



JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

**TRUE COMMISSION
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2013
2:30p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room 2A
Suite 425, City Hall
117 W. Duval Street**

Attendance: Committee Members Marcella Lowe (Chair), Patti Anania, Tom Martin, Joe Andrews, Danny Becton, Marc El Hassan, Diane Brown, Ted Wendler

Also: Jeff Clements – Council Research Division

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Chairwoman Lowe.

#726 – Code Enforcement Division Revenue Audit

The committee extended its thanks to the Council Auditor's Office and the Code Enforcement Division for their detailed answers to the questions posed by the committee at its last meeting.

#727 – Quarterly Summary for FY11-12 ended September 31, 2012

Commissioner Martin reported that he recently attended a meeting at which the end of the Better Jacksonville Plan construction was discussed. No more bonds will be issued for BJP projects, and approximately \$135 million in road projects will not be completed due to lack of funding. Mr. Martin is very concerned with the traffic effects that will result from those projects not being constructed, particularly citing the looming problem of the new interchange from I-295 that will dump traffic onto an unimproved Collins Road. The committee requested staff to arrange a speaker to come to the April meeting to discuss Better Jacksonville Plan finances – how much has been spent, how much encumbered but unspent, what projects remain on the list, what will be left undone because of lack of funding. The committee is also interested in the City's swap of gasoline taxes to the JTA for mass transit operations.

Commissioner Andrews stressed the need to distinguish between capital *investment* and capital *maintenance*. One (investment) is a legitimate use of borrowed funds, the other (maintenance) is not and should be paid for with annual appropriations. He believes the City neglects its maintenance responsibilities until facilities fall into such disrepair that the projects qualify as capital repairs rather than maintenance.

The committee was curious about pending Ordinance 2013-53 which appropriates \$642,260 in unspent JEDC funding from FY11-12 to other uses, wondering why the funds did not get swept in the General Fund Balance account at the end of the fiscal year. The question will be posed to the Council Auditor's Office.

Motion (Martin): recommend that the TRUE Commission accept Audit #727 without comment – **approved.**

The committee's next meeting will be on April 4 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Jeff Clements, Chief
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