

Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

Marc El Hassan, Chair Greg Radlinski, Vice Chair Diane Brown, Secretary

The TRUE Commission took the following actions and made the following recommendations to the City Council at its meeting of August 2, 2012

Recommendations on pending legislation

<u>2012-422</u> (renewal of a contact with Downtown Vision, Inc. for business improvement district management and programming for 7 years)

Motion (Andrews): the TRUE Commission recommends that the City Council renew the DVI contract for 1 year and initiate a competitive bidding or RFP process for a management entity for the BID – approved unanimously.

2012-433 (FY12-13 City budget)

Motion (Andrews): the TRUE Commission opposes the waiver of the pay-as-you-go requirement in the budget ordinance for purchase of replacement vehicles – **approved unanimously**.

2012-449 (amending the Ordinance Code to repeal and replace the authorization for red light camera enforcement)

Motion (Andrews): the TRUE Commission requests the City Council to defer action on passage of 2012-449 until the TRUE Commission has gathered information and made a recommendation on the subject of red light camera enforcement – **approved unanimously.**

2012-450 (appropriating \$6.12 million in operational savings from the Sheriff's Office FY11-12 budget to fund balance for carry-over to the Sheriff's budget for FY12-13)

Motion (Andrews): the TRUE Commission supports passage of 2012-450 – **approved 9-1** (Martin opposed).

<u>2012-461</u> (authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the FDOT for City use of property under I-95 in Riverside as an extension of Riverside Park)

Motion (Andrews): the TRUE Commission opposes passage of 2012-461 – approved unanimously.

Actions on Council Auditor audit reports

Report #719 Quarterly Summary for Nine Months Ended June 30, 2012

Motion (Lowe): the TRUE Commission concurs with the Council Auditor's concern expressed in Report #719 that the City continues to administer a \$1 billion budget without a Treasurer or Comptroller since September 2011 and urges the administration to promptly fill those positions with qualified personnel – approved unanimously.

Report #715 - Recreation and Community Services Bank Accounts Audit

Motion (Lowe): the TRUE Commission accepts the audit without comment, counting on the Council Auditor's Office to continue to follow up on its recommendations to ensure that they are implemented in a timely fashion – **approved unanimously.**

Report #716 – Jacksonville Sunshine Law Compliance

Motion (Lowe): the TRUE Commission accepts the report without comment – approved unanimously.

Report #717 – Audit Follow-Up 2011

Commissioner Radlinski expressed great concern that many of the weaknesses identified in the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Trust Fund audit have apparently not been corrected since the report was issued in October 2009.

Motion (Radlinski): the TRUE Commission requests the City Council to suspend the operation of the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Trust Fund until the deficiencies identified in Audit #672 are remedied and the recommendations made by the Council Auditor are completely implemented – **approved unanimously.**

Report #718 – Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit

Motion (Lowe): the TRUE Commission accepts the report without comment - unanimously approved.

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Chairman