

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
315 S. RAGSDALE
6:00 PM**

Meeting Items

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 pm

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

Absent: Councilman Tim McRae

INVOCATION

Captain Nathan Winship of the Jacksonville Police Department offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PROCLAMATION
PRESENTED BY MAYOR RANDY GORHAM**

Mayor Randy Gorham presented several members of the Jacksonville Police Department with the National Night Out Proclamation.

**CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION READ BY
MAYOR RANDY GORHAM**

Mayor Randy Gorham read a proclamation declaring constitution week.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Sandra Dickerson, of the Garden Club, came forward to voice concerns regarding the parks and the painting of fire hydrants.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Spiller came forward to voice concerns about trucks speeding on Hwy. 79 east of town and to request more of a police presence in the area.

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 Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye". 4-0

MINUTES APPROVAL - AUGUST 5, 2022 BUDGET/AGENDA WORKSHOP; AUGUST 9, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING; SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

APPROVE THE STREET CLOSURE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

APPROVE THE STREET CLOSURE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

APPROVE THE STREET CLOSING FOR THE SESQUICENTENIAL CELEBRATION

APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE FOR NEIGHBOR'S COFFEE 5K

APPROVE MOVING THE OCTOBER AGENDA WORKSHOP TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 12 PM

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE RESULTS OF THE COMPENSATION/CLASSIFICATION STUDY

Mayor Randy Gorham moved item number 21 up on the agenda and addressed it at this time. The action taken is recorded below where the item originally appeared on the agenda.

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the timeline of the compensation and classification study with the council. Mr.

PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT ON THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET-TAKE A RECORDED VOTE OF EACH COUNCIL MEMBER

PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT ON THE PROPOSED .68162 TAX RATE

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ADOPTING A TAX RATE OF .68065 PER \$100 VALUE - TAKE A RECORDED VOTE OF EACH COUNCIL MEMBER

A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE OF 16.847 ACRES OF ABSTRACT 41, BLOCK 3408, TRACT 11 OF THE JOSE PINEDA SURVEY; THE WEST 2.672 ACRES OF SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM G (COMMERCIAL) AND K (INDUSTRIAL) TO C (MULTI FAMILY LOW DENSITY); THE REMAINING 14.175 ACRES FROM G (COMMERCIAL AND K (INDUSTRIAL) TO A (SINGLE FAMILY) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SUBDIVISION.
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE

A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF THE NEW EVENT CENTER LOCATED ON 3.04 ACRES OF LAND IN BLOCK 27 OF THE JOSE PINEDA EAST FOUR LEAGUE GRAND, ABSTRACT NO. 41 CHREOKEE COUNTY, TEXAS.
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AND ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION

A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF

Hubbard stated that implementing the study in full, would cost \$1,370,000.
Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to authorize the city manager to implement the compensation and classification study recommendations. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye". 4-0

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:17 pm. No one came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the hearing at 6:17 pm.

City Manager James Hubbard told council that "people are the priority", was the focus when developing this proposed budget. Mr. Hubbard gave a broad overview of the budget and reviewed several of the larger items represented in the budget with council. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting the 2022-2023 budget as presented by staff. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0
Individually recorded votes:
Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin "Aye"
Mayor Randy Gorham "Aye"
Councilman Hubert Robinson "Aye"
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock "Aye"

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the hearing at 6:22 pm. No one came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the hearing at 6:22 pm.

City Manager James Hubbard told council they would be able to adopt a slightly lower rate than proposed previously. Mr. Hubbard explained this was possible because the issuance of some of the recent debt instruments came in at a lower cost than estimated. Mr. Hubbard said every cent of the tax rate generates about \$88,000 in revenue. Mr. Hubbard said the City of Jacksonville represents about 28% of the total tax rate with the county and JISD representing the remainder. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the city tax rate over the last ten years. Mr. Hubbard told the council the average value of a homestead in Jacksonville increased by just over \$8,000, which would increase the city portion of the tax on the average homestead to \$46.00 per year. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.68065, which is effectively a 17.09 percent increase in the tax rate. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye". 4-0
Individually recorded votes:
Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin "Aye"
Mayor Randy Gorham "Aye"
Councilman Hubert Robinson "Aye"
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock "Aye"

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:28 pm. No one came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the hearing at 6:29 pm. City Manager James Hubbard told council the applicant is seeking to rezone approximately 14 acres on Myrtle Dr. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the request with the council and stated the applicant intends to build 54 single-family homes and three multi-family low-density homes. Mr. Hubbard stated at the August 16 P&Z meeting it received unanimous approval from the P&Z board. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the ordinance approving the zone change. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye". 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told council all four of the annexations before the council are all city or JEDCO owned property and no private property is being annexed. Mr. Hubbard said this particular annexation is the three acres that encompasses the civic center at the golf course. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the ordinance annexing the property. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye". 4-0

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:32 pm. No one came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham closed

144.29 ACRES OF LAND WHICH SERVES AS THE CITY LANDFILL.
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION

A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF THE GOLF COURSE, WHICH CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING TRACTS: TRACT ONE: BEING 78.74 ACRES OF LAND IN BLOCK NO. 27 OF THE JOSE PINEDA EAST FOUR LEAGUE GRANT, ABSTRACT NO. 41, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS; TRACT TWO: BEING 82.79 ACRES OF LAND IN LYING PARTLY IN BLOCK NO. 22, BLOCK NO. 23, & BLOCK NO. 27 OF THE JOSE PINEDA EAST FOUR LEAGUE GRANT, ABSTRACT NO. 41, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION

A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF 69.04 ACRES OF LAND IN BLOCK NO. 17 OF THE JOSE PINEDA EAST FOUR LEAGUE GRANT, ABSTRACT NO. 41 , CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HWY 69 AND LOOP 456
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION

A) SECOND READING OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE 2022-2023 JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION ADDING A LIST OF ACTION ITEMS AND RISK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES TO THE CHEROKEE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN IN RELATION TO THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW EQUALIZATION BASIN AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING THE DESIGN PROJECT FOR THE REMODEL OF THE NEW EVENT CENTER

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE TO CONSTRUCT A WALKING TRAIL AT LINCOLN PARK AND TO ENGAGE SCHAUMBURG & POLK, INC. FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A

the hearing at 6:32 pm. City Manager James Hubbard told the council that by annexing the landfill, the city would generate approximately \$75,000 in sales tax revenue, with \$50,000 going to the city and \$25,000 to JEDCO. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the ordinance annexing the property. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:34 pm. No one came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the hearing at 6:34 pm. City Manager James Hubbard stated this is the annexation of the golf course, which is owned by JEDCO. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the ordinance annexing the golf course. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0.

Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm. No one came forward. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the hearing at 6:35 pm. City Manager James Hubbard said this annexation is of JEDCO owned property on the Southeast corner of Hwy 69 and Loop 456. Mr. Hubbard stated it is being annexed into the city limits for future development. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the ordinance annexing the described property. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye". 4-0

JEDCO President Shane Pace came forward and told council this resolution is in support of an expenditure not to exceed \$400,000 to continue the matching grant revitalization fund. Mr. Pace said JEDCO, just this fiscal year, reimbursed approximately \$194,000 which spurred improvement investment by property owners of a little over a million dollars. At 6:38 pm Mr. Pace read the resolution for the second time. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution approving the expenditure. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye". 4-0

JEDCO president Shane Pace reviewed the highlights of the budget with the council. Mr. Pace noted the revenue is increasing while expenses are going down. Mr. Pace did point out that the majority of expenditures are going back to the community with a little over two million dollars being reinvested in the community and only about \$400,000 used for operational expenses.

City Manager James Hubbard told the council this resolution is a step in the application process for the grant to construct a new equalization basin. Mr. Hubbard said this resolution updates the county's hazard mitigation plan. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye". 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told the council the city closed on the clubhouse early this year and is planning to turn it into an event center. Mr. Hubbard said staff went out for a request for qualifications for the design and engineering of the new event center. Mr. Hubbard said the city received five proposals and is recommending awarding the work to GLS out of Lufkin. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to award the project to GLS. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye". 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told the council this grant is to put a walking trail in Lincoln Park. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye". 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told the council this grant will

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE REPLACING A SEWER LINE AND LIFT STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE TRAYLOR AND ASSOCIATES. FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SOLID WASTE GRANT FROM THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A REQUESTED REPLAT OF LOTS 35 R & 36 R OAK POINT SUBDIVISION, LAKE JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE JACKSONVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

APPROVE A WORKORDER WITH STOKES AND ASSOCIATES FOR CANADA AND KIRKWOOD STREET / SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ACCEPTING A BID OF \$222,000 FOR LOT 7 BLK D LAKE SHORE SUBDIVISION

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

551.076 PERSONNEL MATTERS

CITY MANAGER ANNUAL REVIEW

CITY ATTORNEY

POLICE CHIEF

ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

be used to replace a sewer line near Hickory and Sunset and to replace the lift station near Trenton St. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the resolution. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told council this grant would be to help with another cleanup day like the one held earlier this year. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told council this replat is a very minor adjustment to the property line between two lots. Mr. Hubbard said it is in the county but because the city owns the property, it has to come before council for approval. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the replat. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard explained this item is approving the Jacksonville Soccer Association to spend approximately \$30,000 turning one soccer field into two soccer fields. Councilman Hubert Robinson made a motion to accept the donation. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told council this is the professional services agreement with Stokes and Associates for the design and project management for the Canada St. Project, replacing a 15" sewer line with a 30" sewer line. Mr. Hubbard stated their services would be \$84,000. Councilman Hubert Robinson made a motion to approve the agreement. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye". 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told the council one lot did sale during the auction for a bid of \$222,000. Mr. Hubbard said this item is accepting that bid. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to accept the bid. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

Mayor Randy Gorham commended Assistant City Manager ReNissa Wade for all her work with the various grants. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin pointed out the council's dedication to parks.

City Manager James Hubbard told everyone on September 21st there will be an unveiling of a historical marker at Hazel Tilton Park. Mr. Hubbard said work is continuing on the sidewalk project downtown. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone the Sesquicentennial is October 21.

6:59 pm

8:28 pm Mayor Randy Gorham said there were three motions to be made coming out of the executive session. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to authorize the city manager to make a one-time dispersment of a 2.5% salary premium. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson.

All voted "Aye" 4-0.
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the city attorney's contract as written and presented. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye". 4-0
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to authorize the city manager's new contract as presented. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

ADJOURN

8:30 pm

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk