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JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION

HISTORY & PURPOSE OF THIS COMMISSION

The Jacksonville Waterways Commission was established in 1984 to study and make recommendations to the City Council with respect to the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River and all tidal waters in Duval County. The Commission is charged to formulate an overall plan for dealing with any problems that exist the St. Johns River and Duval County tidal waters and devise methods of developing future uses of those waterways.

The Commission serves as the Duval County committee to review rules proposed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission governing speed and operation of motorboats to protect manatees. And, it acts as a coordinating agency and specialized advisor for governmental units and for programs and activities affecting the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River and all tidal waters in Duval County.

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Meeting Date: 2nd Wednesday (As Noticed), at 9:30 a.m., Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval Street (meeting times/locations are subject to change)

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Check out the newsletter regarding Jacksonville Waterways Commission Issues or Events

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS!



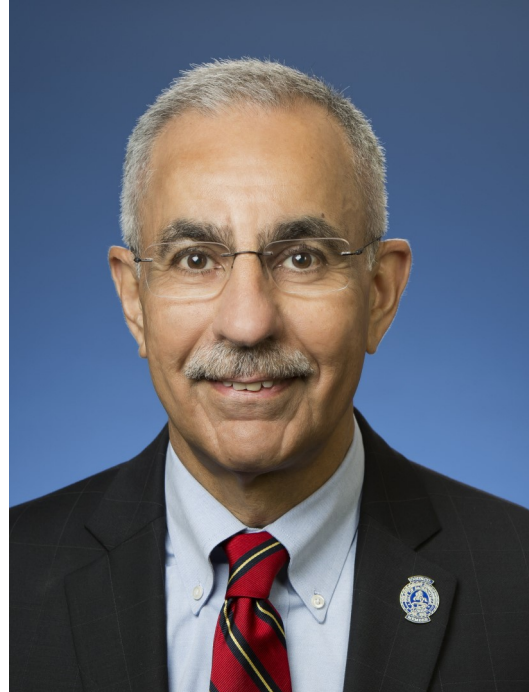
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Ferraro, Chair**



**Councilmember Ju'Coby
Pittman, Vice Chair**



**Councilmember Matt
Carlucci**



**Councilmember Ron Salem,
Alternate**

JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION MAY AGENDA

Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall

Wednesday, May 15th, 2019

9:30 A.M.

C/M Lori Boyer, Chair - Excused Early Departure

C/M Al Ferraro, Vice Chair

C/M Bill Gulliford

C/M Jim Love - **Alternate**

Garrett N. Barket

Robert Birtalan - **Excused Absence**

Lindsey Brock - **Early Departure**

Matt Brockelman - **Excused Late Arrival**

Jed Davis

Steven Davis

State Rep. Cord Byrd - **Absent**

Jill D. Haskell

Raymond S. Pringle, Jr

Steve Swann

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Bobby Baker, Ex-Officio

Melanie Wilkes, Legislative Assistant

Susan Grandin, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Richard Distel, Research Assistant

Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

Meeting Convened: **9:33 AM**

Meeting Adjourned: **11:23 AM**

- I. **Approval** - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for April 10th, 2019 - **APPROVE 10-0**
- II. **Update: Storm Resiliency and Infrastructure Development Review Committee**
CM Boyer, Waterways Commission
- III. **2019-331 ORD-MC Amend Chapt 652 (Floodplain Mgmt Ord), Ord Code; Amend Pt 2 (Applicability), Sec 652.202 (Areas to which this Chapt applies), Pt 5 (Site Plans & Constrn Docs), Secs 652.501 (Info for Dev in Flood Hazard Areas), 652.503 (Addnl Analyses & Certification), & 652.504 (Submission of Addnl Data & Contingent Approvals), Pt 7 (Variance & Appeals), Sec 652.704 (Restrictions in Floodways), Pt 9 (Definitions), Sec 652.904 (Definitions), & Pt 10 (Flood Resistant Dev), Secs 652.1204 (Limitations on Sites in Regulatory Floodways), 652.1601 (Gen Re-quiremets for Other Dev), 652.1602 (Fences in Regulated Floodways), 652.1603 (Retaining Walls, Sidewalks & Driveways in Regulated Floodways), & 652.1604 (Roads & Watercourse Crossings in Regulated Floodways) to Provide 25-ft Floodway Setback Regs; Amend Pt 5 (Site Plans & Constrn Docs), Sec 652.502 (Info in Flood Hazard Areas Without Base Flood Elevations (Appox Zone A)) to Address Certain Finished Floor Elevations, & Sec 652.503 (Addl Analyses & Certifications) to Prohibit Increase in the Base Flood Elevation in Riverine Flood Hazard Areas; Amend Pt 7 (Variances & Appeals), Secs 652.701 (General), 652.702 (Appeals), 652.703 (Limitations on Authority to Grant Variances), 652.707 (Considerations for Issuance of Variances), & 652.708 (Conditions for Issuance of Variances) to Auth the PD Director & the Council to Hear Certain Appeals & Variances; Amend Pt 5 (Site Plans & Constrn Docs), Sec 652.501, & Pt 10 (Flood Resistant Developmt), Sec 652.1205 (Limitations on Placemt of Fill) to Provide Fill Requirements; Amend Pt 10 (Flood Resistant Developmt) to Create Sec 652.1207 to Address Certain Finished Floor Elevations. (Eller) (Introduced by CMs Boyer & Love)**
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 5/28/19
Speaker Bill Killingsworth, Director of Planning & Development - PDD
- APPROVE 10-0**
- IV. **Update: NO WAKE ZONE Signs** - Susan Grandin, Attorney III
Distributed memorandum was discussed
Susan Grandin will ask about general permits that FWC had for signage that's within an approved manatee zone.
Commissioner Adkison suggested having an advisory board in efforts to create a one-time ordinance to speed up the process of placing signs in areas that are in need of them.
- V. **McCoy's Creek Grant**
Speaker Geoff Sample, Intergovernmental Coordinator - SJRWMD

VI. **Update: Hurricane Dock Repairs**

Speaker Bob Skalitzky, Chief of Natural & Marine Resources – Parks, Recreation & Community Services

Currently, the City is trying to purchase 100 feet of used wooden floating docks, so that in case of an event, we could utilize those. The City is in the process of obtaining quotes from different contractors on getting these docks installed.

These emergency docks would not be reimbursable through FEMA.

VII. **Update: Zoo Dock Access & Water Taxi Summary** – Commissioner Jed Davis

Speaker Brian Burket, Waterfront Project Manager – Parks, Recreation & Community Services

Discussion on Water Taxi Summary moved to June Waterways meeting

VIII. **St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees** – Dr. White and Dr. Pinto

According to Dr. White:

St. Johns River is experiencing rising temperatures

A resolution is currently being drafted in an effort to tackle the following rising concerns: high phosphorus levels & an algae bloom caused by the great amount of nutrients that the St. Johns River is receiving from the south

According to Dr. Pinto:

Manatees are back in town as a result of increasing water temperatures

2 manatee deaths this year—1 watercraft mortality on 4/29/19 & 1 mortality (cause undetermined) near JEA

IX. **New Business:**

Jacksonville Waterways Commission Resolution – **Speaker Lisa Rinaman**, St. Johns Riverkeeper

A Resolution Expressing the Waterways Commission's Gratitude to Governor DeSantis for Convening the State's Blue-Green Algae Task Force; and Requesting that the Governor Include Northeast Florida and the St. Johns River in the Scope of that Task Force.

HAND-VOTE 10-0

Updates on Water Activation Focus Areas

Commissioner Swann added to items 2 & 14

Commissioner Brock added to items 4 & 9

Commissioner Haskell added to items 8 & 11

Old Business:

CM Gulliford on Mayport & the docks:

Ongoing project

Discussed the design of the Oearch dock, as well as the docks that will be placed on the waterfront (design should be forthcoming)

Two-story community center, which will open up the whole boat ramp area, has been designed and will serve the Mayport community.

Discussed having conversations with the Navy about moving the lighthouse to the riverfront. He believes this would be a great asset for Mayport.

Brian Burket on the River & Post dock:

Currently in a holding pattern at the moment as a result of not obtaining permission from the adjacent landowners to utilize buffer areas necessary for the design

Public Comments:

John Nooney (2019-331)

Captain Mike Getchell

Adjourn

JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION JUNE AGENDA

Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall

Wednesday, June 12th, 2019

9:30 A.M.

C/M Lori Boyer, Chair - Excused Early Departure

C/M Al Ferraro, Vice Chair

C/M Bill Gulliford - **Excused Absence**

C/M Jim Love - **Alternate**

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Richard Distel, Research Assistant

Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

Meeting Convened: **9:31 AM**

Meeting Adjourned: **12:19 PM**

I. **Approval** - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for May 15th, 2019 - **APPROVE 11-0**

II. **Stormwater Resiliency Report**

Speaker Bill Killingsworth, Director of Planning & Development - PDD

Sam Mousa will make a formal presentation on 6/25/19 discussing: the intent of the Storm Resiliency & Infrastructure Committee; the challenges that were identified both for new and existing developments; and the responses of the committee.

Discussed outcomes from the Storm Resiliency & Infrastructure Committee Meeting: Changes to 652 were adopted at the recent meeting; a bill was adopted but has not made it to committee yet, adding changes to 654 & 656; reestablished an inner agency working/coordination group that is composed of the Water Management District, DEP, and the City of Jacksonville which will all take part in training each other on our systems

Discussed long-term strategies that are in the works: RFP that will look at long-term infrastructure needs in terms of hardening to provide more resiliency to storms

Storm Resiliency & Infrastructure Committee recommended a 25-foot average buffer with a minimum of 15-foot buffer around the wetland, consistent with what is already in the Comp Plan but that will require the buffer at all times

III. **2019-309** ORD Transmitting a Proposed Large Scale Revision to FLUM of the 2030 Comp Plan Generally located S of Normandy Blvd btwn Maxville-Middleburg Rd & Solomon Rd (1915.12± Acres) - RR/AGR-III/AGR-IV/LI to LDR/CGC/AGR-IV - Diamond Timber Investments, LLC, Timber Forest Trail Investments, LLC, VCP-Real Estate Investments Ltd., Kameron L. Hodges & Duane J. Hodges. (Appl# L-5339-18A) (Dist 12-White) (Reed) (LUZ)

LUZ PH - 6/18/19

Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3184(3), F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code - 6/11/19 & 6/25/19

Speaker Ed Lukacovic, City Planner III - PDD

DEFER (At the request of the Applicant)

2019-362 ORD Auth Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on behalf of the City, the Funding Agreement for Millers Creek Dredging Proj btwn the Millers Creek Spec Dist & the City (McCain) (Req of Mayor)

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 5/28/19

Speaker Teresa Eichner, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator - Finance & Administration

APPROVE 11-0

JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION JUNE AGENDA

IV. **Update: Water Taxi Summary** - Commissioner Jed Davis

Commissioner Jed Davis requested to schedule a special JWW meeting to solely discuss the Water Taxi
CM Boyer stated that the bulkhead between Hogan and Pearl is being replaced and was completely funded in last year's budget. It is currently in design and is due to begin construction in the next 6-9 months.

CM Boyer also requested, if the east-end dock and the landing dock are in serious disrepair in addition to the Pearl St. dock becoming unavailable shortly, to know within 30 days a temporary solution to make the east-end dock usable so that it becomes the interim dock. She would like an access point during the demolition of the Landing.

Speaker Heather Surface, Water Taxi Operator

Ramps are present on all boats and floatation devices are available

Speaker Brian Burket, Waterfront Project Manager - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

Both the Jackson Street dock (north bank) and the River Place dock (south bank) have been designed and have permits.

Post Street dock is still under design

All 3 docks (Jackson St., Post St., & River Place) should have funding for the next fiscal year

Speaker Robert Skalitzky, Chief of Natural & Marine Resources - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

There are delays in in replacements of the landing docks, which include the docks on the east end, near Hogan Street, and the Pearl Street docks.

Temporary docks have been purchased. However, it has been found that they are too long and wide, so they are not fitting into the docks. Therefore, we are in the process of getting quotes to temporarily repair the docks so that we can use them.

V. **St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees** - Dr. White and Dr. Pinto

Dr. White reported that Jacksonville will experience an algae bloom.

Dr. Pinto reported that we have 54 manatees in our area—about 1/3 of the manatees we normally get—due to minimal food for them here. No additional mortalities have occurred since the last report.

VI. **New Business: N/A**

Old Business:

Discussion on Shad Creek Bridge

Susan Grandin reported that manatee signs are located on the riverside of bridge, and that the area will qualify for a slow speed minimum weight sign. This will need an ordinance passed by City Council and a permit by the FWC. She suggested that we look at multiple areas and place multiple locations on one application to FWC.

Support to draft legislation regarding Shad Creek Eligible Speed Zones (F.S. 327.46)

APPROVE 8-0

Discussion on Status of new Zoo Dock

Speaker Brian Burket, Waterfront Project Manager - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

Design has started

2021 for funding to kick in & 2022 for beginning of construction, unless other funding sources available

Public Comments:

John Nooney, Nancy Altman, Robert Russo, Lisa Tully, Julie Tully, Bryan Tully, Elizabeth Woodward, Donna J. Philbrick, Lynn Vandenhoy, Mary Lou Hull, Stan Hull, Don Winkler, Andrew Tully, Leslie Green

Adjourn



Check Out the St. John's River Taxi for a Scenic Ride Along Downtown Jacksonville's Riverfront!



Checkout our Waterway/Waterfront Activation webpage

Click on this webpage link:

<http://www.coj.net/city-council/current-issues/waterway-waterfront-activation>

To Access Archived Waterways Commission Meetings :
Meeting Minutes/Sign in sheets/Notice

- * Handouts/Presentations
- * Videos

Click on this webpage <http://www.coj.net/city-council/jacksonville-waterways-commission/commission-meetings>

City of Jacksonville

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We are on the Web

Please click on this webpage:

<https://www.visitjacksonville.com/>



Upcoming Waterways Events!

2019 Beaches Freedom Festival

- Sat Jul 13 2019 at 12:00 pm at Seawalk Pavilion, 75 1st St N, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250, Jacksonville Beach, United States

Summer Beach Cleanup

Bring your bucket, gloves and some water as we help to keep our beaches clean by picking up trash. Enjoy a great walk on the beach while protecting our oceans!

- Sat Jul 20 2019 at 09:00 am Jacksonville Beach Lifeguard Station, #2 Oceanfront, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250, Jacksonville Beach, United States.
- Sat Aug 10 2019 at 09:00 am Jacksonville Beach Lifeguard Station, #2 Oceanfront, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250, Jacksonville Beach, United States

Hogans Creek Cleanup

Join Groundwork Jacksonville and other local organizations in a cleanup along Hogans Creek to help this troubled tributary of the St. Johns River and beautify the Historic Springfield neighborhood. We will supply gloves, trash bags and water. All we need is you and two hours of your time. Volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear closed toe shoes, long pants and a hat as well as bring a reusable water bottle.

- Sat Jul 20 2019 at 09:45 am-12:00 pm. Meet at Liberty Center 909 N Liberty St. Jacksonville, FL 32206 United States

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