

City of Jacksonville

117 W. Duval Street
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Meeting Minutes Derelict Vessel Task Force

Thursday, September 19, 2024

3:00 PM

Lynwood Roberts Room,
1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Mike Gay, Chair

CM Ken Amaro, Vice Chair

CM Jimmy Peluso

CM Tyrona Clark-Murray, Alternate

Jon Michael Barker

Robert Birtalan

Lane Burnett - Excused

Representative Kiyon Michael

Mark Devereaux

Andrew Fraden

Marc Hardesty - Excused

Richard Hartley

Richard J. Redick

Jill Haskell - General Public Rep

Jack Meeks, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Rebecca Bolton, Legislative Assistant

Shannon MacGillis, Office of General Counsel

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

Attendance: Council Member Peluso; JWC Commissioners Barker and Reddick; Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

Also: Shannon MacGillis, OGC; Melissa Long, Chief of Environmental Quality; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

Meeting convened: 3:03 pm

Meeting adjourned: 3:56 pm

Call To Order

Commissioner Barker convened the meeting and called for introductions.

Instructions

Opening Remarks

Commissioner Barker provided a brief recap of the Derelict Vessels Task Force's previous work.

Update on Derelict Vessel Ordinance Draft

Shannon MacGillis, OGC, explained her work on Chapter 388 to consolidate topics, update provisions, and clarify provisions. She said it will constitute almost a full substitute for Chapter 388, with Part 1 addressing the administrative process, definitions and findings. Part 2 covers Floating Structures, Part 3 Derelict Vessels & Vessels At-Risk of Becoming Derelict, Part 4 Anchoring Limitations and Part 5 Abandoned, Lost and Public Nuisance Vessels.

Ms. MacGillis discussed enforcement policy options, with either JWC or the EPB holding the quasi-judicial duty to confiscate vessels/property. The EPB has an existing framework for quasi-judicial proceedings that Ms. MacGillis described as well-run and efficient. Council Member Peluso concurred. Commissioner Barker noted that JWC is established as an advisory body, not regulatory. The Task Force agreed that the EPB was the better policy choice.

The group discussed funding for vessel removal and contracting vendors to do the work, with a form contract for convenience. Mr. Suber talked about using a continuing contractor with a 3 year term. There was a comparison made to the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund. The members talked about the competitive bid process and contract oversight authority. It was estimated by Mr. Suber that for a "normal" boat removal, the cost can be \$20,000. They talked about the potential for state funds, and about enforcement mechanisms.

Ms. MacGillis said she will have a final ordinance drafted before the next JWC meeting, with input from the EPB Chair and Melissa Long, Chief of Environmental Quality.

Comments/Questions

Adjourn

With no further business, Commissioner Barker adjourned the meeting.

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