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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members and Staff

FR: Ronald B. Salem, Pharm. D., President
Jacksonville City Council

RE: Charge Memo for Special Committee on the Downtown Jail

The location of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Administration building, and the Downtown Jail are important issues for the City of Jacksonville. I strongly believe the current facilities have exceeded their useful life and the location does not provide a favorable environment for inmates. I am hereby creating a Special Committee on the Downtown Jail, to address the following matters:

1. Explore the location, cost, healthcare, mental healthcare, and other issues involved in relocating the jail and the administration building.

This public discussion will allow the needs and concerns of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Public Defender's Office, State Attorney's Office, Clerk of Court judicial system, other stakeholders who have a role in providing related services and the public to be addressed. The Special Committee shall meet approximately twice per month.

I would like to thank Council Member Michael Boylan for chairing this Special Committee.

Members:

Council Member Michael Boylan, Chair
Council Member Randy White, Vice Chair
Council Member Rahman Johnson
Council Member Chris Miller
Council Member Jimmy Peluso

Deadline:

The Special Committee on the Downtown Jail is tasked to report its findings and recommendations on these matters on or before June 25, 2024.

Thank you to each of the Council Members and the staff who make the commitment to serve on this important committee.

Cc: Council Members and Staff
Margaret “Peggy” Sidman, Director/Council Secretary
Merriane Lahmeur, Chief, Legislative Services Division
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