



JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

TRUE COMMISSION PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 2, 2012 3:00p.m.

City Council Conference Room B
Suite 425, City Hall
117 W. Duval Street

Attendance: Committee Members Ted Wendler (Chair), Marcella Lowe, Joe Andrews, Patti Anania, Diane Brown, Daniel Blanchard and Tom Martin (arr. 3:33)

Also: Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Tony Bates – Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Wendler.

The committee discussed the pending legislative J-bill which would amend the City Charter with regard to amendments to the JEDC article. Jeff Clements explained that the intent of the amendment is to permit the JEDC article to be amended by City Council ordinance without ratification by a voter referendum as currently required. The Charter currently requires that amendments to articles dealing with appointed boards and commissions must be accomplished either by a legislative J-bill or by a voter referendum. The JEDC falls under this requirement because it is governed by an appointed board. The Mayor would like to have this change made so that the City's economic development functions currently managed by the JEDC could be moved to the Mayor's Office without the need for a voter referendum, which is not required for the reorganization of any other City department.

The committee discussed the Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC), including its mission, budget, and how long it has been since the commission has been audited by the Council Auditor. The committee wondered how the Children's Commission evaluated the programs it funds and how it collects and analyzed data for that purpose. The group wondered whether the Council Auditor would be auditing the commission's performance or merely its finances. Mention was made of the fact that the Mayor is considering merging the Jacksonville Journey's functions into Children's Commission.

Motion (Brown): that the Performance Committee appoint a subcommittee to take on the task of studying the Jacksonville Children's Commission and the Jacksonville Journey, and that the committee communicate with the Mayor's Office about the status of the decision about whether to merge the Children's Commission and the Jacksonville Journey – **approved**.

Diane Brown will chair the subcommittee and Commissioners Blanchard and Wendler will serve on the subcommittee. Staff was asked to schedule a subcommittee meeting for February 15th at 3:00 p.m.

The group identified the following issues for the subcommittee's consideration: 1) JCC and Journey structure; 2) funding amounts and sources; 3) performance metrics; 4) Mayor's future plans for the two entities; 5) did JCCI previously produce a study on the Children's Commission?

Staff was requested to check with JCCI regarding a previous study and to get a list from the Council Auditor's Office of all private entities that receive City funding via Public Service Grants, Community Development Block Grant funds, contracts, or other sources. The Auditor's Office produced the list for the Finance Committee during budget hearings within the last year or two.

Minutes: the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting of the Performance Committee were approved as distributed.

Commissioner Wendler announced that he will not be resigning from the TRUE Commission as previously discussed because he has withdrawn from the media company he affiliated himself with in January and no longer sees a potential conflict of interest in serving on the commission.

The minutes of the December 1, 2011 Performance Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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