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2:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Council Member Randy White will host a Member to Council Elect- Members Noticed Meeting regarding 2023/2024 Council Leadership

Location: City Hall: Don Davis Room

Attendance: Please see attached attendance sheet.

Meeting Convened: 3:30 p.m.

Topic and Purpose: CM White discussed Council Leadership and announced his candidacy for Council Vice President for the 2023-2024 Council year.

CP White welcomed everyone and referenced 2020-319:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL RULES; AMENDING COUNCIL RULE 1.103 (METHOD OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS), CHAPTER 1 (ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL), COUNCIL RULES, TO ALLOW FOR AN ANNUAL DECLARATION OF LEADERSHIP INTERESTS; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES TO ACCEPT NEW CANDIDATES FOR CONSIDERATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville: Section 1. Amending Council Rule 1.103 (Method of Election of Officers), Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council), Council Rules. Rule 1.103 (Method of Election of Officers), Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council), Council

Rules, is hereby amended to read as follows: CHAPTER 1. METHOD OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS * * * PART 1. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES* * * RULE 1.103 ANNUAL DECLARATION OF LEADERSHIP INTEREST AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS. (a) Annual declaration of leadership interest. Candidates for City Council offices to be filled by election pursuant to Council Rule 1.102 and 1.103 shall express their interest for Council consideration for President or Vice President for such election by filing his or her intent to be considered and any supporting material, no more than 2 pages, with the Office of the Council Secretary / Director no earlier than March 1 and no later than March 30. The Council may consider these Council Members for future leadership positions and hold noticed meetings to discuss qualifications.

CM White firmly believes that he is abiding by the ordinance above and has the ability to seek the position for CVP.

CM Boylan expressed his desire to make changes to the Ordinance and that the process needs to be updated. Optics concerns him as if it's a pre-ordained process. He mentioned the change could be a short delay once a candidacy is announced on March 1st.

CM Carlucci expressed there has never been a perfect process and with this Ordinance there were unintended consequences not thought through. He believes it should be a competitive process and a longer time to have meetings and receive support. He would like to remedy the bill and agrees with CM Boylan there should be a short time from announcing to meeting. He mentioned March 10th but looks forward to discussing those changes and refining the legislation.

CM Salem is supporting Randy as CVP and looks forward to the two of them being able to work with each other. He expressed the importance of CP and CVP having the same goals to work towards. He also wanted to make sure there was no doubt that Randy was well within the rules for running for CVP and referenced the Ordinance on page 2 underlined, that the candidate may only run between March 1st through March 31st.

CM Gay had no comment.

CM Joe Carlucci expressed his support for Randy.

CM Amaro gave his support to Randy but wanted to know the difference between he and CM Boylan.

CM White said he has the utmost respect for CM Boylan and appreciates him as a friend and colleague. As stated in his Letter of Intent to run for CVP that he has had many years of leadership roles through the Fire Department he faithfully served for 32 years.

CM Peluso also pledged his support to Randy and stated the importance of collaborating with the newly elected Mayor Deegan.

CM Lahnen pledged his support for Randy and looks forward to working with him in his new role.

CM Miller expressed his support and pledged to Randy for CVP.

CM Carrico reassured his commitment to Randy for CVP and expressed his leadership skills as steady and important for a new transition of Mayor and Council Members. He told the story of a friend in South Florida who referenced Randy as a "quiet leader", and said quiet leaders make great leaders.

CM Howland reassured his commitment to support Randy for CVP.

CM Carlucci asked CM Boylan if he was conceding and CM Boylan said he wants to focus on the process and at this time will support Randy for CVP.

CM White thanked everyone for their kind comments and support. CM White expressed his desire to lead and support CVP Salem as he transitions into the Council Presidency role. He looks forward to gaining the support needed to be CVP.

With no further questions or concerns CM White Adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Please contact Rebekah Adams Hagan, ECA District 12, at (904) 255-5212, for additional information or correspondence.

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