

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
315 S. RAGSDALE
12:00 PM**

Meeting Items

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Gorham 12:00 PM

Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Councilman Tim McRae, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock

Absent: Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin, Councilman Hubert Robinson

INVOCATION

Mayor Randy Gorham

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Helen Keller informed the council that the pergola at Bolton Park is complete.

UPDATE ON SIGN ORDINANCE

City Manager James Hubbard updated the council on the feedback from some business owners in regard to the new sign ordinance. Some businesses in town are refusing to comply with the ordinance and staff is looking for direction from the council as to how hard they want enforcement pushed. Police Chief Joe Williams told council the next step is to write a citation and if that is not paid or a court date set, a warrant for their arrest would follow. After a long discussion, council instructed staff to form a committee of business owners to study the ordinance and see what changes they wanted to see. In the mean time, they instructed Chief Williams to give the non-compliant businesses 10 days to take down the non-compliant signs.

UPDATE ON BOATING ACCESS GRANT AND BUCKNER PARK GRANT - SCHAUMBURG AND POLK

Mr. Anthony Eaton with Schaumburg and Polk presented the council with the proposed demo plan, proposed site plan and elevations of the proposed restroom facility. No action was taken.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022(SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED AGENDA) NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN – ITEMS MAY BE REMOVED OR ADDED TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA BY CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY OR CITY SECRETARY AS NEEDED ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL POSTING OF MEETING AGENDA

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the agenda with council. No action was taken on any items.

CONSIDER RATIFYING THE CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE DEED AND THE CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 307 E. COMMERCE STREET, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS TO JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FINDING THE CONVEYANCE TO AND USE OF THE PROPERTY BY JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (JEDCO) TO THE JACKSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND JACKSONVILLE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT & DEVELOPMENT (JLEAD) WILL PRIMARILY PROMOTE A PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND ACCEPTING THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE CONVEYANCE REMITTED BY JEDCO TO THE CITY.

City Manager James Hubbard told council this was just a housekeeping motion to assure the sale of the old municipal court was done appropriately. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to ratify the sale of the old municipal court as well as all conveyance documents. Second, by councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye". 3-0

DISCUSSION REGARDING MODIFYING UTILITY LATE FEE CHARGES

Finance Director Roxanna Briley reviewed the current late fee schedule and process with council. She said it has resulted in larger charge offs due to the fact a customer can receive five bills without paying prior to having their service cut off. Mrs. Briley requested a new ordinance be considered modifying the late fee schedule. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION ON CITY FLEET VEHICLE PROGRAM

City Manager James Hubbard told council that with the purchase of the three new tahoes for the police department, the city could possibly not take delivery of eight of the vehicles we have ordered. Councilman Tim McRae stated that due to the state of the auto industry right now, he is

advising us to take delivery. Mr. McRae said if a vehicle gets totaled he would not be able to replace it. He said the micro chip shortage has only gotten worse. Mr. McRae also said that the city is probably going to have to keep the trucks for longer than a year this time. The council instructed staff to go ahead and take delivery of all the vehicles.

PRESENTATION OF STRATEGY MAP

City Manager James Hubbard presented the council with an organizational strategy map he developed with the report from the visioning session. Mr. Hubbard told council he would like this to serve as a guide for staff and council decision making moving forward. Mr. Hubbard requested the council review the map and provide input on any changes they would like to see. No action was taken.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION

City Manager James Hubbard reminded everyone to support our downtown businesses during the sidewalk project.

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1:49 PM

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Secretary