passes 5:0

Discussion: City Manager recognized the Kiwanis Club for a
\$40,000 donation, paired with a \$25,000 JEDCO match,
totaling \$65,000 for outdoor fitness equipment at Buckner
Park, modeled after Lincoln Park’s recent installation.

MINUTES APPROVAL - AUGUST 8, 2025 COUNCIL
BUDGET/AGENDA WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025,
COUNCIL AGENDA WORKSHOP, AND SEPTEMBER 9,
2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION OF AUTHORIZING
STAFF TO DECLARE SURPLUS AND
SELL/AUCTION/DISPOSE OF CERTAIN ASSETS

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVING THE
2026 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT
FOR BUCKNER PARK FROM THE KIWANIS CLUB

APPROVE THE CERTIFIED TAX ROLL AS PRESENTED BY THE CHEROKEE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

APPROVE PURCHASE OF MINI EXCAVATOR AND BRUSH CUTTER ATTACHMENT AS BUDGETED

READING OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROJECT INVOLVING AN EXPENDITURE BY JEDCO IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 TO JME HOMES AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FINAL PLAT LOCATED ON LOTS 46A AND 46B, BLOCK A OF THE LAKE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION ON LAKE JACKSONVILLE

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FINAL PLAT LOCATED ON LOT 15R AND LOT 16R, BLOCK B, OF THE SOUTHSORE SUBDIVISION ON LAKE JACKSONVILLE

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AMENDING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE FROM 6 TO 7 PERCENT

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION TO DENY ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC’S PROPOSED INCREASE IN REVENUE AND ITS PROPOSED CHANGES TO RATES

PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A FOOD TRUCK PARK LOCATED AT 817 N BOLTON STREET, CITY OF JACKSONVILLE. PROPERTY ID # 224521000

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ROAD CLOSURE FOR 'JESUS LOVES YOU WALK' ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 FROM 5 PM TO 8 PM

ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JEDCO President Shan Pace presented the first reading of Resolution No. 10-2025-01 supporting an economic development incentive not to exceed \$60,000 for construction of single-family homes in the Lincoln Park area of 800 block of Grant Street. Structure: \$20,000 allocation for the first three homes; incentive payable upon sale; no incentive if sale price exceeds \$250,000. No action taken.

City Manager James Hubbard discussed the plat on lots 46A and 46B, Block A of The Lake Springs Subdivision. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the final plat.
Second by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae.
All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard discussed the plat on lots 15R and 16R, Block B of The Southshore Subdivision. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the final plat.
Second by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae.
All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard presented an ordinance implementing the budgeted change to the Texas Municipal Retirement System employee contribution rate from 6% to 7% with a City match 2:1 to align with comparator cities and support recruitment and retention. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to increase the Texas Municipal Retirement System employee contribution rate from 6% to 7%. Councilwoman Letitia Horace seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

City Attorney Brett Brewer discussed the recommendation to deny Oncor's proposed rate increase of approximately \$833 million, a 13% increase, and authorization to intervene at the PUC with the Coalition of East Texas Cities. Oncor Representative Victor spoke regarding process and rationale and noted that the PUC adjudication sets uniform rates. A motion by Councilwoman Letitia Horace to deny Oncor's proposed rate increase. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye."

City Manager discussed the food truck park while presenting a blueprint of the park's intentions for parking and eating area. The City Manager verified that the park abides by our current ordinances.

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:40 pm. No one came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham then closed the public hearing.
Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to grant the permit for the food truck park. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

This item was moved for the sake of the speakers. Applicant Linda Oden with Scott and Jack, requested temporary closure of portions of Commerce Street; stated willingness to cover traffic control/police costs; reported outreach to 53 churches and downtown businesses while maintaining hotel access.

Council inquired regarding participating churches.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae to Approve the requested road closure on October 25, 5:00–8:00 PM.

Second by Councilwoman Letitia Horace

Councilwoman Letitia Horace thanked JEDCO for their support of JME Homes and the new development being

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added to District 1. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming election on November 4, 2025 and that early voting starts on Monday.

City Manager James Hubbard calls attention to the Fall in Love with Jacksonville, Texas all-day event occurring on Saturday, October 18th, 2025. He discussed the upcoming demolitions that will take place after the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (ZBA) meeting on October 7, 2025. He reminded everyone of the upcoming concert series. Mr. Hubbard thanked the community for coming to National Night Out and supporting our first responders.

Recess at 6:49 pm to Executive Session.

Reconvene from Executive Session at 7:34 pm.

Adjourn 7:35 PM

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Dianah Surber, City Clerk