

# City of Jacksonville

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, May 24, 2021**

**3:00 PM**

**Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall (Streaming Viewing Options Only)**

### **Special Committee on Social Justice and Community Investment**

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

Meeting Convened: 3:06 pm      Meeting Adjourned: 4:06 pm

Attendance:

**Committee Members Priestly Jackson (Co-Chair), Carlucci (Co-Chair), Salem, DeFoor, Newby, Boylan, and White**

**Also: Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel; Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research**

**I.      Introductions**

**II.     SJCIC Jobs Initiatives, Other Proposals, Presentations and Updates**

**JaxCare Connect**

Jenny O'Donnell, Administrator JaxCareConnect, spoke about the progress of their initiative to systemize health care access for uninsured residents of Duval County. Through 2021-22-E, JaxCareConnect received \$200,000 from the Social Justice and Community Investment Special Committee Contingency. As the program has developed, they have hired a full time administrator, 2 patient advocates, and identified a third party evaluator (UNF's CCI). To date they have processed health care referrals for 72 clients, with the majority of referrals coming from the Baptist Emergency Department. Negotiations are in the works to coordinate with more emergency departments, and post advertising promotions in JTA buses etc. JaxCareConnect is requesting \$51,000 in additional funding for an administrative marketing coordinator and technology tools.

CM Salem asked about program eligibility, and it was explained that the target population is those who delay preventive care or use emergency rooms for such care and also who are not eligible for Medicaid or Affordable Care Act policies, or employee based policies.

There was a motion and second to support the funding request, with a unanimous hand vote in approval. JaxCareConnect will provide regular reports to council on the program status.

**III.    Review of 2021-287 Appropriation of \$153,000 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund**

The committee briefly reviewed 2021-287, which is an appropriation of \$153,000 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to make sure there is not a conflict because Operation Save Our Sons is one of the recipients and also received SJCIC funds. Peggy Sidman, OGC, said that there is no ordinance or statutory conflict.

#### **IV. SJCIC Budget and Balance**

Phillip Peterson, Auditor's Office, said that there is \$209,000 remaining in the contingency fund (including the \$51,000 pending for JaxCare Connect). CM Salem suggested drafting legislation to roll the funds over into the next fiscal year. CM Priestly Jackson said the decision on the funds will be made at the next meeting.

#### **V. SJCIC Final Report (Proposed Date: June 14, 2021)**

Each member was tasked with drafting a narrative of legislation they sponsored through the committee's work to be included in the final report (noticed meeting dates, funding amount, target population, committee discussions, program status). There will be a template circulated for uniformity.

#### **VI. Miscellaneous Concerns**

CVP Newby shared that the first cohort had completed training through the Workforce Industrial Training program funded through his BOOST legislation. He reported that all 9 graduates have been hired for full time jobs.

CM Priestly Jackson said that the final committee meeting will be on June 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

#### **VII. Public Comment (if time permits)**

Stanley Scott spoke in support of the Historic Stanton Building restorations.

Mr. Nooney read items from the agenda and talked about water activities.

Ms. Franklin talked about racial profiling, police harassment and the rodent problems at Hilltop Apartments.

Minutes: Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

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