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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 27, 2024 Council Meeting Summary Report

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

<u>Quasi-Judicial Ordinances</u> – Rezoning items for which there were multiple public hearings and are ready for action.

Eleven items were taken up and approved including the following:

- 2024–0015 Rezoning at Braddock Rd. & New Kings Rd. for (280.55 acres) to permit single-family residential. District 8 CM Gaffney.
- 2024-0016 Rezoning at Normandy Village Pkwy. For (8.37 acres) to permit commercial (hospital) uses. District 9 CM Clark-Murray.
- **2024**-0021 Zoning exception sought at 13333 Lanier Road, requesting a government use structure for 40,000 sq ft. District 2 CM Gay.

<u>Consent Agenda</u> – Resolutions and ordinances fully vetted via the committee process, for which there were no amendments offered and received unanimous support of the committee.

There were Nineteen items on the consent agenda, made up of mostly Board and Commission appointments:

- 2024-0068 Parking lot license agreement for the annual FL-GA game day obligations.
- 2024-0070 Appropriate \$66,000 to increase safety belt use project with FDOT.
- 2024-0071 Appropriate \$25,000 to pay for spay and neuter services for roaming cats.
- 2024-0074 Appropriate \$200,000 for fentanyl eradication program to combat illegal activity.
- 2024-0075 Appropriate \$150,000 to the fentanyl overdose death investigations program.
- 2024-0083 Appropriate \$100,000 for the Southbank Bulkhead construction project.
- 2024-0124 Resolution recognizing March 4-8 as celebrate reading week in Jacksonville.

<u>Economic Development Incentives</u> – Items brought forth by the City's Economic Development Department. Includes opportunity for public comment. None

Emergency Ordinances and Resolutions – Ordinances and resolutions that have been added to the agenda as an emergency due to various circumstances which require immediate action. (Council must approve an item as an emergency before voting on it.)

 2024-0162 – Appropriate \$1,500,000 to We Care Jax & 6 charitable health clinics for uninsured residents through the JaxCareConnect program.

<u>Public Hearings</u> – Items before the Council that were open for public hearing and then approved by Council. It included the following:

- 2023-0416 Rezoning at 911Halsema Rd. (29.06 acres) to permit recreational vehicle park uses. District 12 CM White
- 2024-0008 Rezoning at Beaver St. and Chaffee Rd. (12.12 acres) for industrial business park. District 12 CM White.
- 2024-0012 Rezoning at 9506 Hood R., 5024 Sunbeam Rd., & 9513 Neal Dr. (2.28 acres) to permit commercial use. District 5 CM J. Carlucci.

<u>Third Reading Resolution & Ordinances</u> – Third reading resolutions and ordinances are items which have been open for public comments at prior committee and Council meetings and are now ready for action by the full Council.

Five items in total were approved:

- 2024-0031 Appropriate \$229,962 for purchasing voting technology upgrade & enhancements.
- 2024-0072 Appropriate \$84,651 to pay for structural & maintenance assessments of the Ed Ball & Duval Street garages.
- 2024-0073 Appropriate \$122,091 to assist in the ecological restoration of Hogans Creek.
- 2024-0080 Appropriate \$531,652 to the Northbank shipyards projects.
- 2024-0046 Appropriate \$512,866 to increase employment in the Building Inspection dept.

The following are items on the agenda for which there was no public comment or action taken by the Council in this meeting.

Second Reading Resolutions and Ordinances

Twenty-five items in total.

Introduction of New Resolutions and Ordinances

Fifty items in total.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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Given there's not a lot to report with respect to Council actions on Tuesday evening (a relatively short night) and no pending zoning application in the district, I will try and keep this as brief as possible. I would like to draw your attention, however, to the paragraph below regarding the work I have been leading regarding the JSO primary facilities for the past six months.

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There were only five "third-reading" action items, all of which were the re-allocation of federal dollars or existing funds within the respective departments. The use for each is detailed in the attached summary. You will also find similar such re-allocations were approved as part of the consent agenda, including \$25,000 from Florida Animal Friend to pay for spay and neuter services for stray & resident owned free roaming cats. (I know that's an issue in our community and suggest that you reach out to the City's Animal Care & Protective Services department through (904) 630-CITY or www.mylax.com for more information.)

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- Hartley Road Widening Project (Resending with presentation) We met with WSP Consulting Company, which is working with STV Architectural Group, and the City's Public Works Department on the long-awaited Hartley Road Project. The intent of this project is to widen Hartley Road from 2 to 3 lanes from San Jose Boulevard to (nearly) Old St. Augustine Road. Design will include a bicycle lane, curb and gutter (a closed drainage system), and pedestrian walkways on both sides of the road. We have firmed up the date for the next townhall meeting. April 17 @ 6:00 PM at the Mandarin Senior Center where we will be introducing to the community the plans and timeline for the project. (presentation attached)
- Beauclerc Road As Public Works is currently preparing Capital Improvement

 Project (CIP) requests for the next budget year, I met with Public Works Director this
 week to review what I would like as the priorities for District 6, and needless to say,

 Beauclerc Road and Mandarin Lakes (see the note below) are on the top of the list.
 - Lake Mandarin Circle. This update was received from Public Works "all asphalt work on Claire Ln & Lake Mandarin Circle was completed on 2/21/24".

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Additional Items:

In August of 2023 CP Salem asked that I head up a special committee to do a begin the long journey towards the development and construction of new facilities. The mission of the committee was to 1) assess the conditions of the existing facilities; 2) identify and learn from best practices from around the nation; 3) formulate recommendations from that learning; and 4) give some direction as to where we go from here. If you are interested in learning more about our work I suggest you click on this link: https://www.jacksonville.gov/city-council/standing-committees/special-committee-of-the-council-to-review-jso-pri Scroll down to "Archived Meetings" and review the materials under the meeting we held this past Tuesday (February 27.) There was much media attention on the prospective cost. We are multiple years away and a lot more work to be done, involving many more stakeholders, before the final plans are made and the cost determined.

Additional Items:

- Mandarin High School Resolution At the joint School Board and City Council
 meeting held on this past Monday I was honored to present to Principal Sara Bravo a
 resolution recognizing and commending the school for its recent academic & athletic
 accomplishments .(picture attached).
- 2. JFRD Walter Flowers Street Dedication Tomorrow (Friday) we will be honoring Firefighter Flowers, who was tragically killed some years ago when he was thrown from Engine 13 after it was struck by a train en route to a Southside Fire. Some of his family members have been long-time residents of Mandarin and am honored to have played a small role making this dedication happen.
- 3. Mandarin Community Club They will be hosting their 7th annual tree give away, March 9, from 9:00 AM to noon. (see attached)
- 4. Mandarin Landing Shopping Center Improvements: We have been reporting on ongoing enhancements and wanted to provide the latest update:
 - On February 16th the Jacksonville Business Journal published the (attached rendering) and reported the following:

"The city issued a permit Feb. 13 for the medical system to convert a former Office Depot along San Jose Boulevard. The build-out will include patient exam rooms, a lab, offices and more services in the 24,658-square-foot space. Office Depot closed in November 2020. Baptist Health said it is relocating two Mandarin medical offices into the former Office Depot building with an opening targeted for early 2024. Baptist Health said two Baptist Primary Care offices — Mandarin North and Mandarin West — will relocate to the building, which will include a laboratory "to make outpatient blood work easily accessible to Baptist Primary Care patients."

Thank you,

Michael