

City of Jacksonville

*1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 27, 2020

11:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

Special Committee on Social Justice and Community Investment

*CM Matt Carlucci, Co-Chair
CM Brenda Priestly Jackson, Co-Chair*

Meeting Convened: 11:35 am

Meeting Adjourned: 1:11 pm

Attendance

CM Matt Carlucci - Co-Chair

CM Brenda Priestly Jackson - Co-Chair

CM Michael Boylan

CM DeFoor

CM Sam Newby

CM Ron Salem

CM Randy White

Also: Council Members Dennis, Pittman and Morgan; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research; Peggy Sidman and Paige Johnston, Office of General Counsel

I. Introductions

CM Carlucci welcomed the group and asked for a moment of silence for CP Hazouri, who just had surgery.

II. Council Member Priorities
Report from standing committees

CM Carlucci asked each member to list their three priorities for the committee to focus upon this year.

CM Boylan

1. Racial disparities in out of school suspension rates
2. Equitable access to medical care
3. Infrastructure equality throughout the city

CM DeFoor

1. Neighborhood pride/blight and effects of consolidation
2. Neighborhood economic development
3. Neighborhood infrastructure

CM Newby

1. Crime reduction
2. Economic development and job opportunity
3. Safe neighborhoods

CM Salem

1. Body camera policy and transparency
2. Mental health treatment and jails
3. Spending in Districts 7,8,9,10 for children's services and CIP

CM White

1. Cleaning up neighborhoods
2. Infrastructure
3. Crime prevention

CM Priestly Jackson

1. Infrastructure in Districts 7,8,9,10 and unfulfilled consolidation promises
2. Infrastructure in Districts 1,2,3,4,5,6,1,12,13,and 14 especially in socio/economically disadvantaged areas
3. Special taxing district to fund children's services

CM Carlucci

1. Infrastructure within the pre-consolidation boundaries
2. Prevention/intervention programs with KHA, PSGs for vulnerable adults
3. Septic tank remediation

CM Dennis added that the committee should also look at methods by which small businesses can be empowered because jobs reduce crime. CM Morgan extended her support for all of the listed priorities and emphasized the need to reduce blight.

III. Proposed Legislation Discussion

CM Carlucci: Citizen Planning Advisory Committees (CPAC) input on the CIP

CM Carlucci: CIP allocation to pre-consolidation city limits

CM Carlucci began a discussion on two of his proposed bills, one which calls for Citizen Planning Advisory Committees (CPAC) input on the CIP and one that sets a target of spending for projects and CIP allocation to pre-consolidation city limits.

The members talked about the importance of CPACs as means to hear neighborhood concerns. CM DeFoor said that there should more marketing of CPACs to increase awareness and participation. CM Priestly Jackson asked why the input from other citizen organizations should be not be considered, such as Sheriff's Watch and others.

The discussion about the bill related to the pre-consolidation city limit CIP spending focused on how to differentiate approaches to different neighborhoods while maintaining equality. There were concerns with focusing on just one area of the city when there are infrastructure needs city wide and no one wants to create another section which is neglected. CM Carlucci spoke of the importance for following through on promises made in consolidation. CM Priestly Jackson talked about the value of council member input in the CIP process.

There were a few bills already introduced which have relevancy to the committees work, 2020-311,325,326, and 357. The group considered reviewing the bills, but decided to postpone the review because the legislation was not specified on the meeting agenda.

IV. Subcommittees

Finalize composition and discuss scheduling

Since the committee is comprised of standing committee chairs, the group decided that dividing into subcommittees may not be necessary.

V. Miscellaneous and Next Steps

CM Carlucci said that the agenda for the next meeting will include all legislation related to the committee's focus. The next meeting will be August 10, 2020.

VI. Public Comment (as time permits)

There were a few members of the public who provided comment on racial equality, city leadership, literacy and structural racism.

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