**Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization**

**of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission**

**Niki Brunson, Chair**

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**November 15, 2018**

**2:00 p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room B**

**Suite 425, City Hall**

**Attendance:** TRUE Commissioner Niki Brunson

**Excused**: Commissioner John Roberts

**Also**: Jeff Clements – Council Research Division, Jim Mazur – TRUE Commission nominee

See attached sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The following pending bills were discussed:

2018-696 – future land use map change on A.C. Skinner Parkway: Jeff Clements explained the land use map change process, including transmission to Tallahassee for state review and subsequent return to Jacksonville for a second City Council approval.

2018-706 – appropriation of fine revenues to JTA bus stop maintenance and litter control: 70% of fine revenue goes to JTA to clean up around bus stops, 30% is allocated to Code Enforcement for education and litter control programs and part-time hours to remove illegal signs.

2018-707 – Appropriation of $687,849.88 collected from Auction of Properties on City's Affordable Housing Inventory List to establish an Infill Development Incentive Program: Stephanie Burch, Director of the Neighborhoods Department, discussed this bill briefly at the last TRUE Commission meeting. The Infill Development Incentive Program is a new effort to incentivize the insertion of small scale development in already developed areas of the city.

2018-709 – Jacksonville Icemen ticket surcharge reduction: the fiscal impact is a reduction by an amount that depends on the number of tickets sold for the season: the surcharge is reduced from $2.50 to $1.50 per ticket for the first 132,000 sold per season, then increases to $2 per ticket for each sold thereafter.

2018-813 – request to return the UAE disaster assistance donation: original bill introduced by the Mayor to give the funds to the areas desired by the UAE embassy: After the bill was unanimously approved council members began hearing from constituents that the UAE has a poor human rights record and the City shouldn’t take the funds. This bill would return the funds to the UAE.

Interested citizen Celia Miller asked about if or how the City plans to deal with providing infrastructure improvements to long-ignored neighborhoods. Mr. Clements explained that the budget and CIP are both developed by the Mayor and proposed to City Council, which makes any amendments it desires before final approval. The CIP is a rolling 5-year plan for capital improvements, which is amended each year as priorities change.

2018-783 – Appropriating $1,000,000.00 to provide funding for Community-Based Crime Reduction & Neighborhood Revitalization strategies.

2018-789 - Creating New Code Sec. 122.823 (Limitations on Use of Tangible Personal Propty with Name of Elected Official), Chap 122 (Public Propty), Ord Code, to Provide for a Limitation on Purchase of Office Supplies with Name of Elected Officials & to Provide for a Limitation on Vehicles & Equipment Containing Name of Elected Officials: Council Members Crescimbeni and Dennis had a noticed meeting to discuss ways to prevent taxpayer money being wasted when new elected officials take office and discard letterhead, envelopes, forms, etc. with the name of the former incumbent in the office, purchasing new supplies with the new incumbent’s name.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

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