



Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

TRUE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

(Note: these minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the commission at a future meeting)

May 7, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room

Attendance: Commissioners Day (Chair), Barr, Bass, and Rounsville

Excused: Commissioners Luhrs, Tyson, Oglesby, Hargrove, McHugh

Absent: Commissioners Pryor and Hoffman

Also: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research; Tommy Carter, Council Auditor's Office

The "Spending Committee" meeting was convened at 4:01 p.m.

There was discussion about the frequency of reporting on variances and projections. The Commission talked about the overall financial process of the City, and the length of time it takes for things to occur. The Chair requested that the CFO, Ms. Brosche, be invited to the June meeting to discuss this topic. The Chair also assigned tasks to the other members to research Florida municipalities' financial structures. Chairman Day requested that Mr. Barr compile a list of cities in Hillsborough County, Mr. Bass do the same for Pinellas County, Ms. Rounsville for Orange County and the Chair will look at Duval.

The Spending Committee adjourned at 4:26 pm.

TRUE Commission convened at 4:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of quorum, the minutes could not be approved.

Council Auditor's Reports

Tommy Carter, Council Auditor's Office, talked about reports:

#903: Clerk of the Courts Audit which noted several issues with the distribution of surplus funds.

#904: Purchasing Cards (P-Cards) Audit which noted issues with timeliness and several internal control weaknesses. The members discussed the P-Card processes, what purchases are permitted and how issues are remedied.

Public Comment

John Nooney talked about the P-Card audit and safeguards.

Chair's Comments

Chairman Day spoke about Mr. Barr's proposed change to the by-laws regarding public comment. Mr. Barr said that the comment period should be unrestricted for 2 minutes, and Mr. Bass and Ms. Rounsville concurred. The group requested a red-lined version of the by-laws, with Mr. Barr's amendment, to be shared at the next meeting prior to the vote.

Old Business

The update on the Public Service Grant subcommittee was postponed due to Mr. Luhrs' absence.

New Business and Commissioner Comments

There was discussion about Commissioner attendance, in reference to members missing meetings consecutively without excusals. Commissioners Pryor and Hoffman have missed more than 3 consecutive meetings without excusals and per *Ordinance Code* they can be removed by consensus of the body. No action could be taken due to the lack of quorum. This item will be taken up first at the next meeting.

The group requested invitations be sent to JaxPort and JAA for presentations at the August and September meetings.

Next Meeting

The next TRUE Commission meeting will be on June 4, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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