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May 24, 2021

2:00pm

 **Meeting Minutes**

**Town Hall with Council Member LeAnna Cumber**

**Re: Local Option Gas Tax**

Monday, May 10, 2021, 6:00pm

 Cuba Hunter Park

Attendance: Council Member Cumber (District 5), Council Member Carlucci (At-Large, Group 4), Yvonne Mitchell (Council Research), Steve Cassada (Council IT), Nat Ford (JTA), Jessica Shepler (JTA), Jordan Elsbury (Administration, Leeann Krieg (Administration), John Pappas (Public Works), Daryl Joseph (Parks), Ari Jolly (JTA Board Chair), Abel Harding (JTA Board Member)

*For a complete list of attendees, please refer to the sign-in sheet*

Meeting convened at 6:05pm.

CM Cumber kicked off the meeting and welcomed all to Cuba Hunter Park.

Jordan Elsbury said that last year the community was shut down. They formed a task force made up of the Chamber, Business Community, JAA, JEA and others to help form a plan coming out of COVID for job security to determine what capital projects we have that can get economic stimulus into the economy. They needed identify a revenue source. This tax is will generate over 1 billion dollars for 75 projects, guaranteed to be used for infrastructure (road resurfacing, drainage etc.). And, can not be changed by future administrations.

Nat Ford discussed the needs in infrastructure in Duval County and the vision of JTA for a more accessible city to all. He discussed the many needs including the need for a second St. Johns ferry, public transportation, bus stops that need to all be upgraded to be ADA accessible, urban circulator (Trying to revive the Skyway 30 years later), and responding to development in San Marco, Riverside, Brooklyn and the Stadium, preparing for future generations.

CM Cumber then asked for public comment. There were a total of 12 speaker cards and two did not wish to speak. Three speakers from the Trucking industry felt that the tax increased tax could put them out of business. Many who spoke in favor of the tax, did so because of the potential funding for the Emerald Trail. Two support the tax if the majority of funds go towards improving bike and pedestrian access. Others were flat out opposed to the gas tax.

CM Cumber closed by thanking everyone for coming and added that everyone should look at all the details and ask questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

*Minutes prepared by Debbi Pataky, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member LeAnna Cumber. The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments for this meeting, please listen to the audio recording.*

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