**Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization**

**of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission**

**Niki Brunson, Chair**

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**February 21, 2019**

**3:00 p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room B**

**Suite 425, City Hall**

**Attendance:** TRUE Commissioners Niki Brunson, John Roberts, Jim Mazur, Mark Merritt, Daniel Henry (arr. 3:05)

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

See attached sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves for the record.

The following City Council legislation was discussed:

2019-89 (Approp $1,000,000 from Tree Protection & Related Expenses Trust Fund, Sub Fund 15F, for County-Wide Prog Entitled "Level 2 Tree Planting Prog"): in response to a question about what the term “tree limit” means, Mr. Clements explained that it refers to a maximum of 200 trees per project request, not 200 for the entire $1 million appropriation.

2019-96 (Approp $3,456,857.00 from Public Bldg - Camera Reserve Public Parking ITD Operations and Equip Refresh to Provide Upgrades, Replacements, and New Installations of Video Hardware, Cameras, and Network Infrastructure as part of the City's Enterprise Security Video Camera Solution): the cameras will all be centrally monitored at new Westside emergency 9-1-1 answering center.

2019-100 (Apv Assumption by City of Obligations of a License Agreemnt btwn FL East Coast Railway, LLC, and Flagler Dev Company LLC, to pay Annual License Fee for the Railroad Crossing at Flagler Ctr at Gran Bay Blvd & Philips Highway): Flagler Development Company will be paying City a one-time $100,000 fee to take over the company’s maintenance requirement for the rail crossing. Commissioner Roberts pointed out that the bill summary is incorrect and makes it appear that the City is paying the crossing maintenance fee.

2019-101 (Approp $50,000.00 from Environmental Protection Bd (EPB) Trust Fund to EPB Fund Operating Account to assist in development & activation of the Emerald Necklace by Providing funding to Groundwork Jax, Inc. for development of an Urban Biodiversity Corridor Along the S-line Urban Trail & Hogans Creek): Mr. Clements briefly described the Emerald Necklace project to connect Hogan’s Creek and McCoy’s Creek with landscaped walking trails through downtown.

2019-134 (Auth the Borrowing & Approp of $18,000,000 in Funding from the City's Commercial Paper Facility, in order to provide Funding (1) $15,000,000 to Settle Certain Litigation btwn the City & Jacksonville Landing Investments, LLC): Mr. Clements explained that “commercial paper facility” is a term for the City’s short-term borrowing program on the commercial lending market. The bill will provide $15 million for a buyout of Sleiman Enterprises’ lease for the Landing site, $1.5 million for tenant relocation, and $1.5 million for demolition of the buildings and site preparation. The group speculated about whether the Landing property could be used to fulfill the City’s obligation to replace the Metropolitan Park property (purchased with federal funds for recreational purposes) if that is redeveloped for commercial uses.

2019-120 (Adopt a Modification to 2030 Comp Plan to Update the Capital Improvemts Element Schedule to incorporate CIP into Comp Plan): Mr. Clements explained that this is an annual bill to amend the City’s Comprehensive Plan to update the listing of capital improvement projects adopted each year.

2019-132 (Approp a transfer of $1,100,000 in funding from OED Rsv Acct to an Operating Line for the Project entitled "Shipyards Project - Environmental Cleanup"): this bill represents the beginning of Shipyard property cleanup.

2019-138 Auth & Apv Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute a Purchase & Sale Agreemt btwn City of Jax & the Vestcor Family Foundation, Inc., comprised of 2 parcels consisting of approx 10.42 acres parcels of Parkland & unimproved Real Propty at 2100 & 2039 Forest St., Jax, FL (The Property"), to redevelop into a Charter School): the property will be developed by Vestcor for a charter school as an incentive for young families to choose to live downtown.

2019-148 (JHFA multifamily housing bonds): Staff was asked to find out if the Vestcor corporation used this kind of bond for any of their downtown housing projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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