

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 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

**551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

6:00 pm Mayor Randy Gorham

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

INVOCATION

Dr. Carl Hansen, Jacksonville Police Department Chaplain

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 - RUBY’S MEXICAN
RESTAURANT #4**

**JEDCO President Shane Pace presented representatives
from Ruby's Mexican Restaurant with the award.**

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

**A) JEDCO President Shane Pace told the council that this
resolution approved \$75,000 for One Tri properties to install
the necessary infrastructure for a residential housing
complex at the corner of O’Keefe Road and E. Loop 456. In
addition, Mr. Pace said the resolution also authorizes an
expenditure not to exceed \$300,000 for the abatement and
demolition of property at 520 S. Jackson, 425, 509, and 507
Neches Street. Mr. Pace read the resolution at 6:09 pm.
B) Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the
resolution authorizing the expenditures. Second, by Mayor
Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye."**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**Mr. Mike McEwen came forward to inform the council that
Cherokee County Federal Credit Union is starting
construction on the Jacksonville office at the corner of loop
204 and Hwy. 69.**

**ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF
NECESSARY**

No action was taken.

**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 Councilwoman Mindy Gellock.
All voted "Aye."**

**MINUTES APPROVAL - JUNE 11, 2024, CITY COUNCIL
MEETING; JULY 2, 2024, AGENDA WORKSKHOP**

**APPOINT AMANDA CHILDRESS TO THE KEEP
JACKSONVILLE BEAUTIFUL BOARD (MAYORAL
APPOINTMENT)**

**APPROVE A \$7,970.38 TAX REFUND TO TEXAS STAR
HOTEL LLC AS SUBMITTED BY CHEROKEE COUNTY
APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

**APPROVE A \$6,376.30 TAX REFUND TO PROPERTY 91
LLC AS SUBMITTED BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY
APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION FOR
APPROVING A MASTER FEE ORDINANCE UPDATING**

**City Manager James Hubbard told the council that this
ordinance will consolidate over 300 fees, increase**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION FOR
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE TEXAS PARKS
AND WILDLIFE BOATING ACCESS GRANT
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH
THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF
THE RESTROOM TRAILER

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION
REGARDING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HIGHWAY
SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OFF-SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENTS

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURN

transparency, and allow for easier and more frequent changes to the city's fees. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. Mayor Randy Gorham asked if this is just consolidation or if some of the fees are changing. City Manager James Hubbard said that some fees were changing and some were being eliminated. All voted "Aye."

.City Manager James Hubbard told the council the first request for proposal only received one bid, and it was over \$3 million, while the estimate for the project was \$1.6 million. Mr. Hubbard said the council had directed staff to go back out for bid. Mr. Hubbard said the second request generated four bids, with the low bid being \$1.8 million from Heart Beat Construction. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to award the contract to Heart Beat Construction. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. Councilman Tim McRae asked if we knew anything about Heart Beat. City Manager James Hubbard said the engineer had four positive references for Heart Beat. Mr. Hubbard added that the project was not value-engineered and bid the second time as it was bid the first time. All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard told the council the trailer had been purchased for \$76,000, and the council had previously authorized the sale of the trailer. Mr. Hubbard said this agreement was to sell the trailer for \$70,000 to the City of Castroville. Mr. Hubbard said they would come and pick up the trailer, and the funds from the sale would go back into the Hotel Motel tax fund. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement to sell the trailer. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye."

City Manager James Hubbard told the council that the city had been notified that an application we submitted in late 2023 was approved for 100% federal funding through the Texas Department of Transportation. This money will improve safety at 18 city intersections by adding signage and other improvements at each intersection. Mr. Hubbard said the city's project cost is \$51,825.53, with federal funding being \$184,572.40. Mr. Hubbard said in this agreement that the city will reimburse TxDot for the city's portion of the project. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the proposed intersections included in the project with the council. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the advance fund agreement with TxDot. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked if this project would include any traffic lighting. Mr. Hubbard said it would not; it is just signage, lane markings, and crosswalk striping. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked if we knew the timeline for the project. Mr. Hubbard said TxDot will review and approve the agreement in late August, and he expects construction to begin towards the end of the year. All voted "Aye."

Councilwoman Letitia Horace told everyone that four scholarships for swim lessons had been awarded to District One residents and that the Juneteenth celebration was a big success.

City Manager James Hubbard told the council that 49 residents had received swim lessons. Mr. Hubbard said the city would hold a Jr. Golf Clinic for 6-18 year olds. Mr. Hubbard thanked the staff for their efforts during tropical storm Beryl this past Monday. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the holidays that trash service does not run and told everyone that Splash Day at the Splash Pad would be July 27.

6:28 pm

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk