

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
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 DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 PM

**Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro tem Rob
Gowin, Councilman Hubert Robinson, Councilman Tim
McRae, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock**

INVOCATION

Father Jay Lucas of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

**EMPLOYER OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY JEDCO
PRESIDENT SHANE PACE - CHANTILLY'S**

**Mr. Shane Pace presented Susan Conrad, the owner of
Chantilly's, with the employer of the month.**

**RECOGNIZE ROXANNA BRILEY FOR RECEIVING
THE GFOA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR
EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING - MAYOR
RANDY GORHAM**

**Mayor Randy Gorham recognized Roxanna Briley for
receiving the GFOA certificate of achievement for excellence
in financial reporting.**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**Mr. Mike McEwen came forward commending the most
recent city administration on its performance. He also spoke
about improving the city's appeal and asked for more code
enforcement staff. He requested more ordinances.**

**ANY ACTION OUT OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
IF NECESSARY**

**Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to authorize
the city attorney to enter into negotiations to settle the
litigation with Wasson Interests. Second, by Councilman Tim
McRae. All voted "Aye"**

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

**MINUTE APPROVAL NOVEMBER 9, 2021 REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING; DECEMBER 9, 2021 AGENDA
WORKSHOP**

**DECLARE THE FIRE BOAT SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PLACE IT UP FOR SALE**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
CONTRACT WITH TXU AS CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER
FROM 2025 THRU 2033 - PRESENTATION BY CONNIE
SCHAEFER OF TXU**

**City Manager James Hubbard told council the city is
currently under contract with TXU as a service provider
through June of 2025 with a kw hourly rate of .08482. Based
on current usage, the city pays approximately \$365,000 for
utility charges annually. In mid November, the finance
committee met with Connie Shaefer of TXU to discuss a
possible contract extension from June 2025 through June
2033 in order to lock in future rates at a reduced rate. Mr.
Hubbard said Ms. Connie Shaefer is here to present a
contract with a rate of .036315 per kw/hr, which is an 11%
decrease in the rate.**

**Ms. Connie Shaefer came forward to address council. She
began by explaining the "GreenBacks" efficiency program.
It is designed for businesses to reduce energy use. It is a
rebate program that can be used for efficiency upgrades such**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SANITATION RATE
INCREASE

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JEDCO ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE
ACTION AWARDING THE DOGWOOD STREET
PROJECT RFP

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
AWARDING THE JANITORIAL RFP

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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as HVAC or led upgrades. TXU is offering to reinstate \$20,400 in "GreenBacks" as part of this new contract and offering an additional \$24,500 with the new contract. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to authorize the city manager to execute the contract with TXU at the rate presented. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council the city is currently under contract with Republic Services through December 31, 2023 and has a five-year renewal option. Per the current residential sanitation contract, Republic implements a 3% rate adjustment annually. This ordinance captures the new residential sanitation rate. Mr. Hubbard stated this is a .58 cent increase. This rate has been negotiated into the current contract. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye".

JECO President Shane Pace came forward to address the council regarding the resolution. Mr. Hubbard told council back in February of this year that council approved a resolution modifying the articles of incorporation for the Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation. Following that approval, City Attorney Brett Brewer sent those articles to the Secretary of State for review. The Secretary of State responded with two very minor amendments. This resolution was approved by the JEDCO board on November 18, 2021. Mr. Pace made the 2nd reading of the JEDCO resolution at 6:18 PM. Mayor Gorham read the City of Jacksonville resolution at 6:19 PM. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council the city had engaged Schaumberg and Polk to evaluate surface drainage issues in the Dogwood St. area. S&P designed a solution to accommodate a five-year storm event. In mid November, staff put the project out for bid. Staff did receive one bid from Capps Cap Co in the amount of \$105,912. Mr. Hubbard stated staff is recommending rejection of this bid and is instead recommending an isolated improvement to one particular driveway which staff believes will mitigate the surface drainage issues. Mr. Hubbard said staff expects that the improvement will cost less than \$15,000. Mr. Hubbard said if this one component does not solve the drainage issue, to the extent we believe, we can always look at doing a larger project in the future. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to reject the RFP bid. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard said in November, staff issued an RFP for janitorial services for six city facilities. Three bids were received. Mr. Hubbard stated all bids received exceeded the \$85,000 budget for contractual janitorial services. Staff recommends rejecting all bids and hiring two full-time employees to cover the duties as outlined in the RFP. Staff believes this provides the best value for the city and will be better aligned with the budget. Tim McRae made a motion to reject all bids and have staff hire two full-time employees. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock asked if staff anticipates issues finding two full-time employees in this job market. Mr. Hubbard said he thinks they have identified two individuals for the positions. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

Mayor Randy Gorham commended the chamber of commerce for the "Shop Local" program.

City Manager James Hubbard said the citizen police academy application deadline is December 17. Mr. Hubbard informed everyone the city is rolling out a "Rave" mobile safety system, which will take the place of Code Red. Mr. Hubbard brought to everyone's attention the bulky waste program. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the holiday closings for the city.

6: 31 PM

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Secretary