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Opinion to the Honorable John Crescimbeni,
At Large Council District 2
Jacksonville City Council,
Suite 425, 117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: Legal Opinion, Police and Fire Pension Fund

Dear Chairman Crescimbeni,

You have asked the following legal question:

Question Presented:

May the City Council reduce the amount of administrative expenses being presented to the City Council for approval in the Police and Fire Pension Fund if the council determines that they are not reasonable?

Answer:

The City Council may approve a budget for the Police and Fire Pension Fund (the Fund) that contains within it a reduced amount for administrative expenses, so long as the reduced amount is reasonable as determined by the Council. Nothing in the applicable laws removes the power of the City Council to ultimately exercise its reasonable discretion in appropriating the ad valorem tax revenue and other revenues.

I trust that this opinion provides the guidance you seek. Of course, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy A. Laquidara".

Cindy A. Laquidara