May 23, 2023

(12:00 p.m.)

**(AMENDED) Meeting Minutes**

**CMs Boylan & Freeman Noticed Meeting re: Proposed ongoing funding for CQLI Initiatives**

**Date** May 22, 2023

**Topic:**  Proposed Ongoing Funding for CQLI Initiatives

**Location:** Henry Cook Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

**Attendance:** Council Member Michael Boylan (District 6), Council President Terrance Freeman (AL – 1), and Council Vice-President Ron Salem (AL – 2).

***Please refer to the Attendance Sheet for a complete listing of meeting attendees.***

**Convened:** 1:05 p.m.

**Councilman Boylan** - welcomed all, and introduction were made, and acknowledged the attendance of council-elect Jimmy Peluso.

He discussed the intent of the meeting is to discuss the continuing good work happening on many different levels and thanked CP Freeman as this would not have happened without his leadership – and is hoping the $2.6 million commitment from council towards the CQLI initiatives will be included in the mayor-elect’s budget. He also tasked Jax Care Connect with developing a 5-year sustainable plan towards moving forward with transportation & accessibility. The affordable housing coalition has a roadmap in place, and he has met with the United Way and Jessie Ball Dupont Fund and his concern is that we are not doing the good work in collaboration to complement each other in the process. Although council recently approved a rev grant for a 250-apartment unit at that will freeze the cost of rent for the next 11 years and council needs to continue to be aggressive with a sustainable course for affordable housing and look at opportunity to create a trust fund that would allow the community to be part of city funds options.

**CP Freeman** – thanked CM Boylan for leading this charge and one of his biggest goals was for the area of homelessness as Jacksonville should be the smartest city with all the studies towards dealing with that particular issue and looks forward to seeing results with a way of obtaining reoccurring funding source.

The city moves best together and is hoping the incoming administration continues to support the work of this initiative as there will be a new CRA board and would like to introduce legislation to appropriate the $1.4 million in the CRA towards the CQLI initiatives.

**CVP Salem** **–** stated that he is there mostly to listen and would like to see if there will be an appointment for a Chief Health-Care Officer with the new administration to work with. He also introduced legislation to establish a public service grant process to allocate the dollars received from the opioid settlement with 40% of it going towards new prevention and treatment programs, and 60% of it towards existing programs. His concern is that he would not want a feeding frenzy at the end of the year grabbing dollars and to look at a well-thought-out proposal with partnership with the private sector.

**Kim Taylor –** stated that we will not knowuntil July of the new mayor elect’s budget – historically these funds have been included in the budget.

**Phillip Peterson** – stated that similar to the social justice funding of $2.8 million in FY 20/21, there is $1.4 million sitting in the JIA/CRA fund that will roll back to the general fund if not used by year-end.

**Dawn Gilman-** offered all to go to [www.Changinghomelessness.org](http://www.Changinghomelessness.org) to see the census report and statistics on homelessness and the fastest growing age group is the 55+ and over that are on fixed income and her organization is currently holding the line with covid monies.

**CM Boylan –** reiterated how critical and that this initiative is as important asthe opioid impact and the importance of creating a sustaining fund with the administration and will support the rationale of absorbing the $1.4 million as our responsibility is much greater.

With that, he thanked all for attending.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:55 p.m.

**The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. Refer to link for exact minutes.**

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**Minutes:** Sonia Johnson – Complete on May 22, 2023

**Attached:** MeetingNotice, Minutes, handouts**,** and Sign-in Sheet – Submitted to Legislative Services Department

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