

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING

PROPOSED AGENDA

March 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MINUTES

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING WITH JACKSONVILLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE STURGEON CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 7, 2017

A joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Tourism Development Authority (JTDA) and the Sturgeon City Board of Directors, was held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 beginning at 5:00 PM in Meeting Rooms A and B of Jacksonville City Hall. Present were: Mayor Sammy Phillips, presiding; Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Lazzara and Council Members: Randy Thomas, Bob Warden, Angelia Washington and Jerome Willingham. Councilman Bittner was absent. JTDA members present were Chairman Michael Lazzara, MellaDee York, and Ernie Wright. Sturgeon City members present were Chairman Dr. Don Herring, Vice Chairman Charles Efird, and members Jay Levine, Gary Danford, John Rouse, Mary Anne Williams, and Tiffany Choice. Staff present: Richard Woodruff, City Manager; Ronald Massey, Deputy City Manager; Glenn Hargett, Assistant Manager for Communications and Community Affairs; Anthony Prinz, Transportation Services Administrator; Susan Baptist, Director of Recreation Services, Michael Liquori, Director of Parks, Carmen Miracle, City Clerk; and John Carter, City Attorney; and Paula Farnell, Sturgeon City Director of Development and Operations.

*A video recording of the Council Meeting is presently available for review on the City's website.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the Council to order at 5:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Councilman Willingham, seconded by Councilman Thomas, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda as presented, adopt the minutes from the January 3, 2017 Advisory Committee Summit, January 17, 2017 Regular Workshop Meeting and January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented, and adopt the Consent Item as presented.

efficient. The structural steel system was also simplified by changing direction of some spans. As shown in Exhibit A, he reviewed the revisions and deletions of items such as pavers, relocation of bathrooms, and making exterior wall construction less complex. Upon redesign the building was still at 11,412 square feet and they were able to keep three classrooms and maintain the seating capacity of 400-453 people. The opinion of probable cost was within budget at approximately \$3,671,521.

Concerning the site plan, event buses would be parked outside of the activity area for Sturgeon City. Mr. Woodruff said Representative Shepard and others had gotten a pledge of almost \$150,000 in State funds, which had to be spent on a specific line item to identify exactly how the funds had been spent. The revised parking lot line item would enable the City to utilize these funds from the State.

Mr. Sawyer said there were bio-retention areas that had been built and were on the property. They had been in a separate project the City had already completed. The current design maintained the storm drainage plan with no changes.

He provided a drawing of the building floor plan and reviewed the plan in detail. It consolidated the lobby into a simpler layout with better flexibility. The main entryway would take people completely through the lobby and into an outdoor space. The gift shop size was the same. The aquarium was no longer feasible as part of the budget. The restrooms were located off the lobby. There were no changes to the kitchen.

Mr. Woodruff said in the previous design the air conditioning units were on the top of the larger building, however, the revision moved air conditioning units to the roof of the lower building, which shielded them from view and also reduced the span for support needed for the larger building to carry the load.

Mr. Sawyer said they wanted to be able to tell a story about the run-off from the roofs impervious surface. Mr. Woodruff elaborated that by changing the roofline and having all of the water running in the same direction they would eliminate a significant amount of underground piping. The potential to introduce a dynamic conveyor as a type of aerial viaduct would add to the building and serve as a way to have the clarifiers become part of the retention system.

Mr. Efirid said it looked like the building would meet all of the needs that Sturgeon City desired. He thanked Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Woodruff for getting the building to a point where the construction could take place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lazzara said the building reminded him of the Quorum Center in Raleigh due to the ability to have large groups with a large hallway and meeting areas on the left and restrooms on the right, with doors able to be closed during events and plenty of room in the hallways with ease of movement to bathroom facilities. He felt the design was well done.

Mr. John Rouse asked if the bus drop-off area would be a covered area. Mr. Sawyer said no, adding that there was a walk-way to the corner of the building and at that point people would be under cover. Mr. Woodruff said if there was a request to add a covered walkway and the budget would allow it, then they might be able to work that out.

Mr. Rouse asked if there would be concrete footers to keep the metal siding off the ground. He said this would help keep the bottom of the building from being damaged. He asked if that would be a cost issue or aesthetic issue. Mr. Sawyer said it was both. He did not believe that this building would have that type of problem. The siding on the building would be approximately eight to twelve inches above grade.

Ms. Paula Farnell, Director for Development and Operations at Sturgeon City, wanted clarification about bus parking. She wanted to know where buses would park for large events that needed more than two buses. Mr. Sawyer said bus parking could happen anywhere with the exception of the actual automobile parking lot.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lazzara asked how many parking spaces were available and Mr. Sawyer said he thought there were approximately 96 spaces. Mayor Pro-Tem Lazzara asked if that was the capacity for parking and if there would be room for expansion later. Mr. Woodruff said they could not go nearer to the water; however, areas around the building were available for overflow parking. While the plan did not actually outline it, in view of large events they were hoping for some walkways to grass parking. In future, if building additional components of Sturgeon City, they would have to evaluate the use of other land in the vicinity.

Mayor Phillips referred back to Mr. Rouse's earlier question and asked about the additional cost if they sheltered the area where buses would drop people off into the lobby. Mr. Sawyer said

progression. He said he would vote to endorse the concept but he wanted the record to reflect that they were expecting results. They had been given a promise and had dedicated true resources and committed the taxpayers and rate payers as well as tourism dollars. He said he remained cautiously optimistic.

Councilman Willingham commended all parties involved. He said the skepticism others may have could have played a positive role in bringing about critique and scrutiny. He felt they had a better project that was for the greater good for the City of Jacksonville and he whole heartedly supported the project.

Mayor Phillips said he liked what he saw that evening and felt they were headed down a good path. He had some of his own skepticism but he felt it was a positive project. He thought it was something the community could and would need in the future and he was in support of moving forward with the changes.

Mr. Charles Efirm said they were making history for the young people in Onslow County and Eastern North Carolina. He told Councilman Thomas that he understood his thoughts, but when they finished the project, everyone would be proud.

CITY YOUNG LEADERSHIP:

CLEAN UP EFFORTS STURGEON CITY

Referring to Exhibit A, Ms. Susan Baptist, Director of Recreation Services and Ms. Ashley Weaver, Jacksonville Police Department, two members of the original Leadership Class gave a detailed report. Ms. Weaver said they developed their leadership skills and a better understanding of what the different departments in the City did and how everyone interacted with one another and how they could support each other. In doing so, they had different projects, in which they participated. Some of the items they worked on were digging the footers for a Habitat for Humanity home and Sturgeon City cleanup efforts.

Ms. Baptist and Ms. Weaver reviewed some of the departments in the City and what they had contributed to the cleanup efforts.

LEADERSHIP VISIONING

Ms. Baptist said Mr. Woodruff tasked them, as part of their leadership exercise, to come up with some innovative ideas for the quality of life for Jacksonville. Referring to Exhibit A, Ms. Baptist provided ideas such as a climbing wall, obstacle course, zip line course, and wind tunnel. Some attractions that were offered as additional ideas were a fossil dig, remote control car and/or boat racing area, touch tanks,



Request for City Council Action

Consent
Agenda
Item: 1
Date: 3/7/2017

Subject: Planning Advisory Board Appointment - Community Development Representative

Department: City Clerks Office

Presented by: Carmen Miracle, City Clerk

Presentation: No

Issue Statement

The Planning Advisory Board consists of nine (9) authorized members (8 City/1 ETJ). Four (4) of the City appointments are reserved seats for a representative from each of the following Advisory Committees: Community Development, Environmental and Appearance, Recreation and Parks, and Water and Sewer.

There is one (1) vacancy in the seat reserved for a representative from the Community Development Advisory Committee. The Community Development Advisory Committee has nominated Steve Forney to serve as their representative on the Planning Advisory Board.

Councilman Bob Warden is the Council appointed Liaison to the Planning Board.

Financial Impact

None

Action Needed

Consider the recommendation from the Community Development Advisory Committee

Recommendation

Appoint Steve Forney to the Planning Advisory Board as the Community Development Advisory Committee for an existing three-year term expiring June 30, 2018.

Approved: City Manager City Attorney

Attachments:

None