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### **District 10 Southwest Community Meeting and Updates Hosted by Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson**

May 17, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

**Location:** Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, 6887 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Jacksonville, FL 32210

**Attendees:** Stephanie Burch, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Bill Joyce, Public Works Operations Director (additional attendees listed on sign-in sheet)

**Meeting Convened:** 6:00 P.M.

Council Member Priestly Jackson opened the meeting with greetings and thanked everyone for attending the District 10 Southwest Community Meeting and Updates. She also introduced all of the speakers and thanked them for coming to the meeting and providing updates. CM Priestly Jackson emphasized that the presenters will not be addressing any issues relative to the Local Option Gas Tax.

Stephanie Burch provided an update on the COVID testing and vaccinations sites in the city. The federal site for testing at Gateway Mall will be closing on May 26, 2021. The state site at Legends Center closed on May 14, 2021 and vaccinations at this site will close on June 18, 2021. Testing at Regency Mall will end on May 23, 2021, no date has been established for the ending of vaccinations at this location. All of the city testing sites at Lane Wiley, Oceanway, Leroy Clemmons and Mandarin senior centers will close on May 28, 2021. The CARES Act funding is in the process of being allocated and cleared out. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program received more request that can be filled, but additional funding has been requested. The Mortgage Assistance Program has been going well and \$1.7 million in assistance has been provided so far. There is currently a bill in City Council Committee for a new Cure Violence site, which will assist with the violence in the area. It will be located near the southern boundary of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street up through Wiley Road.

Daryl Joseph advised that the senior centers will be reopening on Monday, August 9, 2021. Reconstruction at the Miracle League field located Lew Brantley Park is underway. Barco Field construction is complete and available for use Spring of 2021. Mary Lena Gibbs will have a new destination playground installed in Fall of 2021. There are 34 swimming pools located in the city and lifeguards are desperately needed. Pools will open on Memorial Day weekend, May 29, 2021. Various positions are available for lifeguards, assistant managers and managers. For additional information please call, 904-744-5557.



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Bill Joyce gave project updates on Public Work projects in the district. Lenox Ave sidewalk (from Old Middleburg Rd to Memorial Park Blvd) – 7 bids were received and the project was awarded. Currently the Public Works department is working through the contract process. The project for roadway improvements at Ricker Road is currently awaiting funding approval to begin the 3-lane section development at Morse Avenue and Old Middleburg Road. Multiple drainage system rehabilitation projects are set to begin FY 21/22. The Upper Cedar River Drainage Improvements Phase 1, near Lane Avenue to I-10 to Ramona Boulevard, has been funded for future improvements FY 22/23. The Webb Wesconnett Regional Library is currently going through remodeling and the Children's area is complete.

Council Member Priestly Jackson took a moment to address some of the comments about city services and workers. She emphasized that during the COVID-19 Pandemic, city services had been stalled and many issues that required service workers were not immediately addressed, however we are finally beginning to get back up to speed. She encouraged meeting attendees to take a look at the project list of things that have been accomplished in District 10 despite of the delay the pandemic may have caused. CM Priestly Jackson advised meeting attendees that the fastest way to get a response and also to make the tracking of issues easier is to open a ticket so that the proper department can handle the inquiry.

CM Priestly Jackson allotted time for questions from residents during and at the end of the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:10 P.M.

**Minutes:** Prepared by Kristen Hodges, Executive Council Assistant - District 10, 904-255-5146, [klhodges@coj.net](mailto:klhodges@coj.net)

***The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments from this meeting, please listen to audio recording posted on COJ's website at City Council Meetings Online.***