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4:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes for September 06, 2022 Noticed
Council Member Ferraro Town Hall on 2022-463 Proposed
Slow Speed Minimum Wake Zone

Topic: 2022-463 Proposed Slow Speed Minimum Wake Zone

Location: Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211

Attendees: CM Al Ferraro-Dist.2, CM Joyce Morgan-Dist.1, Sharon Wyskiel OGC, Connie Holt-ECA Dist.2, Chester Aikens-ECA Dist.1, Steve Cassada IT, Farisha Hamid Office of Senator Audrey Gibson (See attached sign-in sheet for full listing of attendees).

Meeting Convened: 6:00 p.m.

This Meeting is being recorded.

- CM Ferraro opened meeting with a brief history of issue. He wanted to have a meeting dedicated to the issues of the proposed slow speed/minimum wake zone. The last meeting held was CM Morgan's Town Hall where the slow speed/minimum wake zone was discussed at the end of her regular meeting. CM Ferraro was the Chair of Waterways when this issue started. The rowing school came to Waterways and requested that something be done for the safety of the children rowing.
- CM Ferraro stated he called the meeting because of his concerns about safety on the river.
- CM Morgan stated we are here to hear you. We would like to take something back to OGC to rework the legislation to make it work for everyone.
- Points of the speakers:
- At the mouth of the river there are already slow wake signs.
- There should be no vote until this is resolved.
- A slow wake zone will cause the property values to go down.
- If you give a slow wake zone at Cesery Bridge, where will it stop-the entire river and Pottsburg Creek will also be a slow wake zone.
- In general, the rowing club's position is one of safety for the children rowing. Boats need to slow down when approaching a rower. The head of the school stated all they ever

wanted was just the one bridge (Cesery) 300ft. on both sides of the bridge. They did not want the University Bridge.

- In general, the boaters stated boat owners are always responsible for their wake. The real safety issue is not and boaters speeding but, the lack of supervision of the rowers. If safety is the issue why not use the safer area of the river to row in. The boaters believe rowers are trying to control the creek/river. There are less boaters now than in previous years.

CM Ferraro stated two options the group was interested in:

- Let bill die
- 300ft slow speed minimum wake zone on both sides on the Cesery Bridge

CM Morgan stated that she did not sign on as a co-sponsor on the original legislation but, she felt like she could support a 300ft slow speed minimum wake zone on both sides on the Cesery Bridge.

You may want to watch to the meeting in its entirety at

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Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Amended Meeting notice, Meeting minutes, sign-in sheets, hand-outs, speaker cards, CD and link to video recording are on file in the office of Legislative Services.

Minutes: Connie L. Holt, ECA to Council Member Al Ferraro – District 2 (904) 255-5156 - 117 W. Duval Street, Suite 425, Jacksonville, FL 32202

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