

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
315 S. RAGSDALE
6:00 PM**

Meeting Items

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Randy Gotham, Mayor Pro team Rob Godwin, Councilman Hubert Robinson, Councilman Tim McRae, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock

INVOCATION

JEDCO Chair Mr. Darrell Dement

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

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EMPLOYER OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY INTERIM JEDCO PRESIDENT SHERRI MCDONALD - SOUTHERN MULTIFOODS

Interim JEDCO President Sherri McDonald presented Robert Cudd, O.H. Seamands and several Southern Multifoods employees with the employer of the month plaque

RECOGNIZE BARRY HUGHES FOR HIS VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM

Mayor Gorham and Museum Curator Larry Lydick presented Mr. Barry Hughes with a certificate of appreciation for his volunteer work at the Vanishing Texana Museum.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 5, 2021 AS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Mayor Randy Gorham read a proclamation declaring October 5, 2021 as National Night Out.

RECOGNITION OF JAMES HUBBARD FOR HIS WORK WITH JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

JEDCO Chairman Darrell Dement presented City Manager James Hubbard with a plaque recognizing his work as JEDCO President over the past few years.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Byron McCuin came forward with a list of issues needing to be addressed in district 1.

Mr. Fritz Curtis came forward to speak in favor of the proposed bike trail at Love's Lookout.

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

MINUTE APPROVAL AUGUST 10, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 23, 2021; SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 AGENDA WORKSHOP

APPROVE CLOSING THE 100 BLK. OF SOUTH BONNER BETWEEN WILSON AND COMMERCE FOR THE BULL BASH KICKOFF DANCE

APPROVE ROAD CLOSURES IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 5, 2021

APPROVE STREET CLOSURE FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021-2022 BUDGET. TAKE A RECORDED VOTE OF EACH COUNCILMEMBER

This item was removed from consideration and will be placed on a later meeting agenda.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE SETTING A TAX RATE OF .68995 PER \$100 VALUE FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR. TAKE A RECORDED VOTE OF EACH COUNCILMEMBER

This item was removed from consideration and will be placed on a later meeting agenda.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
THE RE-PLAT OF LOT 8RR AND 9RR OF REDBIRD
LANE SUBDIVISION

City Manager James Hubbard told council this request is the relocation of a property line between two lots. Mr. Hubbard stated normally this would be an administrative decision, but since these lots are city-owned lease lots, the request needed council approval. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the re-plat. Second, by Mayor Pro team Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
RE-PLAT OF LOTS 6 & 7 OF BLOCK C LAKE SPRINGS
SUBDIVISION LAKE JACKSONVILLE

City Manager James Hubbard told council this is a request to combine two lots into one so a house can be built where the current property line separating the two lots can be built. Mayor Pro team Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the re-plat. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVING THE 2021-2022 JACKSONVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Mayor Randy Gorham stated a copy of the budget was in the council's packet and Interim JEDCO President Sherri McDonald was present to answer any questions. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the budget. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE
FROM DREWERY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2021
STREET OVERLAYS

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the history of the contract with the council. Mr Hubbard stated this request is for approval of \$27,000 in overruns due to an expanded scope of work. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin asked if in the future staff would try to better define the scope of work to prevent these types of cost overruns. Mr. Hubbard stated every effort would be made to avoid overruns. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the invoice. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE
FROM CAPPS-CAPCO CONSTRUCTION FOR ASPHALT
STREET PATCHING

City Manager James Hubbard stated expenditures of more than \$50,000 require council approval and staff is requesting approval of \$130,091.61 invoice for patching of pot holes and utility cuts largely due to the winter storm. Mr. Hubbard stated the patching of streets is an ongoing effort. Councilman Hubert Robinson made a motion to approve the invoice. Second by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
MODIFICATIONS TO THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT
FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK GRANT

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the history of the project and stated the scope of work has changed several times. Mr. Hubbard stated this modification is a \$20,000 increase to the contract. Mr. Hubbard stated some of the changes were street lights and power for those lights as well as relocating some overhead powerlines underground. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin asked what the timeline was to get under construction. Mr. Robert Haberle Schaumberg & Polk came forward and stated they have submitted the project to all the regulatory agencies for their comment and approval. Mr. Haberle said, normally that process would take 45-60 days but they have no control on how long it will take to receive comments and approvals. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the modification. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ADOPTING THE
ALLOCATION METHOD FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT
PROCEEDS

City Manager James Hubbard stated Texas and 46 other states have sued opioid manufacturers. City Attorney Mr. Brett Brewer explained the lawsuit and settlement distribution. Mr. Brewer stated we could sue the manufacturers ourselves, but he is advising us to accept this settlement. Mr. Brewer stated the city's estimated portion of the settlement in excess of \$100,000 and as dependents are added, that number will likely increase. Mayor Randy Gorham pointed out the table provided by the attorney general indicated the City of Jacksonville would receive \$80,175. Mr. Brewer stated that estimate was based on a settlement amount to Texas of one billion dollars and the settlement has increased to 1.5 billion dollars. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

REVIEW AND DISCUSS TDA SECTION 3
PRESENTATION AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

City Manager James Hubbard told council the presentation is in their packet for their review. This is for information purposes only no action is required. Mr. Hubbard stated this is a requirement of the Texas Department of Agriculture regarding the downtown sidewalk grant.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

City Manager James Hubbard stated, in anticipation of a

AN ORDINANCE REMOVING BARRIADAES AT NACOGDOCHES AND HWY 69 AND ALLOWING FOR TWO WAY TRAFFIC

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACITON AN ORDINANCE DELETING ORDINACE 1603 WHICH PROHIBITED THRU TRAFFIC ON DEVEREAUX STREET

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR ANY ACTION IF NECESSARY

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heavier traffic flow from Chic-fil-a, the city had proactively declared a portion of Nacogdoches St. one way and placed barricades at Hwy. 69 and Nacogdoches. Mr. Hubbard stated that staff had observed the intersection and no longer felt the barricades were necessary. Mr. Hubbard stated once the barricades are removed, staff will continue to monitor the intersection for 60-90 days and if it is determined the barricades are necessary, staff will come back to council with a plan to once again make that portion of Nacogdoches street one way. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard stated that due to changes in the traffic flow in the public safety complex, staff feel Deveraux can remain open to thru traffic. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin stated he is all for the bike park at Love's Lookout in response to Mr. Curtis who came forward during citizen participation.

City Manager James Hubbard stated he inherited phenomenal team and stated he appreciated all the volunteers and board members who serve Jacksonville. Mr. Hubbard said the city is seeking a grant for playground equipment for Buckner Park. He reminded everyone that National Night Out is October 5. Mr. Hubbard said the public safety complex is nearing substantial completion and plan on having an open house early in 2022. Mr. Hubbard informed everyone a new communications director, Daniel Seguire, would begin work on Friday, the 24th of September. Mr. Hubbard said he had already met with the Tyler Bike Club regarding the proposed bike park and the project is moving forward.

6:41 PM

7:10 PM Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to accept a gift of 4 acres west of and adjacent to the landfill which was previously deeded to JEDO back from JEDCO to the City. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to authorize the city manager and city attorney to execute necessary documents and to negotiate conveyance of city property at and adjacent to 301 E. Commerce subject to JEDCO's negotiations with their potential prospects.

7:11 PM

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Secretary