JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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:	
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	
551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS	
CALL TO ORDER	**Meeting called to order by Mayor Randy Gorham at 6:00 pm** **Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae, Councilman Rob Gowin, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace**
INVOCATION	**Invocation given by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae.**
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS	**Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.**
SPECIAL PRESENTATION –	**Mayor Randy Gorham moved up item 11, discuss and consider possible action a resolution suspending Oncor's requested rate increase for 90 days from the proposed effective date of July 31, 2025. City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the requested rate increase. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution suspending Oncor's requested rate increase for 90 days. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye".**
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY JEDCO PRESIDENT SHANE PACE - CREATION BRANDING	**JEDCO President Shane Pace presented Emily Wilkerson with Creation Branding the Business of the Month award.**
PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH PRESENTED BY MAYOR RANDY GORHAM	**Mayor Randy Gorham presented Devin Fredrickson with the parks and recreation month proclamation.** **Mayor Randy Gorham recognized two boy scouts in attendance working on their communication merit badges.**
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	**Mrs. Charlie Esco, part of the Flag Day committee, thanked the City Manager for allowing them to use City Hall on Flag Day.**
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 as presented. Second, Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye"**
MINUTES APPROVAL - JUNE 10, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING; JULY 3, 2025 AGENDA WORKSHOP	
APPROVE THE ANNUAL JINGLE JOG ROUTE DECEMBER 13, 2025	
APPROVE THE "FOSTERING 5K" ROUTE NOVEMBER 1, 2025	
APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXTEND 991 SERVICES	
ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY	**Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into street easements needed for the Canada Street improvements between Bolton and South Jackson Street. Second, Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye".**

JEDCO President Shane Pace read the caption of resolution 07-2025-03, approving projects to promote new or expanded business development with the City of Jacksonville.
Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Second by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye".

(A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MOBILE VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HOSPITAL LOCATED AT LOT 1 OF THE RICKY L BROWN ADDITION, 1707 E RUSK ST, CITY OF JACKSONVILLE.
(B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUESTED SPECIAL USE PERMIT

City Manager James Hubbard told the Council this was a special use permit approved in 2023 with the condition that the applicant begin construction or have a building permit within two years of issuance. Mr. Hubbard provided background information on the applicant, Dehart Veterinarian Services. Mr. Hubbard went on to apprise the Council that, in addition to the special use permit, they also abide by the itinerate vendor ordinance as well, since they are mobile-based.
Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:15pm.
Jeffrey Johnson came forward stating he is for the mobile veterinary hospital as long as it stays mobile and not a permanent clinic.
No one else came forward.
Mayor Randy Gorham closed the hearing at 6:16pm.
Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve an ordinance granting the requested special use permit with a two-year time frame expiration. Second, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae and Councilwoman Letitia Horace agree on a longer timeframe. City Manager James Hubbard gave an option of revisiting the permit with the Council in two years instead of having to go through the entire process again. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to extend the special use permit to two years, subject to Council review. Second, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye".

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION REGARDING GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS BY REDTOWN RANCH HOLDINGS, LLC AND PINE BLISS, LLC

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the June meeting of the Neches Trinity Valley Groundwater District that was held at City Hall. Mr. Hubbard states this resolution codifies the Council's concern as it pertains to the drilling of wells. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution in opposition to withdrawing the groundwater applications by particular companies mentioned. Second, Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye".

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING ONCOR'S REQUESTED RATE INCREASE FOR 90 DAYS FROM THE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 31, 2025

This item was moved up to before the special presentation.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION APPOINTMENTS TO THE JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
(A) DISTRICT 1
(B) DISTRICT 2
(C) DISTRICT 3
(D) COUNCIL

Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion to nominate Loretta Doty for District 1. Second, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the reappointment of Darrel Dement for District 2. Second, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."
Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve the reappointment of Dillon Rodriguez for District 3. Second, Councilwoman Letittia Horace. All voted "Aye."
Mayor Randy Gorham made a motion to approve the reappointment of Robert Cudd. Second, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TYLER REGARDING A PURCHASING CO-OP

City Manager James Hubbard informed the Council that this agreement would allow us to piggyback off of vendors and share contract pricing.
Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Tyler regarding a purchasing co-op. Second, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye."

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

No one came forward.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager James Hubbard recapped the Lincoln Park Grand Re-opening. Mr. Hubbard said work is taking form at Lakeside Park and will be ready for use in 2026. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone about Cones with a Cop and Splash Day. He goes on to remind everyone that on the home page of the City website, there is an emergency alerts button used to inform citizens of severe weather that is customizable. Mr. Hubbard gives his appreciation to Alicia Whetsell, EMS Coordinator, who is taking part in a state

emergency medical task force from Region 4 and leading a strike team in Kerville.

ADJOURN

Adjourn 6:37 pm

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Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

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Dianah Surber, City Clerk