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MINUTES

Council Members Miller and Boylan Noticed Meeting regarding Special Committee to Review JSO Primary Facilities

Meeting Location: City Hall, Don Davis Room

Meeting Date: Friday, September 1, 2023

Meeting Convened: 11:00 a.m.

Purpose: Discuss process/procedure/focus for the working group 1 co-chair of the Special Committee to Review JSO Primary Facilities

Attendees: Council Members Chris Miller (committee co-chair) and Michael Boylan (committee chair); Carol Register (ECA); Sonia Johnson (ECA); Merriane Lahmeur (Legislative Services); Jim Piggott and camera operator (media/News4JAX); Tyler Nolen (NEFRC); Guy Parola (DIA); Phillip Peterson (Council Auditor's office); Mike Mendenhall (media/Jax Daily Record); Noel Comeaux (NFRC).

Councilman Miller and Councilman Boylan discussed the Extended and Diverse Detention Working Group and the deliverables for that. Emphasis was placed on the subdivisions of detention—folks who have been incarcerated multiple months/years; those in transitional stage short-term detention; female detention; juvenile detention, and those with behavioral and mental health issues. They discussed appropriate long term and short-term detention facilities, and what they should look like—the types and numbers of detainees and what the structure looks like now compared to the future. A comparison of other correctional facilities and experiences and input from other cities will be sought.

There was a brief introduction of Tyler Nolen and Noel Comeaux of Northeast Florida's Regional Council and clarification of their involvement in process. Councilman Boylan said at the 9/14 meeting the committee will anticipate a report from co-chairs of who the players in each working group are and a narrative that speaks to the working group's charge, what topics will be explored, and meeting dates. Councilman Miller said there are some immediate short-term needs that will need to be addressed—we

cannot wait on long term recommendations and then a solution to be able to roll out three to five years from now. Councilman Miller stated he looks forward to all the working groups coming out with that kind of short-term recommendations that councilmembers can take on and work with JSO to address.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Carol Register, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Chris Miller, At-Large, Group 5.

The following items have been submitted for public record. Please contact Legislative Services for these items:

20230901 **Minutes** Noticed Special Committee to Review JSO Primary Facilities

20230829 **Noticed Meeting** Special Committee to Review JSO Primary Facilities

20230901 **Amended Noticed Meeting** Special Committee to Review JSO Primary Facilities

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