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Meeting Date: March 18th, 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 the formation and initial activities of The Special Committee on Duval DOGE to address inefficiencies in Jacksonville's government. Key areas of review include banking and investment services, credit card processing, city facilities usage, children's services, and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Concerns were raised about the lack of democratic representation and the potential negative impact on services. Public comments were divided, with some supporting the initiative for transparency and efficiency, while others criticized it as a threat to essential services. The committee's email for public comments is DuvalDoge@coj.net.

Action Items:

- Set up a website/email address for the public to submit comments and suggestions.
- Schedule committee meetings on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm during committee weeks.
- Provide an update on the administration's plans to monitor city purchase card usage and potentially reduce the number of cards.
- Meet with the Inspector General to discuss his involvement in the committee's work.
- Gather input from department heads and staff who utilize the services and facilities being reviewed.

With no further discussion, CM Salem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 PM

Minutes: Nikki Evans – completed on March 24th, 2025

Attached: Sign-in Sheet

cc: Jason Teal, Acting Council Secretary/Director
Yvonne P. Mitchell, Chief, Administrative Services Division



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