

City of Jacksonville
Tuesday, April 1, 2025
12:30 PM



117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Council Chamber, 1st Floor, City Hall

Special Committee on Duval DOGE

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City Council Chamber
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Committee Members Salem (Chair), J. Carlucci (Vice Chair), Arias, Gay and Miller; Council President White, Council Vice President Carrico; Council Member Pittman

Also: Brian Parks and Kim Taylor, Auditor's Office; Mary Staffopoulos, OGC; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

Meeting convened: 12:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Salem convened the meeting and extended a warning to the audience about decorum in Chamber. He also conveyed gratitude to the Auditor's staff for their work preparing for this meeting.

II. Preliminary Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan

Ms. Taylor, Council Auditor, reviewed the handout of CIP projects that have a status marked as completed with funds remaining, and projects for which there have been no expenditures since October 2023. She explained that when projects conclude, remaining funds are supposed to revert to a close out account. For the JFRD CIP projects on the list marked as complete, the construction is completed but some are waiting for inspections and/or transactions prior to close out. For the Parks and Public Works CIP projects on the list marked as complete, the Auditor's Office is awaiting an explanatory response from the departments. Chair Salem asked for the CIP projects identified in the handout to be categorized by council district. Ms. Taylor spoke about the list of CIP projects for which there have been no expenditures since October 2023, with balances over \$100,000. That list of projects totals \$90,918,536. Council Member J. Carlucci asked when the Auditor request to the departments occurred. Ms. Taylor said March 25th. Mr. Parks said they should have the information by the next meeting. Numerous projects on the no expenditure list are not available on the City's transparency dashboard. Brittany Norris, Administration, said the dashboard highlights some CIP projects but does not list all of them. Council Member Arias commented on the age of some of the projects on the list. Chair Salem asked for the age of projects and last expenditure to be included in the categorization of the projects going forward, in addition to the council district.

III. Discussion on Growth in Departments

Ms. Taylor reviewed the third handout that lists the General Fund Departmental budgets for FY 2017-18 and 24-2025. She discussed the departmental comparisons and noted which departments have seen budget increases greater than the annual growth rate. Administrative Services, Office of Economic Development, Ethics, Finance, Health Administrator, Inspector General, Medical Examiner, Public Works and Sports and Entertainment have budgets that have increased more than the annual growth rate since 2017. Council Member Arias asked for a more detailed breakdown for some of the budget items. Council Member J. Carlucci asked for clarity on which expenses are one-time versus recurring. Council Member Miller said that the committee should assess overtime costs. Chair Salem said that the departmental budgets will be scrutinized during the budget process.

IV. Questions and Comments

Chair Salem said that the meeting time (12:30 pm) will remain the same for future meetings. He said that the City's travel policy is being reviewed by the Inspector General and will be reported on at a future meeting.

V. Public Comment: Time did not permit a public comment period.

Speaker cards: Michelle Rehbein, Judy Sheklin, Susan McCullough, Candace Hamilton, John Nooney, Alyssa Arroyo, Stephanie Meyer, Barry McCullough, Mirjam Parkinson, Denise Scott and Wells Todd.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business, Chair Salem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 1:30 pm

Minutes: Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

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