

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
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 REAL PROPERTY

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:03 PM

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

INVOCATION

Mr. John Atkinson of the People's Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS

Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledge

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**PRESENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES RECOGNITION
PROGRAM CERTIFICATE TO THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Henderson Police Chief Chad Taylor presented several officers of the police department with the Best Practices Recognition certificate.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AWARD PRESENTATION.

This presentation was rescheduled.

**EMPLOYER OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY SHANE
PACE - STS RECYCLING**

JEDCO President Shane Pace presented Steve Norton of STS with the employer of the month award.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. John Taylor, of the Vanishing Texana Museum board, came forward to let everyone know the sesquicentennial book was ready and they would be taking ten dollar donations for them.

Mr. Freddy Suarez came forward to speak about his mother being denied an itinerant vendor permit.

Ms. Sherry Watson Brown came forward to voice concerns about mud and water at either end of Cherry St. as well as the condition of some of the properties in the neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARING

A) CONTINUATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR AND RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR A RESIDENCE IN A COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 400 W. LARISSA. B) CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE GRANTING REQUESTED SPECIAL USE PERMIT.

Mayor Randy Gorham invited anyone wanting to speak regarding the special use permit to come forward. Ms. Mary Trujillo, the applicant, came forward to speak in favor of the special use permit. No one else came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the hearing at 6:19 PM. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the special use permit. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"

PUBLIC HEARING

A) HEAR AND RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING A ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FROM "P" PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO "C" MULTI FAMILY LOTS 10,11 & 12 BLK. 3276, 1000 BLK. OF COLLEGE AVE. B) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE.

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the request with the council. Mr. Hubbard explained the requested change to "C" multi family was approved 4-0 by the zoning board. Mr. Hubbard said that a change to "B", one and two family would probably be more appropriate for this neighborhood as it would allow for duplexes where "C" would allow for apartment-style quadplexes. Mayor Randy Gorham opened the hearing at 6:23 PM. No one came forward. Mayor Gorham closed the hearing at 6:23 PM. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve a zone change to "B" one and two family. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. Mayor Gorham then opened the matter for discussion. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin asked if the city had adequate infrastructure to handle three duplexes at this location. Community and public services director Randall Chandler said there was sufficient infrastructure in place. Mayor Gorham said changing to "B" instead of "C" would maintain the integrity of the neighborhood. All voted "Aye"

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A) PRESENTATION BY PATILLO, BROWN AND HILL REGARDING THE 2020-2021 AUDIT. B) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT.

Mr. Kent Willis with Patillo, Hill and Brown reviewed the audit with the council. Mr. Willis said they had issued a "unmodified" or "clean" opinion in the audit and this is the highest opinion possible. Mr. Willis told the council the fund balance had been increased by \$950,000. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to accept the findings of the audit. 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

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

APPROVE MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; FEBRUARY 24, 2022 STRATEGIC VISIONING MEETING; MARCH 3, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP.

APPROVE A PROPERTY TAX REFUND OF \$3,955.55 TO MRP JACKSONVILLE TX LLC.

AUTHORIZATION OF NEW BANK ACCOUNT FOR 2022 TAX NOTE PROCEEDS AND DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNERS.

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS FOR THE MAY 7, 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

PRESENTATION BY HILLTOP SECURITIES REGARDING THE SALE OF TAX NOTES. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1615: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, TAX NOTE, SERIES 2022; AWARDING THE SALE OF SAID NOTE; LEVYING A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID NOTE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the terms of the tax notes and said these funds are for the purchase and remodel of the event center. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion approving the ordinance to sell the tax notes. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

This item was moved to the end of the meeting in order to allow council to recess into executive session again.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING CHAPTER 12 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING ITINERANT VENDORS.

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to change the city attorney's status from out of house counsel to in-house counsel. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REGULATING FOOD TRUCKS/TRAILERS AND FOOD TRUCK COURTS.

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the ordinance and the changes with the council. Mr. Hubbard said the biggest change is that no vendors are allowed to set up on property within 300 feet of any state-maintained right of way. Councilman Tim Mcrae made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A-ZONING, ART. I-GENERAL PROVISIONS, SEC. 4-DEFINITIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS TO REMOVE THE DEFINITIONS OF MOBILE FOOD PARK AND MOBILE FOOD VENDOR

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the ordinance, exemptions and definitions with the council. Mr. Hubbard said there will now be a "food truck court" operating under a special use permit, a food truck permit and an operation site permit. Mr. Hubbard stated the two existing food truck courts would continue to operate under their existing special use permit. Mr. Hubbard said food trucks with current permits will be allowed 120 days to come into compliance with this ordinance. New food trucks will be regulated by the ordinance immediately. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council this ordinance is necessary housekeeping due to the previous ordinances that were just passed. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

CONSIDERATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION THE REMOVAL OF THE OLD CONCESSION STAND AND POLICE ANNEX BUILDING AT THE CONCESSION AREA IN PREPARATION FOR THE BOATING ACCESS GRANT.

CONSIDERATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN AMENDMENT TO THE JEDCO BUDGET.

CONSIDERATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LAPTOPS AND PRINTERS FOR POLICE VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,094 USING AMERICAN RELIEF ACT FUNDS.

CONSIDERATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO ADDITIONAL POLICE TAHOES

CONSIDERATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING THE BID FOR THE RFP FOR THE WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS ANNUAL SUPPLY CONTRACT.

CONSIDERATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BULLARD TEXAS TO ALLOW THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO ACT AS THEIR PURCHASING AGENT.

CONSIDERATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A REQUEST BY THE FRED DOUGLAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO CLOSE COMMERCE STREET FROM S. BONNER TO AUSTIN ST. AUSTIN STREET FROM E. RUSK TO WILSON AND WILSON ST. FROM AUSTIN TO S. BONNER FOR THEIR 100 YEAR CELEBRATION PARADE ON JULY 30, 2022 BEGINNING AT 8AM.

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURN

City Manager James Hubbard told council the removal of the buildings is in preparation for the work that will be done with the boating access grant. Mayor Randy Gorham made a motion to approve the demolition of the buildings. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

JEDCO President Shane Pace came forward and told the council this budget amendment is to adjust the budget to account for the funding for the downtown sidewalk grant match. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the amendment. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council the police department is requesting the purchase of new "Toughbook" laptops to replace the Ipads now currently in use. Mr. Hubbard said this purchase will allow officers to stay on the streets longer and not have to go back to the public safety complex and fill out their reports. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the purchase. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council the police department has requested to purchase two more tahoes that have become available. Mr.Hubbard said funding would be from the American Rescue Plan - Corona Virus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Mayor Randy Gorham pointed out the difficulty of locating vehicles in the current environment. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the purchase. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council this RFP was for the chemicals at our water and wastewater treatment plants. Only one complete bid was received. It was Brenntag, a vendor we have used before. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to award the bid to Brenntag. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council this agreement will allow Bullard to purchase products Jacksonville has already received bids on if the vendor is willing to provide Bullard with the same price. Councilman Tim McRae abstained from the vote as the initial purchase under this agreement will be Ford F250 trucks from his dealership. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the agreement pending review by City Attorney Brett Brewer. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye".
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City Manager James Hubbard told council this request was for a parade and he thinks it will take them about 60-90 minutes to complete the route. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the street closure. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

Mayor Gorham commented on how much fun and how much he has learned at the citizen's police academy. Mayor Gorham said it has been a fantastic experience and he respects what police officers do. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin presented a newly colored city logo showing solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

City Manager James Hubbard thanked council for their efforts at the visioning session. Mr. Hubbard commended the police and fire departments for their efforts conducting the grand opening ceremony for the public safety complex. Mr. Hubbard also recognized the efforts of the sesquicentennial committee.

Recess back into executive session 7:07 pm.

7:56 pm

Action out of executive session is reflected previously in these minutes.

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Secretary