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## **OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Notice Member to Member Meeting Council President Terrance Freeman and Council Vice President Ron Salem - Regarding 2022-840 Opioid Settlement Fund**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 6, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Location:** Don Davis Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall

**In Attendance:** Council President Terrance Freeman, Council Vice President Ron Salem, Kim Taylor, Auditors Office, Phillip Peterson, Auditors Office, Rachel Zimmer, Administration, Ryan Murphey, Administration, Mary Staffopoulos, Office of General Counsel, GC, Tiffany Pinkstaff, Office of General Counsel, Chief Keith Powers, Jacksonville Fire & Rescue, Paul Barrett, Finance, TJ Ward, and Tyler Warren.

**Meeting Convened:** 9:04 a.m.

Council President Freeman convened the meeting and asked for introductions of attendees. Council President Freeman stated the Purpose of this meeting is regarding the Opioid Abatement Fund and interactions he had with community advocates and questions. CP Freeman also stated that he saw the bill was going through committees and had not heard from the Administration therefore, he decided to defer the bill. CP Freeman stated there had been good dialog regarding this bill and great questions, and rather than having it to move forward and not being comfortable with it I decided to defer it which I did, so I could get a better understanding as well. Please note that Chief Powers has entered the meeting.

CP Freeman, I will now open the floor up to CVP Salem because I know this is important to him. CVP Salem, if I can give a brief review, you (CP Freeman) appointed me as your Opioid Czar when you (CP Freeman) started your term as City Council President back in July 2022 and what I help coordinate was a committee consisting of JFRD, Chief Powers and some of his colleagues, OGC, the Administration was involved, Northeast Florida Planning Group and the Finance Department. We met several times during the Fall on how we were going to move these dollars, as they begin to come in, and found out through our Research that every Community in Florida that was getting this money was looking at each other because no one understood on determining

how they should do it, so we are going to move forward and we are going to come up with a plan ,

. CVP Salem stated the Plan is basically this Mr. President, This bill which will do four (4) things:

1. Bill 2022-840 will appropriate \$261,904.00 from the Opioid Settlement Revenue Fund to be used to hire two (2) people, a Manager of the Program as well as a Coordinator.
2. Set up a Trust Fund.
3. Establish Interlocal Agreements
4. Decision to place these two (2) people with JFRD

CVP Salem, we have within the last few weeks received a check from the State of just over a million dollars, and a percentage of these dollars will go to Baldwin to be used as they want.

CVP Salem so what will these two people do? This will set up a second bill and discussion of setting up a Public Service Grant Process that evaluates the applicants to award these dollars, as we receive more money. It will allow various organizations to apply for this grant, all this will be worked out in the next bill. CVP Salem also part of this bill will ask how many people will serve on this committee and all the stuff has not been worked out to date. I think the big picture and present picture is the \$261,904.00 to hire these two people, set up a Trust Fund, Interlocal Agreements and the decision to place these two people with the JFRD.

CP Freeman I just have a few questions if you don't mind for these positions. CVP Salem the \$261,904.00 will be used to hire the two people. CP Freeman said the first question I have with that is for Chief Powers or the Auditors or whomever is there a recurring salary after year one? Next year will this amount be billed in the Budget? General Fund or coming out of the Opioid Dollars that we are anticipating getting moving forward?

CVP Salem the dollars that will pay these two people will come out of the Opioid Fund, all expenses relating to this program will come out of the Opioid Fund. CVP Salem just so you know \$85 million dollars over the next 18 years roughly and supposedly around \$9 million dollars over the first year then will slightly go down over the following years to conclude the 18-year period.

CP Freeman ok, I got it and thru CVP Salem to Chief Powers as I look at the growth through JFRD, I asked about capacity and staff coming in, have we done an audit with staff in the Neighborhoods Department? Have they reached capacity? Is there a way within the city that this program can work hand in hand with JFRD?

CVP Salem its important to me that they are experts in in the field, program that we fund are well designed and have an impact on this committee. Its important that appointments are selected based on expertise and knowledge in the field. CP Freeman stated he would like Council Members to be engaged.

CP Freeman stated anything we can do to make this a better community and place. He asked if there were any comments from the Public, seeing know this meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:38 a.m.

**MINUTES:** Gerrie Ford Hardin, Secretary to the Council President

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