



OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, 16 May 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:22 a.m.

Commission Members

Shantel Davis, Chair, Present
Dr. Megan Allyse, Present
Jolita Wainwright, Present
VACANT POSITION, Vice Chair

Jitan Kuverji, Secretary, Present
Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll (Excused)
Christopher Crothers, Present

Commission Liaisons

CM Jimmy Peluso, Present

COJ Support Staff:

Kenny Logsdon, AICP, HCDD
Shannon MacGillis (OGC)

Neolita Maharaj, HCDD
Kaylee Jones, HCDD

Guests Present:

Annette Leslie-Burney, COJ (Unsigned)
Phillip Peterson, COJ Assistant Council Auditor (unsigned)
Paul Stasi, City Rescue Mission
Kym May, Jacksonville Black Chamber of Commerce (JBCC)
Skylar McKnight (JBCC)
Erika Hooper, Downtown Vision
Marcus H. Givens, Overflow Health Alliance (Unsigned)

Sandy Simpson, COJ (Unsigned)
Carol Register, COJ
Holly Payton, Krumpin 4 Success, Inc.
John H. Wyche, Community at Large

Board Meeting called to order by J. Kuverji (Secretary) at 9:00 a.m.

Section I.- Minutes cannot be approved

Section II.- Guest Speaker, Phillip Peterson, Assistant Council Auditor, spoke about funding for HIC and spending Special Revenue Funds. The City calculates and approves 4% of the economic budget from the preceding year, outside downtown CRA (Community Reinvestment Act). In 2024, the budget was approved for \$46.1M outside of the CRA, of which \$1.8M was designated to the Commission. Last year's committed funding was \$1.2M. The Mayor's \$10M budget was reduced to \$1M by the Council.

The guest speaker answered 'yes' to these three questions- (1) C. Crother asked if the funds came from outside the downtown Jacksonville area, (2) Dr. Allyse queried about carrying-over funds and (3) J. Wainwright asked if \$202,969 is allocated to HIC.



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Dr. Allyse asked if any representative of the City can attend monthly meetings on HIC accounts. CM J. Peluso reported that the new finance committee starts on July 1, 2025. S. MacGillis and K. Logsdon would be the point contacts for collecting and informing the Commission on funds updates.

The Guest Speaker, P. Peterson, recommended that the Commission submits a Transmittal Letter/Memorandum bi-weekly to the Council President. The Commission agreed universally with this recommendation. This Letter/Memorandum will be on the Council's agenda so that the dollar value for the Commission will be noted.

Section III.-RFP Update-Procurement. A. Leslie-Burney and S. Simpson represented the Procurement Division. S. Simpson described the analysis before the Commission Members, Liaisons, staff and guests. The scores from this proposal, RFP-16530-25,1 were displayed. The top three candidates are Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.-92.98 points; Abt Global LLC-88.87 points; and Technical Assistance Collaborative-87.17 points. Procurement will inform the top three candidates for them to attend the next Board Meeting on June 9, 2025. The Procurement Department agreed to arrange in-person interview of the top three Candidates for the Commission. Commission Members who would like to review the proposals must individually email K. Logsdon or K. Jones.

S. MacGillis asked when the silent period ends. The Procurement representatives reported the silence ends after the Candidate selection. J. Wainwright asked if the Candidates were located locally, the Procurement representatives said yes. Chair S. Davis suggested that the PowerPoint as presented, and scores must be attached to the minutes.

Chair S. Davis proposed to add to the agenda moving forward, "mindful of traffic/parking".

Section IV.-OGC-Update and Impact on Legislation-S. MacGillis said that there is no new filing in the circuit court for anti-camping laws.

During this time, J. Kuverji spoke on how the Commission could generate additional funds. He submitted an email dated February 24, 2025, with the subject- "Uncollected Tourist Development Tax: Untapped Revenue Potential. This will be attached to the minutes. He explained that there are over 5,000 short term rentals in Duval County. He reported that in the absence of uniform statewide regulation, local municipalities and counties have to enact their own ordinances, including licensing measures to monitor short-term rentals (STR). If monitoring is in place, then the revenue produced can be allocated to the following: 1/3 for Tourism; 1/3 for the Stadium and 1/3 for the City. The City's portion or a percentage will be allocated to HIC.

C. Crother wanted to know if HIC can have a hearing date to discuss this potential funding rational with the Council.

S. MacGillis recommended a memo type form to the Council, since this would be a policy decision for a vote, but the Mayor has the final vote. She said that if the HIC wants to communicate to the City Council, a letter/memorandum to the Council would officially be communicated to the Council as "Communications" from Entities on the Council agenda.



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Dr. Allyse recommended looking for sample policies of this kind from other jurisdictions such as JAX Beach.

J. Wainwright enquired about future workshops with any changes for HIC

Section V.- Public Comments (Limit 3 Minutes)

Public Comments 1-J. H. Wyche suggested that any homeless guest should speak for more than the allotted 3 minutes. He spoke about his work about providing homes to 24 individuals for the past 2 weeks, 8 of the 24 were elderly.

Public Comments 2-M. H. Givens, Chief Operating Officer, Overflow Health Alliance, spoke about the Wrap Around Services and the 15 acres property that is situated in Northside, Jacksonville. We requested to speak about his agency in the next Board Meeting. K. Logsdon gave him the information and details for this speaking engagement.

Public Comments 3-H. Payton, also from Northside, Jacksonville, also discussed services that her agency, Krumpin 4 Success, Inc., offers.

Chair S. Davis asked M. H. Givens and H. Payton how people find your programs. Individually, they reported: website, word of mouth, social media, programs, marketing, and community mobilization.

Section VI. -Unfinished business- No Unfinished Business reported during this meeting.

Section VII.- New Business- Chair S. Davis, discussed new officers election for the next Board Meeting. K. Logsdon said that there is a vacant position

Section VIII.-Unfinished Business- Commission Board vacancy. S. MacGillis reported that May is the election month. K. Logsdon will provide the by-laws for Chair S. Davis.

Meeting Adjourned- Meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., 8th Floor, Ed Ball Building.



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CERTIFICATION

Homelessness Initiatives Commission
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Recorded, Transcribed and Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Logsdon", is written over a horizontal line.

Kenny Logsdon, Commission Staff
Homelessness Initiatives Commission

Approved by:

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Jitan Kuverji, Secretary
Homelessness Initiatives Commission