



# Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

Niki Brunson, Chair

## LEGISLATIVE TRACKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2019

3:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room A

Suite 425, City Hall

**Attendance:** TRUE Commissioner Niki Brunson,

**Excused:** Commissioners John Roberts, Jim Mazur

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:0 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves for the record.

The following City Council legislation was discussed:

2019-209 (ORD-MC Amend Chapt 250 (Misc Business Regs) to Create a New Pt 13 (Prohibition of Simulated Gambling Devices) to Define & Identify Simulated Gambling Devices as a Public Nuisance & Noxious Use; to prohibit the use of Simulated Gambling Devices for Certain Circumstances; to Create an Amortization Period for Simulated Gambling Establishments; & to Create an Enforcement Mechanism for Violations): the bill is an attempt to rein in “internet cafes” that operate as simulated gambling establishments. The bill’s preamble recites crime statistics associated with these establishments that justifies their control as a public nuisance. The bill provides for an amortization period of one year for such establishments current operating with a valid Certificate of Occupancy.

2019-213 (ORD Estab Temp Moratorium on the Enforcement of Sec. 741.107 (B) (Violation of Zero-Tolerance for Litter Law), Pt 1, General Provisions, Chapt 741 (Zero-Tolerance on Litter), Sec. 326.104 (B), (D) (Unlawful Sign Structures), Pt 1 Gen Regs, Chapt 326 (Signs & Outdoor Display Structures), Sec. 320.413 (B) (Removal of Signs), Pt 4 Permits, Chapt 320 (General Provisions), & Sec. 656.1303 (I) (2),(L) (2) (Zoning Limitations on Signs), Subpart A General Provisions, Pt 13 Sign Regs, Chapt 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, regarding Signs in the public r/w until 6/30/19, Requesting 1 Cycle Emergency Passage): the bill would impose a moratorium on the enforcement of the Zero-Tolerance On Litter ordinance as it relates to “snipe signs” posted illegally in public rights of way or on public property until the Council can review enforcement statistics from 2018 and the first quarter of 2019 to identify any patterns or weaknesses that need to be addressed.

209-215 (ORD Approp \$278,952.16 in avail Revenue & Reserves within the Art in Public Places Trust Fund & Funding from the Public Art Proj in Var Capital Subfunds in order to correct Subobjects, provide addnl funding to complete the Cuba Hunter Park Public Art Neighborhood Proj, & move Funding into the Misc Svcs & Charges Subobject to Fund Projs listed on the Conservation Rpt; Amend the 2019-2023 5 Yr CIP to increase Funding for Proj entitled "Cuba Hunter Park-Public Art"): the bill provides funding for the completion of an in-progress public art project at the park and for several other public art-related maintenance and repair expenditures.

2019-216 (ORD Approp \$350,000.00 (\$150,000.00 from entrance fees within Lonnie Miller Regional Pk Capital Improvmt Trust Fund, \$99,000 from Countywide Parks & Recreation Projs within Subfund 32E, \$32,066.42 from Council Dist 10 Loblolly Funds, \$746.51 from Council Dist 10 Park Acquisition/ Developmt & Maint Trust-Saratoga, \$2,593.66 from Council Dist 10 RCR Bond Constrn & Park Acquisition/Maint - Ft. George, & \$65,593.41 from Council Dist-10 Better Jax Bonds) to purchase Playground Equipmt for Lonnie Miller Regional Park): the bill provides funding from a variety of sources for purchase of Lonnie Miller Park playground equipment. Staff was asked to find out how much each city council district got in Loblolly, Saratoga, River City Renaissance and Better Jacksonville Plan district funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Tape: TRUE Legislative Tracking Committee 3.22.19 meeting – Legislative Services Division