

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
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, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae, Councilman Rob Gowin, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace
INVOCATION	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	No one came forward.
FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES	JEDCO President Shane Pace reviewed the history of the matching grant funds as well as the investment in the community the program has created. Mr. Pace said the return of investment on the grants given is in excess of 200%. 12:06 pm Mr. Pace read the resolution in support of economic development incentives to continue the JEDCO matching grant program in fiscal year 2023-2024. No action was taken by the council.
REVIEW AND DISCUSS AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 (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 CLERK AS NEEDED ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL POSTING OF MEETING AGENDA	City Manager James Hubbard told the council the October agenda workshop is scheduled to be on October 5th and conflicts with the TML conference which is on the 4th - 6th. The council instructed staff to move the agenda workshop to Tuesday, October 3 at 12 pm. City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the proposed agenda for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 with the council. No action was taken on any item. Mr. Hubbard told council there may be a few additional items added prior to the posting for the Tuesday meeting.
DISCUSS UPDATES FOR THE 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the proposed changes to several funds in the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal budget.
PRESENTATION REGARDING CIVIC CENTER POLICIES AND FEES	City Manager James Hubbard told council the staff has been working on the policies and fee structure for the civic center. Mr. Hubbard said the fee structure presented is at a breakeven point in expenditures to revenues. Mr. Hubbard said most municipalities price and budget at a 75% return on expenditures and some budget at a 50% return or less. Communications Director Daniel Seguin reviewed the proposed deposit percentages, general provisions and proposed fee structure with the council. Councilman Rob Gowin voiced concerns about the elevated level and the complexity of the fee structure. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked how the proposed fee structure compares to our nearest competitors. Mr. Seguin said The Legacy rents their entire building for \$700. Mr Seguin added that the proposed fees are cheaper than the Rose facility in Tyler and nearly identical to the Oak Crossing, which is not as elegant as our facility will be. Mr. Seguin reviewed three proposed names with the council. After extensive discussion, council directed staff to call it "The Jackson at Cherokee Ranch", and continue to work on the logo.
DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW HOPE BOAT RAMP	City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the location and layout of the ramp with the council. Mr. Hubbard said repairing the ramp raised many challenges. Mr. Hubbard said the ramp could be closed or possible warning signs put up. The council instructed signs to be put up saying no trailer access, hand launch only.
QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION	None
ADJOURN	1:43 pm Randy Gorham, Mayor City of Jacksonville Greg Lowe, City Clerk

