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**MINUTES
March 6th
CM Carlucci and Council Leadership Candidates**

In attendance: CM Matt Carlucci, CP Ron Salem, CVP Randy White, CM Ken Amaro, CM Michael Boylan, CM Reggie Gaffney Jr., CM Joe Carlucci

1. Call to Order

CM Matt Carlucci

CM Matt Carlucci called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves. CM Matt Carlucci reminded the attendees of the meeting not to talk about other city business outside of the sunshine. He also stated that he invited all candidates, with CM Carrico unable to attend due to Boys and Girls Club business, and that he is grateful for CVP Randy White's attendance as well as CVP candidate CM Boylan.

2. Introduction of Candidates

CVP Randy White said that he was attending in case there were any questions from visiting council members to which CM Carlucci said that he will afford him that opportunity.

CM Michael Boylan thanked CM Carlucci for holding the meeting and spoke regarding his candidacy, experience, and qualifications. He shared that he does not envision running for Council leadership in the next years, and that this is his last bite of the apple. He spoke regarding re-writing Article 21 within a 44-page bill working with OGC and shared about his special committee chairmanships.

CM Boylan said that the point of being CVP is to support the current president. He has three priorities including supporting the Council President. The first is that he proposes district Council Members to have a voice in the allocation of funds for public works project priorities. CM Boylan spoke regarding having a clear and consistent message across the City Council, especially considering Jacksonville has a very media savvy Mayor, he proposed having a media group or communications specialist for the City Council as a whole and revamping Channel 99. Sonia Johnson passed out Boylan Handout #1, which is a two-page summary of what happens at every City Council meeting which he sends to constituents after every City Council meeting. Lastly, he believes that being well versed in the JSO primary facilities meetings will suit a member of Council leadership well.



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CM Carlucci thanked CM Boylan for his thoughts and opened the floor up for questions. CM Ken Amaro commented on how informing constituents like CM Boylan does, keeps them in good graces with residents. CM Boylan shared a story about how a resident posted an open letter on Nextdoor, and he responded and shared his response to the open letter, to which he received overwhelming support.

CP Salem added that he introduced the legislation that allowed for this period of no pledges for Council leadership, and that he thinks the process has been good so far this year. He also indicated he has explored media options for revamping Channel 99, and the legislation will be introduced soon for roughly \$100,000. CP Salem agrees with CM Boylan on his comments regarding public works projects, and reminded the Council that they control the CIP budget, and often the Council forgets or doesn't take advantage of that. CM Boylan clarified he was interested in the hiring of producers for media content, and he also added to the CIP discussion on how hard of a time he has had in moving CIP projects from beyond 5 years, and that the Council has given away some of their influence on the CIP. He also addressed concerns that other members may have of him. CM Boylan also added that he has no ambitions beyond his term on the City Council.

CM J. Carlucci added that his goal was to have these interview sessions and added that CM Boylan has had success in everything he has touched his hand on, and he was glad that the meeting was held. CM Gaffney Jr. agreed with CM J. Carlucci and said that he is happy to learn and be a part of the process.

CM Matt Carlucci added that in a Council Vice President term, the CVP is responsible in supporting the Council President and to also take the year to plan and gather ideas for the platform for the coming year as Council President. He also stated his excitement that the Council has two great candidates for Vice President and that the process should be fair and equitable.

3. Adjourn
Adjourned at 3:38 p.m.