

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Al Ferraro, Chair

CM Michael Boylan, Vice Chair

CM Garrett Dennis - Excused Early Departure

CM Matt Carlucci, Alternate

Jon Michael Barker

Robert Birtalan

Lindsey Brock

Lane Burnett - Early Departure

Senator Audrey Gibson

Mark Devereaux - Late Arrival

Andrew Fraden

Marc Hardesty - Excused Absence

Jill D. Haskell

Raymond S. Pringle, Jr. - Late Arrival

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Maritza Sanchez & Jessica Smith, Legislative Assistants

Susan Grandin & Kealey West, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Richard Distel, Research Assistant

Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

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Note: Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Meeting Convened: 9:35 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 12:56 PM

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. ADA Waterways Status Report - Kara Tucker

Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services, said that they continue to work in maintaining ADA compliance with boats launches and docks.

4. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Hand Vote: 12-0

The minutes were approved 12 to 0 for the meeting on June 9th. Birtalan, Senator Gibson, Haskell, Barker, Chair Ferraro, CM Boylan, CM Dennis, Brock, Pringle, Devereaux, Burnett, Fraden voted yes.

5. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees - Dr. White & Dr. Pinto

Dr. White said there has been above normal rainfall and talked about the increase in flooding. Dr. White talked about the issues regarding red tide. Dr. Pinto said that three manatees have died since the last meeting and the total for the year is 18. None of the deaths have been determined to be by a watercraft. Mr. Brock asked about the possibility of bringing in grass for the manatees. Dr. Pinto said they have looked into other grass species for the manatees to eat.

New Business

6. 2021-0336 ORD Transmitting a Proposed Large-Scale Revision to the FLUM of 2030 Comp Plan at 0 Philips Highway, btwn Energy Center Dr. & Severn St.,(81.49± Acres) – LDR, CGC & BP to MDR, CGC, CSV & LI - Owned by Sphinx Management Inc., ET AL. (Appl #L-5527-21A) (Dist 11-Becton) (Reed) (LUZ)
6/8/21 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWC
6/15/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/22/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: LUZ, JWC
LUZ PH – 8/3/21
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code – 7/27/21 & 8/10/21

Contact:
Ed Lukacovic

Hand Vote:
Amend/Approve
10-0

Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the current potential development outline. Cyndy Trimmer, representing the applicant, explained that there will be 20 acres of land that is protected conservation area. Mr. Barker asked why there was not an easement. Ms. Trimmer said the Comprehensive Plan is more protective than an easement. Ms. Trimmer explained the zoning distinction of light industrial.

Ms. Haskell said that this development of the area compliments other land use items in surrounding parcels.

John Nooney spoke about the Goodbys Creek.

The legislation passed by a vote of 10 to 0. Birtalan, Senator Gibson, Haskell, Barker, Chair Ferraro, CM Boylan, Brock, Pringle, Devereaux, Fraden voted yes.

7. 2021-0358 ORD Apv & Auth the CEO of DIA to Execute & Deliver on behalf of the City that Certain Dev Agreemnt btwn the DIA & Jax Historic Naval Ship Association, Inc. ("JHNSA"), for Relocation of Retired Naval Vessel USS Orleck (DD-886) to Downtown Jax as a Floating Museum, at the Former Jax Shipyard Site on Jax's Northbank, Said Agreemnt Being for a 3-Yr Period & Contingent Upon Certain Conditions Precedent Being Met by JHNSA prior to City's Entering into 10-Yr License Agreemnt with JHNSA, together with Two 5-Yr License Renewal Options, Subject to Mutual Agreemnt of the Parties, for JHNSA to Construct, Operate & Maintain the Ship Museum; Auth DIA to Amend Dev Agreemnt & License Agreemnt in accordance with Dev & License Agreemnt Terms without further Council approval; Providing for Oversight by DIA. (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)
- 6/8/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
6/14/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/15/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/22/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F, JWC
7/20/21 F Amend/Approve 7-0
8/2/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 6/22/21

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Contacts:

John Sawyer, Office of General Council

Steve Kelley, Downtown Investment Authority

Mr. Birtalan said this ordinance is really important to him and his biggest focus is making sure when a naval ship is brought to Jacksonville that it is done the right way. Mr. Birtalan said that it has to be successful or it is a black eye on the city. Steve Kelley, DIA, said they have done their due diligence in making sure Jacksonville is ready for the USS Orleck. Mr. Brock echoed these statements and said he hopes it is a success. CM Boylan said he supports the plan.

8. Presentation on Grove Park/Pottsburg Creek

Contacts:

Ellyn Cavin, Development Service

Melissa Long, Environmental Quality Division

Council Member Carrico

CM Carrico explained the history and background to the issues in the Grove Park and Pottsburg Creek area. Melissa Long, Chief of Environmental Quality, talked about the discharge that is going into Pottsburg Creek. Ellyn Cavin, Chief of Development Services, talked about the conservation site at Grove Park. Ms. Cavin said that the private property is in the flood plain basin. Ms. Cavin said there is room for improvement and they will be looking at the flood levels tomorrow. Kealey West, Office of General Counsel, said that DEP will continue to monitor the flooding and clean up. Mr. Adkison said that these contractors have hid behind the limits of legislation and that there needs to be more teeth to future legislation. Mr. Fraden said he believes dredging is needed in the area. Ms. West said that dredging would be a part of the solution through DEP. Chair Ferraro suggested that CM Carrico have a noticed meeting on this topic. Mr. Pringle recommended a resolution that asks the City Council to look at these flooding issues. Susan Grandin, Office of General Counsel, said she will draft a resolution which will broadly discuss the need for flood mitigation. Mr. Adkison talked about the importance of code enforcement.

9. SB 1946 (Anchoring Limitation Areas)

Contact:

State Representative Wyman Duggan

Wyman Duggan, State House Representative for District 15, talked about his legislation SB 1946 which covers persistent waterborne blight. Mr. Duggan said this will work on closer monitoring for anchored vessels. Mr. Brock, Mr. Barker and Chair Ferraro thanked him for his work on this subject.

Old Business

10. Update on Shad Creek

Contact:

Brian Burket

Brian Burket, Parks Department, gave an update on Shad Creek where a slow speed zone sign was added. Mr. Burket said that currently they are working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to work on expanding the zone through the application process.

11. Update of Artificial Reefs of Northeast Florida

Contact:
Lindsey Brock

Mr. Brock gave an update on the topics discussed during the artificial reefs committee meeting. Mr. Brock said that the cost for an artificial reef is about \$100,000. The committee will be working on a breakdown of the pricing and maintenance.

12. Update on Sandbar in St. John's River

Contact:
Mark Devereaux

Next meeting Mr. Devereaux will give a presentation on the sandbar.

13. Public Comment

Bill Parker and Michael Slynza talked about the rezoning in ORD 2020-689 regarding the Broward Point Preserve. Chair Ferraro said he would speak to the Rules Chair about having the legislation be heard at the Waterways Committee.

John Nooney talked about McCoy's Creek restoration.

14. Adjournment

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