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Memorandum

To: City Council Members

**Fr: Kevin Carrico, President
Jacksonville City Council**

Re: 20250721 Charge Memorandum for Special Committee on Youth Empowerment

Charge Memorandum for Special Committee on Youth Empowerment

As City Council President, I am establishing an additional Special Committee that will review and make recommendations towards Youth Empowerment by developing opportunities to help the digital divide, offer STEM opportunities as well as job training and programs with a goal of expanding the reach and impact to more of our community's youth.

The Committee will be responsible for monitoring existing programs and ordinances, proposing new legislation and working in conjunction with Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Kids Hope Alliance, the Office of Economic Development and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

The Special Committee charge is included below.

Committee Charge:

The Special Committee on Youth Empowerment is hereby charged with addressing the following questions/matters:

1. Initiatives, programs and partnerships that promote educational advancement, life skills, mentorship and civic engagement among youth through Jacksonville.
2. Make recommendations on recreational programming, accessibility and usage of parks and community centers, including evaluation of partnerships with nonprofit and community organizations.
3. Support job training programs, career pipelines, apprenticeships and employment readiness initiatives, especially those focused on underserved or at-risk populations.
4. Evaluate public safety concerns in Jacksonville parks, including lighting, infrastructure and needed security measures in coordination with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

The Special Committee may hold workshops, site visits and community engagement forums to ensure policies are aligned with the needs of Jacksonville residents. The Special Committee may seek advice from both public and private subject matter experts and should encourage maximum public participation in its work.

I would like to thank Council Member Terrance Freeman for chairing this Special Committee. Thank you to each of the Council Members and staff who make the commitment to serving on this important committee.

Members:

Council Member Terrance Freeman, Chair
Council Member Ken Amaro, Vice Chair
Council Member Raul Arias
Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman
Council Member Randy White

Deadline:

The Special Committee on Youth Empowerment is tasked to report its findings and recommendations on these matters on or before June 23, 2026.

cc: Council Members and Staff
Jason Teal, Director/Council Secretary
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