



Terrance Freeman
City Council President
At-Large, Group 1
E-Mail: TFreeman@coj.net

117 West Duval Street
City Hall, Suite 425
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Office (904) 255-5215

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 24, 2022
(5:00 P.M.)

Meeting Minutes

Notice Meeting Council President Freeman, CM's Morgan, Gaffney, Clark-Murray and Newby
Regarding Economic Development, Infrastructure and Quality of Life Issues
Thursday, October 20, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
City Hall – Lynwood Roberts Room

In attendance: Council President, Freeman, (At-Large Group 1), CM Morgan, (District 1), CM Reggie Gaffney, (District 7), CM Clark-Murray, (District 9) and CM Newby, (At-Large Group 5).
(See additional attendees listed on sign-in sheet)

Meeting Convened: 4:00 p.m.

Council President Freeman called the meeting to order and asked each Council Member for introductions. He stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss his desire to hear the concerns of each Council Member's districts. He stated his plan is all Council Members from all fourteen districts discuss their concerns soon.

District 7 - CM Gaffney was the first to speak and his main priority was to see a community center on Harts Road (could be part of Parks Special Committee discussion) and this has been discussed with the Director of Parks, funding is an issue. Secondly, the Hart Road Bridge, funding already in place and in the design stage, wants to ensure the project is completed after he leaves council. Third, Duval Road 2 lanes to 4 lanes; Armadale/Duval intersection traffic light and Dunn Avenue intersection traffic light near the new Charter School.

District 9 – CM Clark-Murray discussed several areas of concerns in district 9 to begin with the Grand Park area north pocket a community park, College Park drainage issues; Westside area-roads narrow, drug use, neglect and other nuisance activities, New Town area a park is needed, Robinson's Addition – West Jacksonville Elementary School convert to a community center. Live Oak Avenue needs lighting, Woodstock/Paxon drainage issues (existing is inadequate). Murray Hill – sidewalk on Murray Drive, (shared street with CM DeFoor) Normandy area drainage issues, 103rd Street/Timucuan-Community center and the McCoy's Creek area flooding (in CIP, multi-year project).

District 1 – CM Morgan concerns were the Bridge on Arlington Road – safety hazard, second, Blue Cypress Park pool and the Mill Creek Road at Lonestar-connect to Tredinick will require Mill Creek Road improvements. CM Morgan stated it has been 7 years since the pool project was c

At-Large Group 5 - **CM Newby** would like to see Washington Heights receive **traffic calming**; Macbeth Street has flooding issues, continue the Moncrief Beautification project (in CIP but he wants more information on the status of the project) and the First Tee golf course the city need to maintain it better.

CM Gaffney also suggested that the city hire Ambassadors like downtown in the different council districts to assist with blight and clean up

Council President Freeman talked about the fact that as a Council collectively, we should come together and do things as a Council.

CM Morgan stated that we are “One City One Jacksonville”. CM Morgan also stated that we need to clean up Jacksonville our city is dirty and we need to figure out a way to clean up better.

Council President Freeman stated that moving forward he would loke to see the council have all civil conversations as it related to moving Jacksonville forward.

CM Newby stated he would support a Community Center on Harts Road and traffic calming in Washington Heights.

Council President Freeman in his conclusion stated the responsibility of our citizens, create a better sense of ownership with the community and that I will end this meeting. He said he would have this same discuss with all Council Members soon and to get their concerns as well.

Meeting adjourned: 4:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gerrie Ford-Hardin, Secretary to the Council President Terrance Freeman. The following items were submitted for public record and can be accessed by contacting the Legislative Services Division:

cc: Council Members/Staff
Margaret M. Sidman, Director/Council Secretary
Merriane G. Lahmeur, Chief, Legislative Services Division
Yvonne Mitchell, Chief, Administrative Services Division
Kim Taylor, Council Auditor
Jeff Clements, Chief, Research Division
CITYC@COJ.NET
Media Box
File Copy