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Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Council Member Rahman Johnson, Council Auditor Phillip Peterson, Build Up Downtown Executive Director Allan DeVault, DIA Operations Manager Guy Parola, DIA Ina Mezina, John Nooney, Vanessa Cullins Hopkins, Executive Council Assistant Willie Coleman, Executive Council Assistant Brooks Dame, (By phone) Historic Stanton Board of Directors Chair Andrea E. Troutman

Meeting Convened: 2:30 p.m.

Council Member Rahman Johnson welcomed the audience. He explained it was his intent to prevent Historic Stanton's allocated funding from lapsing. Due to the reimbursement nature of the allocation, the sum of the original \$300,000 had not been utilized. Council Auditor Phillip Peterson clarified the dollar amounts which currently are in two separate accounts. Council Member Peluso agreed to co-introduce the legislation on a single cycle emergency to ensure the funding did not lapse. The bill would be a simple procedural action. The Council Members were in agreement.

Council Member Peluso provided Council Member Johnson with the Special Committee on Critical Life Issues research from the Council Auditor's Office regarding Affordable Housing/ Homelessness for Other States and Cities. Council Member Peluso and Johnson discussed. Council Member Johnson noted the importance of eliminating misinformation; Council Member Peluso agreed. Council Member Johnson expressed his intention to co-sponsor 2023-582.

Public Comment:

John Nooney shared his concern for decreased access to the Jacksonville Waterways. He voiced his support for the City of Jacksonville to purchase the property next to his on Pottsburg Creek in order to create a public boat ramp and park.

Build Up Downtown Executive Director Allan DeVault shared the projects the Historic Stanton funding would complete.

Vanessa Cullins Hopkins asked the Council to focus on drawing down State and Federal funding. She requested the Council be intention with the future improvements to the Stadium and to include accessible design for families, folks with limited mobility, and those using wheelchairs.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:02 p.m.



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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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