

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
315 S. RAGSDALE
12:00 PM

Meeting Items

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Randy Gorham 12:00 pm
INVOCATION	Mayor Randy Gorham
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	No one came forward.
FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVING ENGINEERING WORK FOR DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS	JEDCO President Shane Pace reviewed the purpose of the resolution with the council. Mr. Pace said this resolution approves the engineering for the new sidewalk project downtown. Mr. Pace reviewed an aerial of the proposed area to be engineered. Councilman Rob Gowin asked why the area near the Tomato Bowl in front of Prosperity Bank was being engineered when it has relatively new sidewalks. Mr. Pace said there may need to be some planters, lighting or stamped concrete in the area and the JEDCO board wanted to incorporate them into the plans. Finance Director Roxanna Briley asked if the project would be eligible for grant funding. Mr. Pace said the plans are being designed so they can be submitted with grant applications. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked if the east end of Commerce St. sidewalks are functioning and in good condition, why pay to have them re-engineered? Mr. Pace said this project will take several years and things may change or develop in the area, and the JEDCO board wanted to have the plans available to be able to do the work as the new development may occur. Mr. Pace read the resolution at 12:20 pm. No action was taken.
PRESENTATION BY PATILLO, HILL AND BROWN REGARDING THE 2022-2023 AUDIT	Mr. Cameron Aaron with Patillo, Hill and Brown gave the council a quick overview of the 2022-2023 audit. Mr. Aaron said the audit received an unmodified opinion.
UPDATE REGARDING SALES TAX	City Manager James Hubbard presented a slide showing sales tax down 2.85% for the calendar year. Finance Director Roxanna Briley told the council that sales tax was down \$75,000 year to year. Mrs. Briley reviewed the updated projections and sales tax history with the council. Mrs. Briley said there would be a budget adjustment presented for council consideration in May. Councilman Rob Gowin asked if increased or targeted marketing could help drive sales tax revenue. Mr. Hubbard said things like recruiting Braley's Hardware to come to town and the sidewalk improvements downtown would do more to bring people to town. No action was taken.
UPDATE REGARDING THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT BOATING ACCESS GRANT	City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the timeline of the proposed project with the council. Mr. Hubbard said he hopes to be under construction by August 2024.
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION DECLARING AN EQUIPMENT EMERGENCY; EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 252.022 (2) DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT REGARDING THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE JACKSON EVENT CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT IN EXCESS OF \$50,000	City Manager James Hubbard told council the recent bingo event was very hot due to the A/C's not working. Mr. Hubbard told the council the HVAC vendor who had been working on the units finally just said it was time for new units. Mr. Hubbard said the first bid we received was approximately \$78,000 and staff were obtaining three other quotes. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to declare an equipment emergency and authorize the purchase of new HVAC units in excess of \$50,000. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"
REVIEW AND DISCUSS AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2024 (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 reviewed the proposed agenda with the council. No action was taken.
QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION	Mayor Randy Gorham asked if some of the ARPA funds would be used to paint and grease the existing fire hydrants

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in town. City Manager James Hubbard said the plan was to do just that.

1:19 pm

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk