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**Noticed Meeting Council Member Peluso
RE 2024-0334
July 29, 2024
Minutes**

Location: Lynwood Roberts Room, City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Fl 32202

Attendance: Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Attorney Jason Teal, Auditor Trista Carraher, Legislative Aide for Representative Angie Nixon - Janice Mitchell, Executive Council Assistant Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant Amber Lehman, Executive Council Assistant Andrew Powers, Dr. Rudy Jamison Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, Erin Abney - Chief of Current Planning. A full accounting of the attendance can be found on the sign-in sheet.

Meeting Convened: 2:00 p.m.

Council Member Jimmy Peluso opened the meeting, welcomed the public, and opened up Public Comment.

Janice Mitchell submitted a public comment card in support. Elizabeth Andersen, CEO of OneJax, shared a statement:

As an organization confirming that as an organization committed to fostering civility, understanding, and respect for all people, OneJax is pleased to lend support for the Jacksonville City Council's proposed anti-hate legislation. This legislation reflects our shared values of belonging and justice. Our community has experienced enough hateful messages, symbols, and acts of violence- it is time to take a firm stand and send a clear message that bigotry and discrimination will not be tolerated in our city. Hate is not welcome here. This legislation demonstrates a major step forward in ensuring the safety and well-being of all Jacksonville residents and visitors. The zero-tolerance stance on hate provides a framework for holding perpetrators accountable for their actions and sends a clear signal that hate-crimes will be met with serious consequences.

Echo Nova of Jax Queer Coalition spoke in support of the legislation.

Council Member Peluso closed public comment. Attorney Jason Teal and Council Member Peluso discussed 2024-0334. Attorney Teal confirmed this ordinance does not create any additional violations. The right to express is not affected.

They discussed the importance of local laws reflecting local priorities; Attorney Teal emphasized this change allows the City to enforce its own ordinances. The State does not have litter laws or noise ordinances; this ordinance is not duplicative. Council Member Peluso confirmed a judge would enforce. Attorney Teal confirmed this enhanced penalty was used all across the states and had held up in court.

Council Member Peluso thanked all for attending 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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