

City of Jacksonville
Office of the City Council

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Noticed Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

2:30 pm

2024-0466

Goodwill Funding Meeting

Lynwood Roberts Room

117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Council Member present

The Hon. Rahman K. Johnson, Ph.D. – District 14

Meeting Convened: 2:31 pm **Meeting Adjourned:** 2:42 pm

Members in Attendance: CM Johnson

Also, in attendance were:

Andrew Powers - ECA CM Johnson

Jamey Crozier – ECA CM Will Lahnen

Scott Wilson – Mayor’s Office

Phillip Peterson- Assistant Council Auditor

Carol Register – ECA CM Chris Miller

David Rey- Goodwill Industries of North Florida CEO

Naomi Jackson- Goodwill Industries of North Florida COO

PURPOSE

To discuss the funding and purpose of 2024-466, which concerns an appropriation of funds for Goodwill Industries of North Florida and to answer questions from colleagues and the community. The purpose of these funds is to support Goodwill's efforts to relocate their training facility and enhance their operations on the Westside, specifically in District 14.

INTRODUCTION

Council Member Johnson opened the meeting by outlining the focus of the discussion and introducing the key attendees. He briefly mentioned the bill number, 2024-466, and emphasized the significance of the funding for Goodwill's relocation and expansion.

DISCUSSION

David Rey, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of North Florida, provided an overview of the funding request. He explained that the funds would be used to support Goodwill’s collaboration with FSCJ and the Home Builders Institute to offer new certification programs in carpentry and plumbing. These programs are intended to fill a gap in the community’s vocational training offerings. The relocation to a new facility at 5150 Timuquana Road will provide additional space for these programs.

Phillip Peterson, Assistant Council Auditor, detailed the source of the funds, noting that the appropriation comes from excess property tax revenues, which exceeded estimates for the fiscal

year. This funding is not part of the 2024-2025 budget but is available for allocation. The reserve remains well above the required threshold, ensuring no impact on the city's financial stability.

Council Member Johnson added that a significant portion of the funds, \$785,000, will be allocated to the project, down from the initial request of \$1 million. This adjustment reflects a responsible approach to budgeting while ensuring the project receives necessary support. Goodwill has already raised more than \$1 million dollars for the project

Concerns were addressed about the timing and status of the construction, with Goodwill already starting the preliminary work on their new facility. The discussion highlighted the importance of the project for the community and the value of Goodwill's long-standing contributions.

CLOSING REMARKS

Council Member Johnson concluded the meeting by summarizing the key points and acknowledging the importance of Goodwill's role in the community. He emphasized that the funding would support ongoing and future community-focused programs and invited any additional questions.

With no further business, Councilmember Johnson Adjourned the Meeting at 2:42pm.

Minutes: Andrew Powers , ECA District 14

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