



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

Wes Benwick, Chair  
Jason Fischer, Vice Chair  
Joe Andrews, Secretary

## Meeting Minutes.

June 16, 2011  
4:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Wes Benwick (Chair), Marcella Lowe, Joe Andrews, Diane Brown, David Lane, Ernest McDuffie, Mike McCollum, Greg Radlinski

**Excused:** Hiron Peck, Marc El Hassan, Gamal Lyons, Ryan Jones, Thomas Martin, Ted Wendler

**Absent:** Mark Cowart, Ruth Arnold, Jason Fischer

The meeting convened at 4:15 p.m. without a quorum present.

### Minutes

Lacking a quorum, approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2011 commission meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

### Committee Reports

Legislative Tracking Committee – Commissioner Andrews distributed a legislative tracking matrix and reported that the committee has been tracking several issues, among them 2011-368 and -369 (incentives to EverBank to create 200 new jobs and relocate 1,000 jobs from the Southside to Downtown). He stated his adamant opposition to paying a company to move from one part of town to another and his opposition to the Investment Policy waivers regarding minimum size of private investment and minimum number of new jobs to be created to qualify for incentives.

Performance Committee – Commissioner Wendler reported that the committee had met earlier in the week with the City Council's Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee for an exchange of ideas on the City's internal service funds and the budget as a whole. Council President-Elect Stephen Joost took numerous notes and seemed interested in having either the continued Ad Hoc Committee or the Finance Committee look into several of the suggestions raised by the Performance Committee.

Mr. Wendler also distributed to the Ad Hoc Committee copies of his proposed resolution on City pension reform. The council members said they could not comment on pension issues while changes to pension benefits are currently under negotiation. Commissioner Andrews distributed a set of written comments and recommendations on the Wendler resolution which included several proposed changes in wording and suggestions for the deletion of several items. Commissioner McCollum suggested that Whereas clauses #16 and 17 of the Wendler resolution be combined and used to clarify the Unfunded Accrued Actuarial Liability (UAAL) issue. The

committee suggested that the resolution be re-referred to the Performance Committee to refine for presentation at the July commission meeting.

SMG Issues Committee – Chairman Benwick reported that the committee had met just prior to the full commission meeting to review a draft report he had prepared covering the range of issues discussed by the committee. Staff was asked to craft a resolution based on the report for consideration at the next commission meeting.

Nominating Committee – Chairwoman Lowe reported that the committee had met and proposes the following slate of officers for next year: Chair – Marc El Hassan; Vice-Chair – Mike McCollum; Secretary – Joe Andrews. The slate will be presented for consideration at the next commission meeting.

Auditor’s Report

Tommy Carter of the Auditor’s Office reported that the office had released 2 reports in the last month: #699 – Quarterly Budget Summary for the first half of the fiscal year, and #700 - Jacksonville Sunshine Law Compliance. He also noted that Ordinances 2011-399 and -400 making substantial changes in the City’s pension plans (as announced by Mayor Peyton in a recent press conference) have been introduced and will be the subject of a special Council Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chair’s Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The group discussed whether and/or when to hold a July commission meeting. Three dates were suggested – June 30, July 7 and July 14 – and staff was asked to poll the commissioners to determine when the attendance would be best.

Commissioner Comments

New Commissioner Greg Radlinski representing the Urban Core CPAC introduced himself and briefly described his background with the City’s Office of General Counsel and the Navy’s Judge Advocate General Corps.

Commissioner Andrews noted that this week’s Legislative Tracking Committee originally scheduled for 12 noon on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> was being rescheduled to 9:30 a.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comments

None

Next meeting

Staff will poll the membership for availability to choose a date from among June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup> or July 14<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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