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Noticed Meeting Minutes

CM Ken Amaro's August Town Hall Meeting

Monday, August 21, 2023, 6:00 PM.

Topic: This Town Hall Meeting was called to provide a forum to continue ongoing discussions of various issues within District 1 and county wide with both Council Member Ken Amaro and Mayor Donna Deegan.

Location: River City Baptist Church 6801 Merrill Rd Jacksonville FL 32211

Attendance: Council Member Ken Amaro (District 1), Mayor Donna Deegan, Joe Johnson,(ECA City Council District 1), Office of the Mayor Staff, and community stakeholders and constituents of City Council District 1.

Joe Johnson, ECA: Executive Council Assistant Joe Johnson opened the August Town Hall Meeting at River City Baptist Church by welcoming everyone in attendance. Mr. Johnson stated that Council Member Ken Amaro was running late. Mr. Johnson next introduced the Senior Pastor of River City Baptist Church, Byran Samms, to give the opening invocation, and Mr. Johnson led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Joe Johnson, ECA: Following the invocation and pledge, Mr. Johnson introduced Mayor Deegan, various members of the Administration, current and former elected officials. Mr. Johnson then introduced Council President Ron Salem, who gave his remarks.

Council President Ron Salem: Welcome everyone attending, gave remarks, and then introduced Mayor Deegan to start taking questions from constituents. Mayor Deegan also acknowledged and welcomed Council Member Ken Amaro, who also gave a few remarks, before continuing with questions from constituents.

Council Member Ken Amaro and Mayor Donna Deegan: questions were received by members of the community who chose to line up behind the two mics located in the aisles, which commenced at 6:09pm and concluded at 7:41pm. Questions asked ranged from infrastructure, blight, solid waste, and stadium.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 PM

Minutes Completed by Joe Johnson, ECA District 1, Completed on Monday October 23, 2023 at 3:30pm

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments for this meeting, please view a recording of the meeting by going to the following link:

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