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District 10 General Community Meeting and Updates Hosted by Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson

June 13, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Location: Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL 32210

Attendees: CM Priestly Jackson, Dr. Charles Moreland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; John Pappas, Director, Public Works; Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Chris LeDew, Chief, Traffic Engineering (additional attendees listed on sign-in sheet)

Meeting Convened: 6:02 P.M.

Council Member Priestly Jackson welcomed the neighbors and thanked them for attending the meeting. She highlighted that she has hosted 26 community meetings for the 79,000 neighbors of District 10. Those meetings are for neighbors located northwest of I-10 and southwest of I-10. CM Priestly Jackson emphasized that she is looking forward to a more intimate relationship with neighbors in the next council year.

Dr. Charles Moreland informed meeting attendees that legislation 2022-0370 is an ordinance appropriation of \$2,935,060.96 in reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance Program Grand funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury. This funding was used to provide emergency rent and utility assistance to eligible households, in accordance with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). This ordinance will be going through City Council for a vote on June 14, 2022. About \$60 million dollars has come from the U.S. Treasury for emergency mortgage, rental and utilities assistance. The City of Jacksonville is still supplying COVID vaccination and testing sites. The two sites are located at Lane Wiley Community Center, 6710 Wiley Road and Clanzel T. Brown, 4575 Moncrief Road. The Duval County Health Department will be closing their remote vaccination and testing site at the Joseph Lee Community Center on Thursday, June 30, 2022. Dr. Morland advised neighbors we are in hurricane season and to be prepared and have a plan. Hurricane season goes from June 1st to November 30th of every year. Neighbors can visit www.jaxready.com for more information or to request a hurricane guide be mailed to their address.



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John Pappas provided a summary of Public Works projects and activities related to roadway improvements, drainage system rehabilitation projects and micro-surfacing initiatives. Some of the projects highlighted are below.

- 5th Street Bridge Replacement (West of Edgewood, next to JEA Lift Station)
- Ricker Rd (3-lane section Morse Ave to Old Middleburg Rd)
- Wills Branch Dredge – dredging Wills Branch between Old Middleburg Road to 2,200 feet east of Lane Avenue
- US 1 Utility Corridor Improvements Phase 2
- Commonwealth Ave / Pickettville Rd Intersection
- Firestone Rd / Wheat Rd Intersection Improvements
- Septic Tank Phase Out – Biltmore
- Soutel Drive & New Kings Road Intersection Improvements (Dual Left Turn Lanes (Westbound & Southbound), widen Northeast Leg, Improve Signal & adjust Drainage System)
- 6810 Old Kings Rd. @ Dixie St. (property flooding)

Daryl Joseph informed residents that the Mayor and City Council approved \$50 million dollars in funding for park improvements. Jacksonville has over 400 parks, which is the largest in the United States. The funding will be used to focus the renovation existing facilities like playgrounds, restrooms and other park amenities. Melvin park will receive new playground equipment for the summer of 2022. The gym at Mary Lena Gibbs will receive \$500,000 in new renovations and the playground equipment will be replaced. Swimming pools opened Memorial Day weekend and lifeguards are still needed. The American Red Cross provides certification and training to become a lifeguard. The information for the certification, training or to apply to become a lifeguard can be accessed at www.jaxparks.com. Jax Parks also offers free swimming lessons to children and adults during the summer. The City of Jacksonville will be hosting multiple viewing locations for the 4th of July fireworks. The locations are downtown at River Front Plaza (old Landing location), Ed Austin Regional Park, FSCJ North Campus, Trinity Christian Academy and the Avenues Mall. The fireworks will begin at 9:45 pm.

Chris LeDew provided a traffic calming review specifically for the neighbors in and around the area of 118th Street and Westin Duval. The overview included the different types of traffic calming and the difference between a speed hump and a speed table. The neighborhood around 118th Street will include 9 new speed humps. The neighborhood around Westin Duval would include 4 new speed humps. The procedure included a petition process where 75% of the neighbors must sign, agree and pay for the cost of the installation of speed humps for the traffic calming. If the neighborhood is determined to be a 'cut-through', where drivers, other than residents, use the roads as a short cut to their destination, the City of Jacksonville will share in the costs. If there is no 'cut-through' in the neighborhood and the



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residents are responsible for the cause of the traffic calming request, neighbors are responsible for the cost.

CM Priestly Jackson opened the meeting for questions from the neighbors to share additional concerns.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 P.M.

Minutes: Prepared by Kristen Hodges, Executive Council Assistant - District 10, 904-255-5146,
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