

COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

August 16, 2011

A special workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville was held Tuesday, August 16, 2011 beginning at 5:30 PM in Meeting Rooms A & B of the Jacksonville City Hall. Present were: Mayor Sammy Phillips, presiding; and Council Members: Jerry A. Bittner, Fannie K. Coleman, Randy Thomas, Bob Warden, and Jerome Willingham. Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Lazzara was out of town and unable to attend. Also present were: Richard Woodruff, City Manager; Ron Massey, Assistant City Manager; Gayle Maides, Interim Finance Director; Glenn Hargett, Communications and Community Affairs Director; Rick McIntyre, Fire Chief; Grant Sparks, Public Services Director; Reggie Goodson, Planning and Development Services Director; Carmen Miracle, City Clerk; and John Carter, City Attorney. *An audio recording of the Council Meeting is presently available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sammy Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Bittner, seconded by Council Member Coleman, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda as amended to remove Item 2 – Transit Systems Development Plan.

DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY

Using the PowerPoint presentation attached to the official minutes as Exhibit A, Abigail Barman, Planner, presented an overview of the Downtown Parking Study. She stated that staff collected data and analyzed the parking situation within downtown. Council was provided with a report of that study. The study area was defined as an area within a five minute walking distance of the intersection of Court, Ward and East Railroad streets where the B.O.L.D. building was located. A deterrent for developers has been the visual of available parking. If parking couldn't be seen directly in front of the building, the thought was patrons would not know where to park. With no parking requirements in the downtown, it was challenging for visitors, shoppers and employees to find easily identifiable parking within eyesight of their destination.

Mr. Woodruff stated in the past three or four months, there had been interest in the vacant buildings downtown; however, in every case, they have decided not to move into the buildings because the rehab cost was either beyond their budget for a building of that age or they did not believe they had sufficient parking to build a clientele given the level of investment that would have to be put into the building.

Possible recommendations for the parking concerns included: 1) redevelopment of current City lots, 2) acquisition of land that had the proper dimensions for parking lots or possible future parking structures, 3) lease of several privately held parking lots in the downtown, 4) restriping of on-street spaces, and 5) improved signage directing the public to public parking areas.

Councilman Thomas asked what the average yield per acre for parking spaces was. Mr. Woodruff stated that the general rule of thumb was one parking space for every 500 sq. ft which included the space, access aisle and incidentals such as set-backs. Depending on the configuration, an acre would hold about 75 to 80 parking spaces. One of the other considerations downtown was the centralized storm water plan. About 15% of a site would be lost to storm water, but storm water could be handled on an off-site piece of land.

Mayor Phillips asked about the sand filtration system that Wilmington used for their Convention Center parking site. Mr. Woodruff stated that even though it can be expensive, sand filtration does recapture the land for parking. Ms. Barman stated that permeable paver could also be used.

Mayor Phillips asked if there was a strategic plan on where the parking places would be situated. If the intention was to redevelop downtown, parking would have to be in such a way that people would be willing to walk to their destination. Mr. Woodruff reviewed possible locations. Discussion followed.

Mr. Woodruff stated a menu of parking opportunities was needed and that was why the Council received recommendations that covered a variety of activities. If all were implemented to some degree, a parking plan could be developed that would give the downtown a great opportunity for revitalization.

There had been preliminary discussions with the owners of the properties that may be acquired, but they understood the meetings were only exploratory.

Mr. Carter reminded Council that there was a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the City whereby City parking property at Tallman and Court Streets was given to the County during the construction of the Justice Complex. The County was now obligated to put the City's Tallman St. lot into the same condition as the County's 180 space Murrill St. lot.

Councilman Warden asked what direction staff was looking for from Council. Mr. Woodruff stated they were only looking for dialogue. After Council had a chance to review the information and look at the areas downtown, they could inform staff on the direction to be taken.

Councilman Thomas asked where staff was in the reconfiguration of Court Street. Mr. Woodruff stated they were working with Parker & Associates to come up with a design theme on that portion. One of the difficulties was the drainage pattern that would work for both the street and the businesses.

Discussion followed on possible parking demand and what the County may do with the old Sheriff's office. Mr. Woodruff stated the County's plans would be verified.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONSE

Mr. Woodruff stated that Police and Fire personnel would talk to Council about the existing program and how it worked; then at a future date, options on how to modify the service would be brought to them. He felt it was important for Council to first have a baseline understanding of how the current system worked.

Using the PowerPoint presentation attached as Exhibit A, Rick McIntyre, Fire Chief, reviewed the First Responders program. Councilman Thomas asked what the end result was on the 133 monthly emergencies. Chief McIntyre stated that he would provide the breakdown for Council.

Mr. Woodruff asked what key words would trigger First Responders to be sent on a call. Chief McIntyre stated chest pain, heart attack, difficulty breathing, or accidents with a reported injury.

Councilman Warden stated that it appeared that there may not be enough ambulance coverage in the City. Chief McIntyre stated that the County's average of 10 minutes was countywide and not just in the City. The response time could not be divided out just only City responses. Mr. Woodruff stated there was no question that if the City Police and Fire Departments were not involved in medical emergencies, the impact on the County EMS system would be severe.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Phillips recessed the meeting for a break at 6:33 PM. Mayor Phillips reconvened the meeting at 6:40 PM.

GEORGETOWN SMALL AREA PLAN

Mary Sertell, Senior Planner, stated that while working with implementation strategies to move forward on the recommendations for the Country Club - Sandy Run Plan, they were also strategizing on how to best move forward with the Georgetown Plan. Staff was looking for Council's input on a potential modification to the Georgetown Small Area Plan boundary.

Using the map attached to the official minutes as Exhibit B, historic Georgetown was the area Council originally identified as the neighborhood planning area. There had been recommendations to expand that area to take in the more recent and ongoing development in the NC 17 corridor. Ms. Sertell stated there were three possible plan options: 1) stay with the historical Georgetown core, 2) expand the boundary to the City limits, or 3) expand the boundary to the further reaches of the ETJ.

Councilman Warden stated that by looking at the size, it made sense to include the ETJ area as the extra property lended itself better to a feasibility study.

Councilman Thomas stated that he thought this started out as a neighborhood planning tool. Ms. Sertell stated that the original area was the residential portion of Georgetown, but it was suggested that it might be beneficial to the planning effort to extend the boundary.

Discussion followed on expanding the planning study area to include the ETJ area in the study. Councilman Willingham stated that when it started, Council was looking for commonality within the community, but he understood staff's point on the impact of the outer areas on the original identified area. To him it complicated the task of staff, but he was okay extending the boundary.

Council indicated their approval of expanding the Georgetown Small Area Plan boundary.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bittner, seconded by Councilman Thomas, and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Adopted by the Jacksonville City Council in regular session this 6th day of September, 2011.

Sammy Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carmen K. Miracle, City Clerk

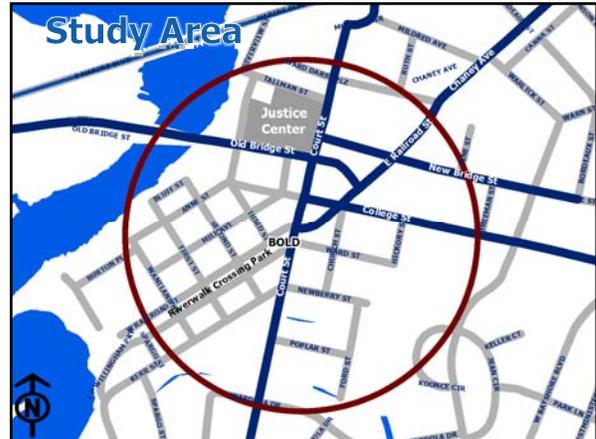
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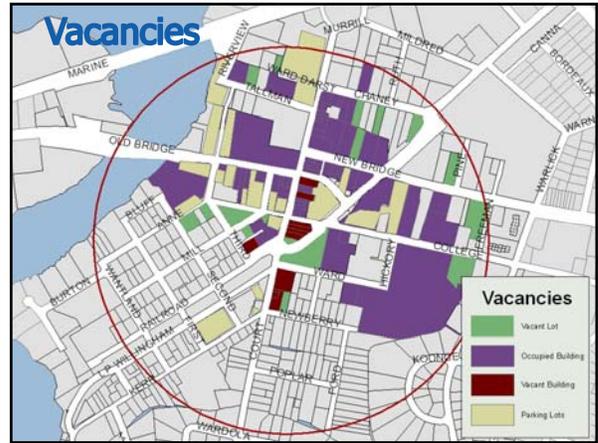
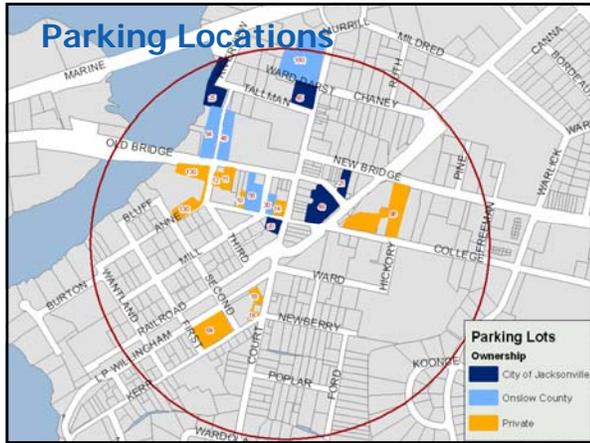
Downtown Parking Study

Parking Availability

Parking Area	Spaces	Used Spaces	Available Spaces
County lots	370	229	141
City lots	160	77	83
Private lots	365	99	266
On-street (existing & potential)	351	65	286
Totals	1246	470	776





Recommendations






Medical First Response

First Responder Program History

- Service provided since 1996
- Service delivery study in 2001




Why should City provide Medical First Responder Service?

- Improves patient survival rate
- Provides more effective out-of-hospital medical care
- Citizens are accustomed to this service



Emergency Medical Care in City provided by partnerships

- **First Aid/CPR** - Jacksonville Police Department (CPR)
- **Basic Life Support** - Jacksonville Fire Department (EMT)
- **Advanced Life Support** - Onslow County EMS (and vol. rescues)



Emergency Medical Requirements

- Onslow County EMS Plan
 - Authorized by Medical Director to respond
 - EMT is basic recognized level
 - Quality Assurance program requirements
 - Equipment requirements



Emergency Medical Requirements

Level	Initial Training	Annual Training
CPR/AED (w/ First Aid)	49 hours	3 hours
Emergency Medical Technician	176 hours*	24 hours
Paramedic	1230 hours*	49 hours

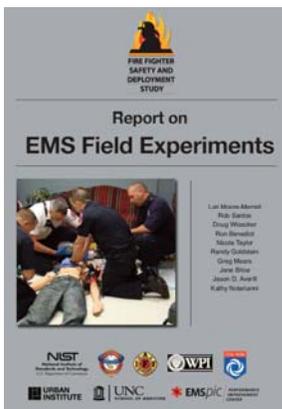
* Tested Program – State certification



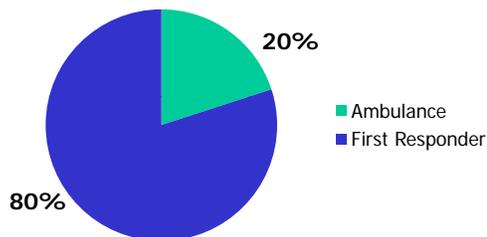
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

September 2010

Studied Responses of 300 U.S. Fire Departments



Who arrives on scene first



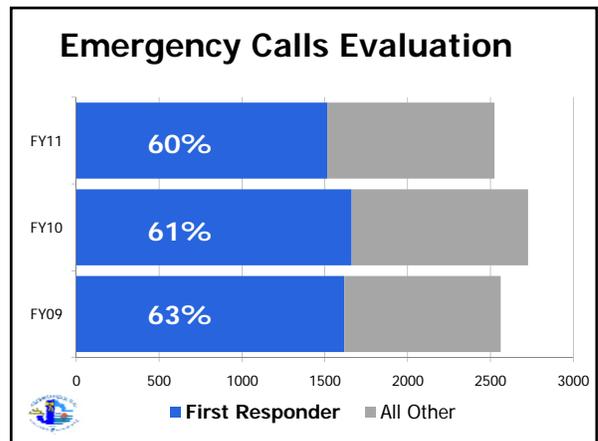
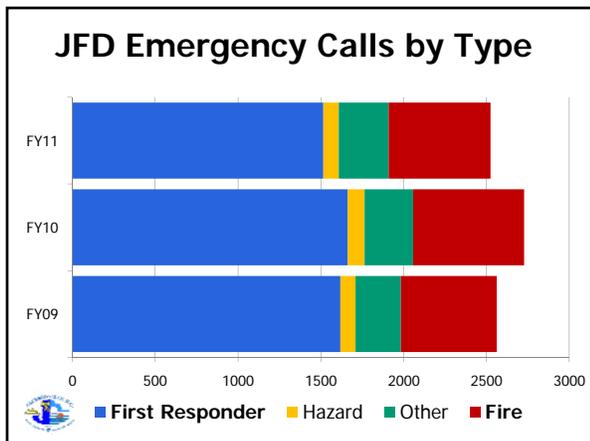
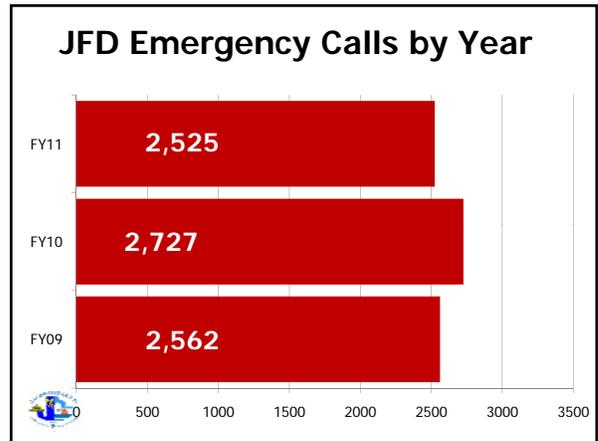
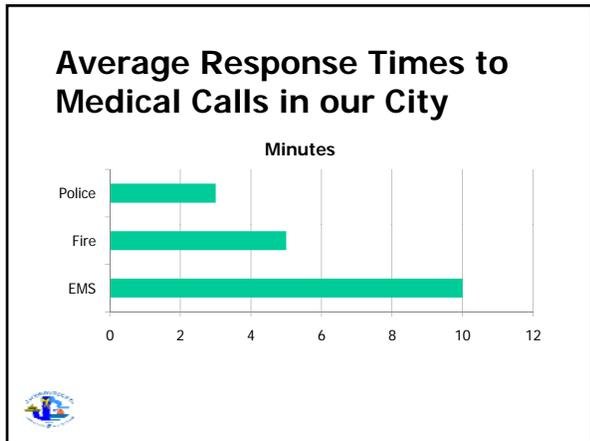
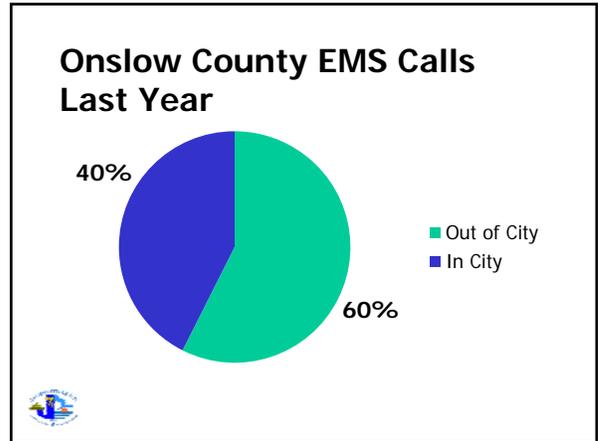
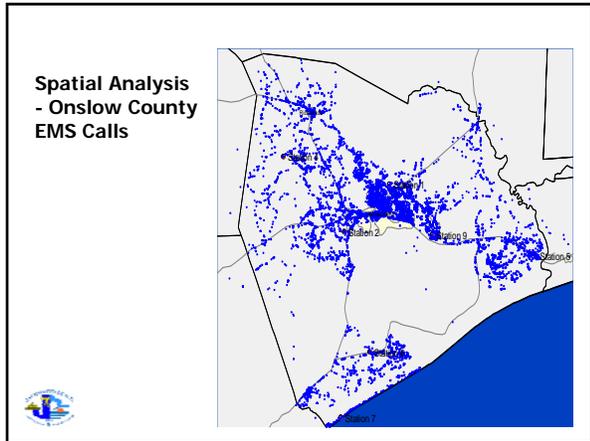
Cardiac Chain of Survival –American Heart Association/NFPA

Steps to Improve Survival	Time Targets
Early Access to 911	1 minute
CPR	4 minutes
Defibrillation	6 minutes
Advanced Life Support	8 minutes



Onslow County EMS Stations





First Responder Calls

Month: 133

Week: 30

Day: 4.3



