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MEETING MINUTES

Location: Don Davis Room Room, first floor of City Hall at 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32210

Attendance: Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Council Member Michael Boylan, Council Auditor Phillip Peterson, Joshua Hicks, Affordable Housing & Community Development Director, Dawn Gilman, CEO - Chief Executive Officer of Changing Homelessness, Allan DeVault - Executive Director of Build Up Downtown, Mr. Emmanuel Washington, Mr. Coleman Shepard, Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant

Meeting Convened: 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Jimmy Peluso welcomed the attendees and thanked Council Member Michael Boylan for his leadership of the Special Committee on Critical Quality of Life Issues. Council Member Peluso shared his conversation with the Duval Delegation and the intention of the legislation. Council Member Boylan thanked Council Member Peluso and agreed he would co-introduce the legislation. He expressed his belief that it is the government's responsibility to support organizations with expertise and proven track records, in this case, our homeless services providers like Changing Homelessness and Sulzbacher, rather than expand government to do the work. He confirmed passing this resolution was a necessary step and a part of the process, noting that more work, a model, and a plan, will be the next steps. Both Council Members agreed this was a good tool for the toolbox.

Mr. Allan DeVault provided a brief explanation of the resolution and what it would mean for Downtown. Mr. Phillip Peterson provided an explanation of the funding available to the Special Committee on Quality of Life Issues. Ms. Dawn Gilmore shared that Miami -Dade was now at functional zero for their Veterans experiencing homelessness and detailed their process to set up a Homeless Trust. She spoke of a multi-phase approach which both Council Members agreed was appropriate. Mr. Joshua Hicks shared an overview of the recommendations from the Mayor's Transition Infrastructure Committee - Housing Subcommittee Report.

Council Member Peluso and Council Member Boylan briefly discussed Community Development Corporations, the United Way Eviction Protection and Home Repair Programs.



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Meeting Adjourned: 11: 37 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Jimmy Peluso. The following items were submitted for public record and can be accessed by contacting the Legislative Services:

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