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Council Member Jimmy Peluso Noticed Meeting RE Students with Center for Children's Rights January 8, 2025 Minutes

Location: Council Chamber, 1st floor, City Hall, located at 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Attendance: Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Council President Rahman Johnson, Ph.D, Council Member Raul Arias, Brittany Norris, the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Executive Council Assistant Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant Andrew Powers, Students from the following organizations: Youth Action Series, Unified Community Investor, State of the Young People, Preachers in Action, Success Gardening, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, University of Florida, and The Performers Academy.

Meeting Convened: 9:30 a.m.

Discussion: Council Member Jimmy Peluso thanked the audience for their attendance. The students and the community organizations introduced themselves and shared what school and organizations they were representing. Council Member Peluso shared a civics overview that described the history of consolidation, the current government responsibilities and structures, and answered questions. The students shared their focus on ending food deserts.

Council Member Peluso ran a mock trial, taking the students through the legislative process from bill introduction to final vote at the City Council. Council Members Raul Arias and Dr. Rahman Johnson assisted the students as they learned Robert's Rules of Order, how to amend the bill, and how to think critically as a legislator. The students divided up into four committees: Rules, Finance, Neighborhoods, and LUZ to debate the bill. They amended it in Rules to ensure the local grocer had the funding it needed to provide services in Durkeeville, as well as protect the local Durkeeville Industrial Woodpecker, found only on the property at the intersection of Myrtle and King, which is currently contaminated and of an industrial zoning. Ms. Brittany Norris, the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, assisted with the mock trial and taught the students how to consider opposing views as well as how to prioritize funding.

The students ate lunch. The students passed amended bill 2025-001 (19-2) to fund a full service grocer in the Durkeeville area with \$500,000 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Trust Fund.

Council Member Peluso thanked the students, organizational leaders, his colleagues, and staff, for their efforts and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Jimmy Peluso. The following items were submitted for public record and can be accessed by contacting the Legislative Services:

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