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| **OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL** |
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July 15, 2016

11:00 a.m.

**Finance Committee**

The Committee shall consider financial matters, including appropriations; budgets; budgetary transfers; taxes; fees; franchises; bonds; fiscal and investment policies; economic development investment incentives and related contracts, agreements and appropriations; licensing; personnel; pensions; leases; Administration and Finance Department; Procurement Department; Office of Economic Development; JEA financial issues; auditing; performance measurement and benchmarking; audits of the City and Independent Agencies; selection and retention of the auditor to perform the annual independent audit required by Section 5.11, *Jacksonville Charter*; TRUE Commission reports; international trade and all related subjects

**Committee Members:**

Anna Lopez Brosche - Chair

Matt Schellenberg - Vice Chair

Greg Anderson

Aaron Bowman

Katrina Brown

Bill Gulliford

Sam Newby

**Finance Committee Agenda Meeting Location/Time:**

First and Third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room, First Floor City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

**Finance Committee Meeting Location/Time:**

First and Third Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. (will adjourn no later than noon, Special Committee on Finance matters to follow immediately)

Council Chamber

First Floor, City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

**Special Committee on Finance Matters**

(To begin immediately following the conclusion of Finance Committee but no later than noon)

I ask that you review existing policies and practices and revise and create new legislation as you deem appropriate to address our broader goal of becoming One City in which infrastructure, City services, and economic opportunity are available throughout and every neighborhood is safe, clean, and healthy. I hope that you will each take advantage of this opportunity to address areas of special concern to you personally. I have provided the list below to get the conversation started because I find each of these topics worthy of review and policy input from the Council, but the Committee may add or subtract from this list as you choose. Our Council staff will assist with research and speaker coordination for these meetings and I am also offering my assistance in that regard. The City staff from various departments may be a primary resource, but we can and should also seek outside input.

**Suggested topics to consider:**

**Budget related:**

1. Review of Debt Affordability baseline report and update - Do current debt levels comply with all code criteria? Do proposed? How much flexibility is there before we would exceed a criterion? What is the limiting factor- debt service or debt outstanding?
2. What is the status of BJP revenue over debt service and which projects are slated for next year; 2017?
3. How do our budget priorities help to reduce crime?
4. How does our budget improve public safety (life safety- roadway fatalities, drowning, etc.) other than reducing crime?
5. How does the budget facilitate improvements in public health (Zika, fitness, clinics, etc.)?
6. How does the budget support neighborhoods?
7. How does the CIP further the goal of One City?
8. City fee schedule review – Are all fees needed? Are amounts appropriate?

**Policy related:**

1. Grants 101 – What grants do we receive annually? What did we apply for last year? What did we receive? Opportunities
2. How do we maximize and coordinate opportunities for additional funding? TPO/FDOT roads and bridges; SJRWMD drainage; FIND; HUD; Grants; JTA/JEA/Port; public/private partnerships
3. How do we fund the extension of water and sewer lines?
4. How do we manage/incentivize growth and demand for new facilities vs. funding for repairs and maintenance?
5. If Infrastructure is the foundation for economic development, how do we target improvements to facilitate economic growth?
6. Marketing of tourist opportunities, and support of events. How does our Tourist Development Plan further our goals?
7. How can we use our Public Investment Policy or other economic incentives to eliminate food deserts?
8. How can we use our Public Investment Policy or other economic incentives to reduce crime through job creation or barrier elimination?
9. In light of the changing economy, how can we use job training/apprenticeship programs as a tool to reduce unemployment?
10. JSEB program

cc: Council Members/Staff

Cheryl Brown, Director/CouncilSecretary

Carol Owens, Interim Chief, Legislative Services Division

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