

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 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 Absence

CM Matt Carlucci, Alternate

Jon Michael Barker

Robert Birtalan

Lindsey Brock - Excused Early Departure

Lane Burnett

Senator Audrey Gibson - Late Arrival

Mark Devereaux - Late Arrival

Andrew Fraden

Marc Hardesty - Excused Absence

Jill D. Haskell - Excused Absence

Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio - Absent

Maritza Sanchez & Jessica Smith, Legislative Assistants

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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Present 10 - Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Commissioner Lindsey Brock, Commissioner Raymond Pringle, Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Mark Devereaux, Commissioner Jon Michael Barker, Commissioner Andrew Fraden, Commissioner Audrey Gibson, Chair Al Ferraro, and Alternate Matt Carlucci

Excused 3 - Commissioner Jill Haskell, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, and Council Member Garrett Dennis

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Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM Meeting Adjourned: 11:39 AM

Attendance: CP Sam Newby

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. ADA Waterways Status Report - Kara Tucker
- ADA Accessibility to Sunny Acres Fishing Dock

Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services, went over accessible fishing docks with a PowerPoint.

4. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Hand Vote: 9-0

The minutes were approved 9 - 0.

Senator Gibson, Mr. Birtalan, Mr. Barker, CM Ferraro, Mr. Brock, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Fraden voted yes

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

Dr. White talked about high tides and the impact algae can cause on the water and fish. Dr. Pinto reported that there have been no manatee deaths since last meeting. There have been 19 deaths so far this year.

New Business

6. 2021-0546 ORD Approp \$27,000.00 in Grant Funding from the FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (The FWC) for Reimbursement of the City of Jax's Costs to Remove 3 Derelict Vessels in City of Jax Waterways; Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept; Environmental Quality Div. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)
8/10/21 CO Introduced: TEU, F, JWC
8/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/24/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: TEU,F
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 –8/24/21

Contact:
Melissa Long

Hand Vote:
Approve
10-0

Melissa Long, Environmental Quality Division, talked about the removal of the derelict vessels which are listed in the legislation and the cost of their removal. CM Ferraro asked if funds can be collected by connecting the boat owner to their property. Captain Suber said they can, but it is difficult to get that collection of funds. Mr. Brock said he is glad to see these actions are moving forward. John Nooney thanked CM Ferraro for recognizing public participation.

The bill passed 10 to 0.

Senator Gibson, Mr. Birtalan, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, CM Ferraro, Mr. Brock, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Fraden voted yes

7. Renewal of Jacksonville University's Manatee Protection Project, Continuation Contract

Contacts:
Eric Hinton
Dr. White

Hand Vote:
Approve
9-0

The Commission voted to approve the scope of work in the Manatee Protection Plan. Kealy West, OGC, explained that at the next meeting the legislation will be attached.

The Commission voted 9 to 0.

Mr. Birtalan, Mr. Barker, CM Ferraro, Mr. Brock, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Fraden voted yes.

8. Shipyard and Marina Project (10:00 AM, 30 Minutes)

Contact:
Paul Harden
Mark Lamping
Lori Boyer

Mark Lamping, President Jacksonville Jaguars, went over a PowerPoint which details the marina's redevelopment. Mr. Lamping covered the renovations, upgrades and the agreement with the city. Mr. Adkison asked about boat shows. Mr. Lamping said they are making the marina flexible to accommodate a variety of events. Senator Gibson asked about public access to the property. Paul Harden said that no waterfront access will be lost to the public. Lori Boyer, DIA, said that this is a Brownfield site and that there is a remediation, design and construction process for the park which will cost approximately \$2 million. Mr. Pringle asked about accessibility for people with disabilities. Mr. Lamping said that public access is critical in the design.

9. 630-City Complaint Process

Contacts:
Monica Cichowlas, Neighborhoods Department

Monica Cichowlas gave a PowerPoint presentation covering the complaint process and explained that most complaints are for ramps and docks. CM Boylan asked about ways to possibly close up the loop to make sure problems are resolved. CM Ferraro thanked her for the work that they have done in 630-CITY.

10. Coal Ash Situation (15 Minutes)

Contacts:

Commissioner Hardesty

Lisa Rinamin, St. John's River Keeper

DEFER

(Until 10/13/21)

Old Business

11. Update on Grove Park/Pottsburg Creek

Contacts:
Ellyn Cavin
Melissa Long

Ellyn Cavin, Chief of Development Services, said there is not much to update, but that they have just received the permit from WAWA and have rejected the permitting because they need to submit adequate planning details.

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

Contacts:
Commissioner Mark Devereaux
Commissioner Marc Hardesty

DEFER
(Until 10/13/21)

13. Update on Ft. George Inlet & Huguenot Park

Contact:
Jason Harrah

DEFER
(Until 10/13/21)

14. Updates on Broward Point

Contact:
Kealey West

Kealey West, Office of General Counsel, talked about ORD 2020-689. CM Ferraro talked about the legislation and reasoning it was not being heard in Waterways. Mr. Adkison talked about the Planning Department and the zoning of the legislation.

15. Update on Shad Creek

Contact:
Brian Burket

Brian Burket, Parks Department, gave an update on the signage at Shad Creek. The request from the community for an 800ft extension was rejected by the FWC because there was not enough evidence to qualify. There would need to be a boater traffic study for evidence to prove the need for slow speed signs in that area. Captain Suber said that the FWC would check the area more often for enforcement. Mr. Adkison said that all the docks on Shad Creek are illegally built. CM Boylan said he would like to invite a speaker to talk about Deep Bottom Creek at the next meeting.

16. Public Comment

John Nooney talked about the legislation for McCoys Creek Restoration.

CM Ferraro asked for volunteers to join the FIND Committee. Mr. Pringle, Mr. Birtalan, and Mr. Barker said they would join.

17. Adjournment

Note: Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

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