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5:00 PM.

Noticed Meeting Minutes

20221024 Minutes CM Joyce Morgan's October Town Hall Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022, 6:00 PM.

Topic: This Town Hall Meeting is to provide a forum to continue ongoing discussions of District 1 projects and update constituents about issues about City Council District 1.

Location: Destination Church – 88 Arlington Road North Jacksonville, Florida 32211

Attendance: Council Member Joyce Morgan (District 1), Chester A. Aikens II (Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 1), Pastor Chad Burgbacher Michael Sittner (Driver McAfee), Steve Diebenow (Driver McAfee) (Senior Pastor Destination Church), Robert Phillips (Supervisor of Elections Office), Jim Gilmore (The Southern Group) Members of the District 1 Community

Council Member Joyce Morgan – Council Member Joyce Morgan began by opening her January Virtual Town Hall Meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. Council Member Morgan introduced Senior Pastor Chad Burgbacher of Destination Church to welcome everyone and give the opening invocation.

Pastor Chad Burgbacher – Pastor Burgbacher greeted everyone attending the town hall meeting at his church, " Destination Church," and proceeded to give the opening invocation.



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Council Member Joyce Morgan – Council Member Joyce Morgan thanked Pastor Chad for the invocation and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Member Morgan introduced Attorney Michael Sittner and Steve Diebenow from Driver McAfee to give an update on their client's (Vestcor) proposed apartment home community at 8300 Merrill Road.

Attorney Michael Sittner – Attorney Sittner thanked Council Member Morgan for the introduction and introduced himself as a land use attorney for Driver McAfee, the firm representing the Vestcor Company, the developer of the planned community. The projected apartment home project at 8300 Merrill Road was the subject of the following report from Mr. Sittner. The project, now known as Madison Palms and filed under 2022-713, is due to appear before the City Council in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Sittner stated that this project would create much-needed workforce housing on the grounds of a former church. Mr. Sittner assured the community members there that they would be happy with the complex's addition to the Arlington Community because his client Vestcor has built other apartment home communities throughout Florida.

Attorney Steve Diebenow – After Mr. Sittner's remarks, Attorney Steve Diebenow, a partner at Driver McAfee, gave the group additional information regarding the project in terms of the City of Jacksonville's Comprehensive Plan and the Renew Arlington CRA Zoning Overlay. After his remarks, Attorney Diebenow took questions from the audience about his project.

Council Member Joyce Morgan – Council Member Joyce Morgan thanked attorneys Diebenow and Sittner for coming and answering questions about the proposed project. Council Member Morgan finished by giving the group the dates for the Special CRA Meeting regarding this legislation, the public hearing at City Council, the LUZ Committee, and the date the full council would take up the bill. Council Member Morgan next introduced Mr. Robert Phillips, a Chief at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Chief Robert Phillips – In his opening remarks, Chief Robert Phillips informed the crowd gathered at the church that it is election season and provided an update from the Supervisor of Elections Office regarding the times and dates of early voting locations or precincts as well as other general updates and took questions from the crowd regarding the election scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022.



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Council Member Joyce Morgan – Council Member Joyce Morgan thanked Mr. Phillips for his valuable information. Council Member Morgan next invited Mr. Jim Gilmore from the Southern Group, a representative from Jacksonville University, to talk about the planned piece of public artwork at the University Blvd. and Merrill Road Roundabout.

Mr. Jim Gilmore – Mr. Gilmore thanked Council Member Morgan for the kind introduction. Then, he went into his PowerPoint, describing the planned public art at the University Blvd. and Merrill Road roundabout. Mr. Gilmore described the artwork as an illuminated obelisk depicting images relating to the Arlington area on each side of the structure. Mr. Gilmore stated there had been some delays because of supply chain issues; however, he assured everyone intended that they would be delighted with the artwork once installed.

Council Member Joyce Morgan – Council Member Joyce Morgan thanked Mr. Gilmore for his PowerPoint and update regarding the planned obelisk and stated how excited she was about the planned piece of public artwork.

Council Member Joyce Morgan – Council Member finished the meeting by allowing members of the public who had filled out public speaker cards to address the group on the record. Council Member Morgan closed her session by thanking everyone for attending her public meeting and reminded the group that her next meeting would take place Monday, November 28, 2022, at Destination Church located at 88 Arlington Road, North Jacksonville, Florida 32211.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33 PM

Minutes: Minutes Completed by Chester A. Aikens II, ECA District 1, Completed on December 2, 2022

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments for this meeting, please listen to the audio CD.



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