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TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES Extension of Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT)

DATE: May 22, 2014

LOCATION: 117 West Duval St, City Council Chambers

MEETING COMMENCED: 6:02 pm

TOPIC OF MEETING: The purpose of this meeting is to share information with the general public and, more importantly, to allow citizens to be heard by City Council members in an open forum.

PRESENT: CM Robin Lumb; Mayor Jake Godbold, Brad Thoburn, JTA; John Winkler; Lisa King; Milton Franklin; Thomas Martin; Donna Barrow, ECA; See sign-in sheet for additional information.

CM Lumb: Called meeting to order and explained purpose of the meeting.

Mayor Godbold: Discussed Consolidation and how Jacksonville has had a very low tax rate over the years. He stated that the City paid the price for the low rates because our infrastructure suffered.

He stated we need infrastructure money now. He was making the same argument 17 years ago when the 6 cent LOGT was first passed. He stated he believes Mayor Brown understands that we need this money & that Mayor Brown will not veto the bill.

John Winkler: Speaking for himself only, he says there are core functions of government. He believes the LOGT should be extended because it has been used for the intended purposes.

Lisa King: Stated she supports the extension of the LOGT because she supports the proposed infrastructure projects on the JTA list. She also supports the contribution to the Mayport Ferry.

Milton Franklin Asked a number of questions, one of which was what would happen if the LOGT went away.

CM Lumb: Responding to Mr. Franklin, he explained without the LOGT the City would be short \$24,000,000 including about \$15,000,000 that goes to JTA and support transit operations. In this legislation we would lose about \$5,000,000 for paving roads & \$9,000,000 to retire bond dept.

Thomas Martin: Stated he supports the LOGT, but feels none of it should go to the JTA.

Brad Thoburn: In response to CM Lumb, he confirmed that 87% of the JTA riders are transit dependent. He stated that the amount of that JTA spends per capita is in the norm with its peers. He explained how the JTA list of projects evolved with City Council setting priorities.

In response to CM Lumb he explained how LOGT was given to JTA when the half cent sales tax was given to the Better Jacksonville Plan.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm

Documents forwarded to Legislative Services: Notice, Minutes, Hand Outs, Sign-In, Speaker Cards & Video CD

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed.

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May 20, 2014
12:00 p.m.

Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that Council Member Robin Lumb will have a Town Hall Meeting on **Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm** in the Lynwood Roberts Room, located at 117 West Duval Street (1st Floor), City Hall St. James Building. The purpose of this meeting is to share information with the general public and, more importantly, to allow citizens to heard by City Council members in an open forum.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Please contact Donna Barrow, ECA At-Large Group 5, at (904) 630-7144, for additional information or email DLBarrow@coj.net.

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