**Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization**



**of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission**

**Niki Brunson, Chair**

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**October 18, 2018**

**3:00 p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room B**

**Suite 425, City Hall**

**Attendance:** TRUE Commissioners Niki Brunson, John Roberts

**Also**: Jeff Clements – Council Research Division

See attached sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The following pending bills were discussed:

2018-662: Project Glass economic development incentive – Commissioner Roberts noted that the project has a good return on investment and will produce 135 new jobs.

Commissioner Roberts expressed curiosity about how the City could waive the QTI requirement that new jobs created must pay above the state’s average wage; is the wage requirement part of the state program and, if so, does the state have to agree to the waiver?

Commissioner Roberts said that his CPAC has at several recent meetings discussed whether advertising signs are permitted at bus stops in the old pre-consolidation city limits. Some neighborhoods want the advertising removed both from JTA shelters and from uncovered bus stop benches.

The group discussed a recent City Council members’ noticed meeting regarding potential amendments to the City’s Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning category. Some council members believe the Council is approving too many PUDs instead of using conventional zoning categories. Jeff Clements briefly recounted the discussion at that meeting regarding the number of PUDs (more than half of all rezonings last year were to PUD) and some of the reasons for that trend. Several developers in attendance at the meeting had said that City Council members often insist that rezonings be done as PUDs so that enforceable conditions can be imposed that are not allowable under conventional rezonings. Council Member Boyer felt that 80% or more of what council members are trying to control on behalf of the affected neighborhoods relates to either setbacks and buffers or to the location of access points; if these issues could be satisfactorily addressed in conventional rezonings, there may be less need for use of PUDs.

2018-706: $88,127 appropriation of civil fines and penalties revenue to JTA for bus stop cleanup and to Code Enforcement for a part-time sign enforcement officer. This is a regular appropriation of funds earmarked for these purposes from a revenue to an expenditure account.

2018-710: amending Ethics Code regarding definition of prohibited gifts to City employees/officials and requiring department heads, constitutional officers and independent authority CEOs to establish policies and procedures regulating receipt of gifts in their agencies.

2018-7 39: Jim Mazur TRUE Commission appointment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Jeff Clements, City Council Research Division

[jeffc@coj.net](mailto:jeffc@coj.net) 904-630-1405

Posted 10.18.18 5:00 p.m.

Tape: TRUE Legislative Tracking Committee 10.18.18 meeting – Legislative Services Division