

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023
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:	5:15 pm
551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY	
551.072 REAL PROPERTY	
551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS	
CALL TO ORDER	6:00 pm
INVOCATION	Rev. Charlvn Doty of the Kingdom Christian Center.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS	Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.
SPECIAL PRESENTATION –	
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY JEDCO PRESIDENT SHANE PACE - BRITTANY'S ELITE STARS	Mrs. Sherri McDonald, of the Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation, presented Mrs. Brittany Wilson, of Brittany's Elite Stars, with the business of the month award.
RECOGNITION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CLAUDE ARMSTRONG FOR 46 YEARS OF SERVICE	Mayor Randy Gorham told everyone that Mr. Claude Armstrong has served on the planning and zoning commission for 46 years. Mayor Gorham told everyone, Mr. Armstrong could not be in attendance tonight, so we will recognize his service at the August meeting.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	Dr. Kenya Etim recognized everyone who has worked and served in the community district one improvements. Dr. Etim read a portion of a letter she sent to the council and thanked the council for their allocation of funds for improvements in Lincoln Park.
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	Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"
MINUTES APPROVAL - JUNE 13, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING; JULY 6, 2023 AGENDA WORKSHOP	
ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY	Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to authorize the city manager to enter into a conveyance agreement pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 253.012 with Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation and execute a special warranty deed pursuant to such agreement on property located at 2050 N. Jackson St. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"
PRESENTATION BY LEE FLOWERS OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING THE CCAD BUDGET	Cherokee County Appraisal District Board Chairman Jim Tarrant came forward to address the council and gave background on the appraisal district and it's purpose. Mr. Tarrant reviewed some of the budget items with the council. Mr. Lee Flowers, the Chief Appraiser for the appraisal district, said that the increase is mainly due to the software upgrade. Mr. Flowers said the district had discounted pricing for 24 years but with the software swap, that discount is going away. Mr. Flowers said he had depleted his reserves substantially to try to keep this budget down. Mr. Flowers said they are implementing a new aerial photography program, called Eagle View, at a cost of \$90,000 per year and that the taxing entities will have access and use of the software at no cost. Mr. Flowers reviewed some of the capabilities of the Eagle View software. City Manager James Hubbard asked if Eagle View was the industry standard.

A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE FROM A-SINGLE FAMILY TO E-MULTI-FAMILY HIGH DENSITY LOCATED AT LOT 2A & 3B OF THE JACKSONVILLE PINES SUBDIVISION ON TALLEY NICHOLS DRIVE
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE

A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HOSPITAL LOCATED AT LOT 1 OF THE RICKEY L. BROWN ADDITION LOCATED ON E. RUSK STREET
B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUESTED SPECIAL USE PERMIT

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 AND EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AT LINCOLN

Mr. Flowers stated that it is. Mayor Randy Gorham asked if the software would change what citizens see when they go to the CCAD website. Mr. Flowers said it would not but they are changing website providers. Councilman Rob Gowin asked who would have access to this software and expressed concerns about privacy issues. Police Chief Joe Williams came forward and stated his department uses the CCAD website daily and what Mr. Flowers is describing regarding the Eagle View software would greatly benefit the police department. Councilman Rob Gowin asked what the return on investment would be. Mr. Flowers said he did not have the numbers, but of all the appraisal districts he talked to using Eagle View, they all said the additional tax revenue paid for the flights. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked if the implementation of the new tax software was such a large amount and a one-time expenditure, could we expect the budget to decrease next year? Mr. Flowers said that since levies change from year to year, he cannot speak about what the future budget will be.

City Manager James Hubbard told council this property was rezoned from a multi-family high density to a single family back on February 8, 2022 and this request would reverse that zone change. Mr. Hubbard said this is approximately 5.5 acres. Mr. Hubbard stated that P&Z voted to deny the request 3-1. Mr. Hubbard said several citizens came to the P&Z meeting and spoke against the zone change. Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:34 pm. Mr. John Barnes came forward to speak about the neighborhood adjacent to this property where he lives. Mr. Barnes said he would like to see the property used for residential housing and expressed concerns about property values if the zone change is approved. Mrs. Jennifer Thompson came forward and said these apartments are directly behind her house. She expressed concerns about property values, drainage and the height of the apartments. Mr. Mike McEwen came forward and stated he was involved in both transactions with this property and thought the previous property owners put a deed restriction on the property so that no multi-family housing would be allowed. Mr. McEwen said he would check into that and let the council know. Another lady, who failed to give her name, came forward and expressed concerns about crime and not enough electricity in the area. She stated her electricity had been out seven times in the last year. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the public hearing at 6:44 pm. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to deny the requested zone change. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. Councilman Rob Gowin stated he did not feel the council had enough information about the developer's intentions to approve the request. Councilwoman Letitia Horace stated that while Jacksonville needed housing, she wanted to develop it responsibly. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council the requested special use permit is for a veterinary service location. Mr. Hubbard said P&Z is recommending approval of the special use permit by a 4-0 vote. Mayor Randy Gorham opened the public hearing at 6:48 pm. Cynthia Youngblood came forward on behalf of Deheart and said they wanted to park a mobile vet trailer at the location. Mr. Hubbard explained this SUP is for veterinary services and is required by our zoning ordinance. Mr. Hubbard said the mobile trailer would fall under the itinerant vendor ordinance and would be permitted separately. Mr. Hubbard said he would suggest if council approve the SUP that they attach a requirement that the applicant pull a building permit within 24 months of the approval of the SUP. Mayor Randy Gorham closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm. Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion to approve the special use permit with the stipulation that the applicant pull a building permit within 24 months. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard said this grant was from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and would be used for improvements at Lincoln Park. Mr. Hubbard said the walking path would be funded with cash so it could be started sooner. Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a

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APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE OVER \$50,000
(ARPA FUNDED)

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR THE
RENOVATIONS AT THE CIVIC CENTER

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
DISTRICT ONE APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

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motion to approve the resolution granting approval to submit the application for the grant. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. Councilwoman Letitia Horace thanked staff for their diligence in trying to find ways to fund the improvements. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard said this purchase is for two server racks and I.T. equipment to replace some used equipment we received from The City of Tyler that they were no longer using. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the purchase. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

Mayor Randy Gorham stated that this item would not be considered tonight.

City Manager James Hubbard recognized outgoing planning and zoning commission member, Claude Armstrong, and said this item is to replace him on the commission and it is a district one appointment. Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion to nominate Raymond Franklin to the commission. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

City Manager James Hubbard told council Claude Armstrong was the chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the item is to name his replacement. Mr. Hubbard said it is the responsibility of the mayor to name the chair of the commission. Mayor Randy Gorham said he called Mrs. Brenda Stahelin and asked her if she would serve as chair as she is the longest serving member of the commission. Mayor Gorham said she declined, so he went to the second longest serving member, Elain McDonald, and Mrs. McDonald did agree to serve. Mayor Randy Gorham made a motion to appoint Elaine McDonald as the chair of the planning and zoning commission. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

Councilwoman Letitia Horace said she was excited about the improvements at Lincoln Park. Councilwoman Letitia Horace recognized Dr. Etim and the Fred Douglas Foundation for their work in District 1. She thanked the city staff for the Spanish translation of the slideshow used in the meeting. Mayor Randy Gorham pointed out the Fred Douglas Foundation has a website and encouraged everyone to visit it and make a donation.

City Manager James Hubbard said the new TVs installed in the chamber should be working for the August meeting. Mr. Hubbard told everyone that Fire Chief Keith Fortner retired after 22 years with the city. Mr. Hubbard said the splash day at the splash park would be July 29. Mr. Hubbard said the demolition had begun at the civic center. Mr. Hubbard updated everyone regarding the progress of Hazel Tilton Park.

7:05 pm

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk