



**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**TRUE COMMISSION  
LEGISLATIVE TRACKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
June 28, 2013  
12:00 p.m.**

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

**Attendance:** Committee Members Joe Andrews (Chair), Greg Radlinski, George Spencer, Danny Becton

**Also:** Sheriff John Rutherford and Maxine Person – Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairman Andrews who introduced Sheriff Rutherford and Maxine Person, JSO budget officer, to discuss pending ordinance 2013-382 regarding the ability of the Sheriff to retain year-end budget savings within his budget for special strategic uses that are not normal operating expenses. The funds would be deposited into a special Council contingency fund designated for the Sheriff’s Office, to be used as requested by the Sheriff and appropriated by City Council. The bill also provides for a level of administrative transfer authority for the Sheriff within his overall budget. Ms. Person explained the current process for moving funds between line items via a Budget Transfer (B.T.) process, which is more time consuming and cumbersome than a simpler Transfer Directive (T.D.) administrative process. The other constitutional officers already have this administrative transfer ability.

**Motion** (Radlinski): that the TRUE Commission recommends to the City Council that greater specificity be added to the use of the surplus funds contingency account to better define “strategic and constantly evolving needs”, perhaps with some specific examples of the types of expenditures that would be acceptable – **approved**.

Chairman Andrews further suggested that a sunset provision or time limit might be imposed on the surplus carry-over, and perhaps a maximum accumulation amount in the special contingency fund.

Legislative review

The committee briefly reviewed, but took no action on, the following bills:

- 2013-418 (appropriating \$140,000 for Northbank Riverwalk floating dock repairs)
- 2013-419 (appropriating \$48,500 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the Sheriff’s office for purchase of specialized equipment)
- 2013-420 (appropriating \$2,444,088 from the Bob Hayes/Northwest Community Center to the Legends Community Center Waterpark project)
- 2013-431 (requesting a Florida Attorney General’s opinion on several questions relating to the City’s ability to extend the current local option gasoline tax).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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