



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

TRUE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

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approved by the commission at a future meeting)*

September 3, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room

Attendance: Commissioners Day (Chair), Barr, Youngblood, Tyson, Luhrs, Hargrove and Oglesby

Excused: Commissioners Rounsville and McHugh

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

Meeting Convened: 4:00 pm

Public Comment

John Nooney talked about the lack of OGC representation at certain meetings. He talked about FIND projects, the NEFL Regional Council, and public access to waterways. He talked about the potential impact of Amendment 3.

Auditor Report

Tommy Carter, Auditor's Office, presented Report #908: Quarterly Summary for the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2026. Mr. Carter reviewed favorable and unfavorable variances for departments and independent agencies. There was inquiry about JTA's finances and negative variance in the service category, and the elevated cost for paratransit services.

Committee Report – PSG Subcommittee Discussion of Data: Mr. Luhrs said he is working on a proposal for a study that examines a relationship, if any, between grant documentation deficiencies and nonprofits that employ council members. He said he would offer to create a report and conduct the analysis himself, without compensation. Mr. Luhrs will draft a research design and present it to the Commission. The group talked about the purpose of the study. Mr. Luhrs explained the need for additional data for analysis.

Approval of Minutes

The Commission relayed some edits needed for the August meeting minutes.

Chair's Comments and New Business

Ernest Smith, UC CPAC, spoke about the search for the new CPAC representative. He talked about the impact of Amendment 3, if it passes, and the creation of a subcommittee for this topic. Mr. Barr said that is good that Council President Howland is supportive of CPAC input. Mr. Smith noted CPAC's participation in the budget process.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Youngblood asked how the TRUE Commission may share its recommendations with council. There was discussion about the effect of those recommendations. Mr. Day encouraged attendance at council meetings to offer public comment. Mr. Youngblood asked about the method of communicating with council, and he talked about not duplicating services with other entities. There was discussion about the Mayor's budget transfer authority. The group talked about actions the Commission has taken historically to convey an opinion or recommendation, and the availability of OGC services to the Commission. Mr. Bass spoke about setting tiered priorities for the Commission and staying out of politics.

Mr. Bass talked about meetings he had with the Landscape and Mowing Division and conversations about contract workers, and savings identified as related to FDOT. The group talked about JTA's financial situation, and about the potential Amendment 3 impact on City finances. The members talked about how to cut the budget, if Amendment 3 is approved by voters in November, and suggested an increase in the millage rate or raising revenue through other sources. Mr. Youngblood talked about reverting City owned park land for sale on the real estate market.

They talked about a Commission subcommittee to assess the effect of an approved Amendment 3, the possible need for such a subcommittee, and when/how frequently the subcommittee would meet. Mr. Youngblood asked why the Commission as a whole couldn't work on the Amendment 3 issue, instead of a subcommittee. Mr. Day talked about a motion for the Commission to meet as "a whole", to consider the implications of Amendment 3. Mr. Luhrs offered the motion. Seconded by Mr. Barr.

There was discussion about the Commission meeting timeline and the date of the referendum. Mr. Youngblood said the creation of the Commission of the whole seemed unnecessary. Mr. Smith, Urban Core CPAC, made suggestions about the meeting arrangements. Mr. Bass talked about how to convey TRUE recommendations to the public, and Mr. Day spoke about social media. Mr. Luhrs withdrew his motion without objection.

The group talked about holding special meetings, as a whole and prior to the October meeting, to talk about Amendment 3. There was discussion about what dates were amenable to the members and for staff. The Commission agreed that there would be a noticed special meeting to discuss Amendment 3 on September 17th.

Next Meeting

There will be a special meeting to discuss Amendment 3 on September 17, 2026 at 4:00 pm.
The next TRUE Commission meeting will be on October 8, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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