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Meeting Date: March 11th, 2025

Topic: DOGE Efforts on a Local Level

Location: 117 West Duval Street, Lynwood Roberts Room

In attendance: Council Member Ron Salem, Council President Randy White, Council Vice President Kevin Carrico, Council Member Nick Howland, Council Member Joe Carlucci, Council Member Rahman Johnson, Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., Council Member Will Lahnen, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Chris Miller, Kim Taylor and Phillip Peterson (Council Auditor's Office), Mary Staffopoulos (Office of General Counsel)

For a complete list of attendees, please refer to the sign-in sheet.

Meeting Convened: 4:00 PM

City Council Member Ron Salem called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves for the record.

The meeting focused on reviewing Jacksonville's financial outlook, highlighting significant revenue reductions and potential deficits. Council Member Ron Salem emphasized the need for efficiency measures to maintain essential services. Kim Taylor, the council auditor, presented historical efficiency reviews from 2007-2008, which identified potential overlaps and duplications in funding and services. The council discussed short-term and long-term efficiency measures, including capital project reviews, departmental growth analysis, and economic incentive oversight. The meeting concluded with a call for a second meeting to address public comments and further questions from council members.

Action Items:

- Convene an ad-hoc committee to further review the short-term efficiency ideas presented.
- Analyze recent growth in city departments and programs to identify areas for potential savings.
- Evaluate services provided to independent authorities to ensure full cost recovery.
- Consider putting funds "below the line" or implementing a budget lapse, while being mindful of potential service impacts.
- Schedule a follow-up meeting in a larger venue to allow for more public comment and input.

With no further discussion, CM Salem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 PM

Minutes: Nikki Evans – completed on March 17th, 2025

Attached: Sign-in Sheet



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