

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024
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:

551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY

551.072 REAL PROPERTY

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS - CITY ATTORNEY
EVALUATION

551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Councilman Rob Gowin,
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia
Horace
Absent: Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae

INVOCATION

City Manager James Hubbard

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 - FREEDOM FAB

JEDCO President Shane Pace presented representatives
from Freedom Fab with the award.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE PRESENTED BY
POLICE CHIEF JOE WILLIAMS

Police Chief Joe Williams presented the monthly report to
the council. Chief Williams addressed the April 1st shooting.
Chief Williams said this incident has brought a feeling that
crime is rampant in Jacksonville. Chief Williams said this is
not true. Councilman Rob Gowin asked what percent crime
is down. Chief Williams said crime is down 18% compared to
last year's first quarter. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked
how Jacksonville compares to some other cities. Chief
Williams noted that our crime rate is 10.22 per 1,000 versus
that of larger metropolitan cities in the 40s per 1,000.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Regina Brooks came forward to address concerns over
the issue of crime.

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

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the
consent agenda. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All
voted "Aye". 4-0

MINUTES APPROVAL - MARCH 12, 2024, CITY
COUNCIL MEETING; APRIL 4, 2024, AGENDA
WORKSHOP

APPROVE A RESOLUTION STATING THE COUNCIL
HAS REVIEWED THE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND
FINANCIAL POLICIES

ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF
NECESSARY

This item was moved to the end of the agenda to allow the
council to reconvene in executive session for further
discussion.

Reconvene into open session: 8:13 pm

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock moved to authorize the city
manager to negotiate and execute a lease/purchase agreement
with Wesly Beard for 2050/2060 N. Jackson St. Second, by
Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR A BOATHOUSE CONSTRUCTION AT 60 FEET FROM THE SHORELINE AND A DEPTH OF 5 FEET LOCATED AT 1506 CR 3102, CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ON-CALL TOW TRUCK REGULATION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR PROVISION OF GOBUS TRANSIT SERVICES AT THE JACKSON

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING THE RFQ FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) EXPANSION FINANCING

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING THE RFQ FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) EXPANSION FINANCING

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING THE RFQ FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) EXPANSION FINANCING

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock moved to authorize the city manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to remove a leaning wall at 114 E. Commerce. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the request and the lake rules with the council. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the variance. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told the council an ordinance regulating tow trucks was passed in 2020. Mr. Hubbard said PD worked with the three vendors currently on the tow truck rotation. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the changes to the regulations with the council. Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told the council this item was to assist in providing supplemental parking for the Jackson when golf tournaments or multiple events were taking place. Mr. Hubbard said the Jackson customers would pay the costs associated with offsite parking and transportation. Mr. Hubbard said the offsite parking would be in the People's Church parking lot. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to deny approval of the agreement. There was no second. Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock said this agreement does not mandate the use of "GoBus" but provides a transportation option. City Attorney Brett Brewer said that was correct. City Manager James Hubbard said customers will be able to book their own transportation, which is not associated with this interlocal agreement. Councilman Rob Gowin said he would prefer not to use "GoBus" as they are a government agency funded with taxpayer money. Instead, he would support small businesses that offer the same service. Councilman Gowin asked if any of the transportation companies in Tyler were contacted about providing the same service. City Manager James Hubbard listed several vendors who were approached about their rates. Councilman Gowin said he sees package deals being put together for this event center offering Tyler vendors, not local ones. Councilman Gowin said he voted for an event center and an event center only and feels his extensive experience in the industry is falling on deaf ears. Councilman Gowin said that what he wanted and thought he was voting for was an event center that local people could use. Councilman Gowin said he objects to using a tax-funded government agency as the first option over private small businesses. Councilwoman Letitia Horace said this is just an option, and it is better to have the option than to turn down business. There were 3 "ayes" and one no, with Councilman Gowin voting no. Item passes 3-1

City Manager James Hubbard reviewed agenda items 12, 13, & 14 at once with the council. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the submittals and staff's recommendations with the council. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve Hilltop Securities as the project's financial advisor. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye" 4-0

Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion to approve Norton Rose as bond counsel for the project. Second, by Mayor Randy Gorham. All voted "Aye" 4-0

Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve Stokes as the project engineer. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard said these were sealed bids, and eight contractors responded. Mr. Hubbard said the staff is recommending CKC Rock and Land Services for \$70,850. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to award the contract to CKC Rock and Land. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye" 4-0

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman Letitia Horace thanked the staff for the efforts with stray animals and code violations. Mayor Randy Gorham said he appreciated Councilman Rob Gowin's comments regarding the civic center and is glad they can disagree and still go away as friends.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager James Hubbard told everyone there would be a code enforcement flyer in the water bill this month. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone of the clean-up day on April 13th. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone of the yard waste pickup program. Mr. Hubbard gave an update on the Lincoln Park walking trail.

Mayor Randy Gorham called for a recess back into executive session at 6:51 pm.
Reconvene at 8:11 pm (please see action out of the executive session above.)

ADJOURN

8:14 pm

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk