

City of Jacksonville
Tuesday, June 3, 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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Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Committee Members Salem (Chair), Gay and Miller; Council President White

Also: Brian Parks and Phillip Peterson, 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 called for introductions.
- II. 2% Lapse Discussion and Update on Remaining Process
Chair Salem said there will be one more DOGE meeting in June and then a hiatus during the council's summer break. He said that for the upcoming budget process, each department will have to place 2 percent of their budget below the line and make requests to have those funds moved above the line. Ms. Staffopoulos, OGC, said that when the incoming council president extends the charge for the DOGE committee, he should include that directive in the charge.
- III. CIP – Status Update
Brian Parks, Auditor's Office, reviewed the handout of Fair Share Related Available Funding. The handout reflects \$2,810,066 in Fair Share funding and roughly \$2.7 million recaptured in an Argyle Forest contingency.
- IV. City Facilities – Libraries, Senior Centers and Community Centers
Tim Rogers, Library Director, spoke about library services and functions. He said the library has 20 branches and the Main Library location. Mr. Rogers listed the 5 essential services the library provides: collection (paper and digital), technology, programs/events, community spaces and staff expertise. Mr. Rogers discussed the utilization and the significance of the library to the city for various reasons. He noted the continuing need for library physical space. Mr. Rogers mentioned some potential added services being considered, such as books by mail or delivery, curbside service and additional library lockers like those used at the Oceanway Senior Center. He mentioned a recent community survey regarding the library conducted by UNF that indicated that the public feels the library is a good use of public funds. Council Member Salem asked how the library may continue to provide services in the future if there is less money in the budget. Council Member Gay talked about the New Berlin Library construction and the increase in projected costs. He noted that projects that get delayed usually end up being more expensive because of the time elapsed. Council Member Miller spoke in support of libraries and about how the town where he grew up did not have one.

Mr. Parks reviewed the handout about community centers. He said there are 50 throughout the city and that the services vary by location. He noted that a few have shared management with 3rd parties like the Boys and Girls Club or PAL. Daryl Joseph, Parks Director, spoke about community partnerships and community centers used as event rental spaces. When asked about oversight for nonprofits using community center spaces, Mr. Joseph said that there are both contract management and annual reporting requirements. Mr. Joseph also mentioned a strong collaborative relationship between the library and the Parks Department.

Mr. Parks briefly reviewed the handout about children's services. There was discussion about whether there is duplication between KHA services and Parks programs. Mr. Parks mentioned JFRD youth programs like JFRD Explorer and Inspire to Rise (funded through Opioid settlement funds). Mr. Parks listed some of the library's children's programs, like Storytime for early childhood and Junior Scientists for school aged kids. Mr. Parks talked about KHA, which does not provide any direct services but coordinates with more than 100 providers for myriad services including meal programs, and juvenile justice diversion.

V. Public Comment: John Nooney, Wells Todd, and Nancy Frashuer

VI. Adjourn

Chair Salem adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on June 17, 2025.

Meeting adjourned: 1:42 pm

Minutes: Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

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