



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)*

**June 4, 2026
4:00 p.m.
Lynwood Roberts Room**

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

Excused: Commissioner Hargrove

Absent: Commissioner McHugh

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

The "Spending Committee" meeting was convened at 4:00 p.m.

Tommy Carter, Auditor's Office, spoke about Report #823B: Follow-Up on Stormwater Fee Audit. Mr. Carter said this was a second follow-up review intended to determine whether corrective action has been taken. The 2nd follow-up reflects 7 issues remaining from the 23 issues identified in the initial audit. There was discussion about Public Works policies related to compacted dirt and the measurement of impervious areas. The Commission talked about how the Public Works Department granted exemptions to charitable and faith-based organizations without having received an application or request from the property owner on file. Mr. Carter indicated that the Auditor's Office recommended enforcing the requirement that property owners submit complete applications and that Public Works retain documents for applications on file.

Mr. Carter spoke about Report #906: Employee Reimbursements Audit. He said the audit showed some timeliness issues and some control weaknesses for transactions that were mostly travel related. Mr. Carter said during Fiscal Year 2024/2025, the City processed 2,598 employee reimbursement items totaling \$403,865. Mr. Barr asked if receipts are required for reimbursements. Ms. Oglesby asked about ramifications for not filing expense reports.

The Spending Committee adjourned at 4:25 pm.

TRUE Commission convened at 4:31 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/2nd (Luhrs/Rounsville) to approve the previous meeting minutes. Approved 6-0.

Declaration of Commission Vacancies: The members talked about attendance and the two members who have missed more than three consecutive meetings without excusal. Both the TRUE Commission by-laws

and Chapter 50, *Ordinance Code* specify that if any appointed member of a board or commission fails to attend two of three successive meetings of the board or commission without cause and without prior approval of the chairman of the board or commission, the board or commission shall declare the member's office vacant.

Motion/2nd (Luhrs/Rounsville) to declare the Urban Core CPAC seat and the Greater Arlington/Beaches CPAC seat vacant due to lack of attendance. Approved 6-0.

Committee Report – PSG Subcommittee Discussion of Data: postponed until the August meeting.

Public Comment

John Nooney talked about various special revenue trust funds. Mr. Nooney was interrupted by the Chair several times for not addressing items on the agenda.

Old Business

Commissioner Barr's By-Laws Amendment on Public Comment: Mr. Barr talked about his reasoning for proposing the revision to the by-laws related to public comment. He said that the public should be offered an opportunity to speak unfettered, and he noted the additional time dedicated to intervening when a member of the public speaks about something not on the agenda.

Motion/2nd (Barr/Oglesby) to revise the by-laws as proposed, so members of the public may speak on any matter for 2 minutes.

Mr. Luhrs shared his unequivocal support for the Barr revision and advocated for three minutes instead of two minutes.

Motion/2nd (Luhrs/Barr) to amend the motion to allow for 3 minutes of comment, not two. Approved 6-1 (Day in opposition)

Motion/2nd (Luhrs/Barr) to approve the motion as amended. Approved 6-1 (Day in opposition)

The relevant by-law portion as approved:

Article IX – Public Comments

Pursuant to Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, these By-laws provide for the right of members of the public to have a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

A) Section 286.0014, Florida Statutes reads as follows, "Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission."

B) All members of the public may speak before the TRUE Commission on any matter.

C) Members of the public shall be limited to three minutes, or less, depending on the number of commentors.

Council Auditor's Reports

Tommy Carter, Council Auditor's Office, talked about Report #905: Quarterly Summary for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2026. He mentioned a JTA budget shortfall and fielded questions about specific JTA division budgets. There was discussion about the usage of the ferry.

Mr. Carter talked about Report #871A: Follow-Up on Procurement Audit - Informal Purchase of Supplies, which showed that 9 issues remain from the 15 identified in the first audit.

Chair's Comments and New Business

Mr. Day distributed a policy proposal he drafted related to affordable housing. He said he had seen a posting on social media about City surplus property. He proposed that the City donate all surplus property/land to developers for the construction of "affordable" homes and apartments, in conjunction with funding from the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority. Mr. Day said he wanted the Commission to approve the drafted policy recommendation and send it to City Council with the intent of implementation. Mr. Barr said that the item needs more discussion. Mr. Bass said that such a program could negatively impact surrounding home values, and he mentioned the increase in traffic. The group talked about urban in-fill. Ms. Rounsville spoke about how some affordable housing projects only include a portion of the units that are actually affordable. This item was tabled until a future meeting.

Next Meeting

The next TRUE Commission meeting will be on August 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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