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July 25, 2018

4:00 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes for July, 16 2018**

**Noticed Meeting CM Anderson and CM Boyer**

**Re: CIP and River Activation Process**

**Location**: 117 W. Duval Street, Ste. 425, Conference Room B

**In Attendance**: CM Greg Anderson (At-Large, Group 4); CM Lori Boyer (District 5);

**Please refer to Sign-In Sheet for full list of attendees.**

**Meeting Convened**: 11:30 a.m.

Council Member Greg Anderson welcomed the attendees and stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the River Activation capital plan. The CIP is scheduled for discussion at budget hearing on August 28, 2018.

CM Anderson opened the meeting and asked Council Member Lori N. Boyer to provide an overview of the CIP. CM Boyer stated that a key the component of the CIP is the debt affordability study. That study helps to establish a baseline for the CIP at the close of each fiscal year. Also it recaps the minimum targeted investment for certain reoccurring items.

CM Boyer stated that tracking the CIP year over year is important and that she has been working with Teresa Eichner (CIP Administrator) to ensure projects are moving forward. If a something is not advanced the administration will provide justification for that action. CM Anderson asked Ms. Eichner and the Administration to meet with the members of the Finance Committee in order to review the CIP prior to August 28. CM Boyer also suggested that a running “wish list” of capital enhancements be maintained during budget hearings.

Chairman Anderson stated that he is interested in spending time during the budget process examining projections for future budgets as it relates to debt service. CM Boyer agreed to this idea stating that it was a driving force behind the past CIP Committee. The Council Auditor’s agreed to schedule time during the budget process for this topic.

CM Anderson stated that he is committed to a detailed budget review including spending time for CM’s to ask questions. He added that it is important that the committee remain focused on the budget and the priorities of the City of Jacksonville.

CM Anderson addressed CM Boyer’s work on the activating the river through various projects. CM Boyer is currently working on a number of waterfront activation projects including McCoy’s Creek. In this case, multiple funding sources would be used for completion.

One source for McCoy’s creek is existing ash remediation funds. CM Boyer plans to use these funds to achieve the clean-up and redesign of the creek banks to provide storm water relief. CM Anderson asked CM Boyer to explain the timing of the project funding to which CM Boyer stated that the project is phased over multiple years. Mrs. Eichner added that she will provide additional documentation for members of the Finance Committee including copies of an existing “White Paper”.

CM Boyer then spoke to the importance of creating a downtown experience through a series of unique and engaging spaces along our River Walk. The goal is to create attractions at different nodes along the St. Johns River along with special lighting and sound features. In addition to enhancing the River Walk, CM Boyer also highlighted the following projects: restoration of Friendship Fountain; a partnership with CSX for entertainment opportunities; coordinated lighting of downtown bridges.

CM Anderson thanked CM Boyer for her time and adjourned the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 12:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** Palmer Kuder, ECA to CM Greg Anderson.

**Attached:** Sign In Sheet

cc: Council Members/Staff

 Cheryl L. Brown, Director/Council Secretary

Carol Owens, Chief, Legislative Services Division

Jessica Matthews, Legislative Supervisor

 Jeff Clements, Chief, Research Division

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