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**Meeting Minutes for Parks Subcommittee to Discuss Live-On Security Policy**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 1 p.m.**

**Topic:** The meeting was held to discuss Live-On Security Policy in Parks

**Location:** Conference Room B, 4th Floor, 117 West Duval St., City Hall, Jacksonville, FL

**Attendees**: Council Member Tommy Hazouri, Council Member Bill Gulliford, Council Member Coyle Carter, Council Member Scott Wilson, Council Member Jim Love, Darrin Schmidt (JSO), Daryl Joseph (Parks), Paige Johnston (OGC), Peggy Sidman (OGC), Kevin Kuzel (ECA – District 14), Carol Harper (ECA – District 13), Jackie Lee (ECA – District 4), Ryan Traher (ECA – Group 3, At Large), Lindsey Kilbride, Tanita Woods, Heather Reber

Please see the attached sign in sheet for a complete list of attendees.

**Meeting Convened:** 1:00 p.m.

CM Hazouri began with opening comments and all attendees introduced themselves.

Officer Darrin Schmidt describes selection process of officers for park service, doesn’t recruit newer officers, prefers officers with extensive experience.

CM Wilson asked a question about creating an incentive process for less/more frequented parks, such as charging rent for the more desired parks.

Officer Schmidt points out that the least appealing park is Riverview and the difficult part is getting someone to move to an area they haven’t lived before.

CM Hazouri curious where there is highest crime rate with a live-on officer.

Joseph responds that that crime doesn’t happen in the parks, but rather around the parks. Parks department is expanding security cameras to parks that do not currently have them. Will include night-vision filters.

CM Wilson asked if there can be a focus made on officers who don’t work at night so they’re actually in the parks at night. Officer Schmidt said he has enough difficulty recruiting officers to participate in the program, so reducing his search options to only day-time officers would hinder his efforts even more. Additionally, he’s not able to dictate that kind of criteria.

CM Gulliford says he would prefer to replace trailers with actual houses, despite cost, because trailers are small and not as appealing.

Officer Schmidt explained that live-on officers put in about 10 or 12 hours a week worth of work at the parks.

CM Gulliford suggested that signs be placed at the front of parks indicating that there is a live-on security officer there. Schmidt countered that this wouldn’t work with officers who are operating undercover at some of the parks.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 1:40 p.m.

**Minutes**: Minutes completed by Ryan Traher, ECA Group 3 At-Large, on Thursday, March 29, 2018

**Attached**: Meeting Notice, Agenda, Sign-In Sheet, Audio, Meeting Minutes

**The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. The following items have been submitted for public record. Please contact legislative services for these items.**

Please contact (904) 630-1396 for additional information.

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