

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Doug Vanderlaan 923-5179 dougcpac@comcast.net

Vice Chair: Rex Williams 401-8138 rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 mfharmer@coj.net



Meeting Summary

Monday, August 30, 2010

(September Meeting)

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair

Louvenia Tippins, Charter Member – District 8

Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral

Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club

Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile

Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Excused – Beverly Toney, Dr. Janetta Norman, Floree Johnson McPherson, Geraldine Walker, Janice Love

Guests

Brenda Boydson, SPAR Council

Levoyus Partlow, M.A.N.I.A.

Allan Clotworthy

Greg Bruce, The Hester Group

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Heath Beach, COJ Budget Division

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Yul and Officer Domingo

Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Wight Greger, HAND Director

Milton Locklear, FDOT

Emery Nauden, Planning

Vanessa Price, DRCS

Call to Order

Chairman Vanderlaan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone. He asked members to be thinking of issues that could be resolved at the October meeting. He will also be asking for members to be a part of the Nominating Subcommittee when he gets to his report.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Radlinski made a Motion to accept the minutes from the August 2, 2010 meeting. A second was made by Member Arnold. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 Sgt. Yul did not have a formal report. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Guest Speaker

City of Jacksonville Assistant Budget Officer Heath Beach presented a PowerPoint on the City of Jacksonville's Budget Introduction Process. The copy of the presentation is listed below. It was stated that asking to go above the maximum millage rate with the state after the rate has been set is very difficult. All cities in Florida face this and none have gone back to increase it from the August 4 due date. The City Council Finance Subcommittee on the budget concluded last

Thursday, August 26, 2010. The City Council did find some dollars to save in various departments. They do have to adopt a balanced budget prior to October 1st. The entire operating budget is around \$1.6 billion dollars. To see the budget go to: www.coj.net and search budget or www.myjaxbudget.com
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Finance/Budget/Budget+in+Brief/Budget+in+Brief.htm>

Next year another round of cuts is expected. Members had questions on the following:

1. If someone sues the city or JSO and the case is settled, where does that money come out of? Depending on the type of lawsuit, settlements are paid out of the General Counsels Budget or our Self Insurance Funds.
2. Where do the city fees on the JEA bill go to and are they on the website? Franchise Fees and Utility Service Tax (Public service tax) go into the General Fund. The General Fund includes most basic municipal services and those that are not required to be accounted for in another subfund. Services include Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks, Libraries and many others.

Members also wanted to know how much money were in the city reserves? \$33 million dollars but in 2005 Tropical Storm Faye cost \$15 million dollars. They also asked if the biggest portion of the tax dollars comes from property taxes and with the amount of foreclosed homes they are not paying the taxes. What is the city doing to compensate that? The item is not broken out but the Property Appraiser does take that into account on the budget he presents. It was also discussed that with the increase of solid waste garbage fees and stormwater fees are not progressive taxes and everyone is paying the same amount. *Member LaMountain made a Motion to write a letter on the following: The Urban Core CPAC acknowledges the efforts to make budget cuts for the city's fiscal year, but in light of the unprecedented revenue shortfalls resulting from property tax base reduction we advise the city adopt the Mayor's proposed millage increase to 10.12. The Motion was properly seconded. Discussion pursued on this topic. The Vote: 6 in Favor; 1 opposed. The Motion carries.*

Staff Reports:

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams announced that the Library would be holding Town Hall Community meetings to have a dialogue on the future of the library system. Members asked why have the community meetings if the budget has to be cut and how much will this cost? The consultant will be looking at the future for the library system in 5 to 10 years and the consultant is being paid \$190,000 which is being paid for with private dollars and not general fund money. Ms. Shehee-Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Mayor's Office

Project New Ground – Consultant Greg Bruce reported on the following:

- They held the meeting with lenders and there are no guidelines to prevent the lending process in the COU area. There is nothing to prohibit underwriting in the Project New Ground area. The only action is in the flood zone areas. It is encouraging with HUD and FHA. FHA will come and talk with lenders on the process so that everyone is updated on this.
- There will be a TAG meeting before the end of September to discuss the outcomes and how to work together on the Property Record Cards.

Members had the following concerns and questions: In 2003 the litigation in the Ash site settlement stated that any one that received any funds had to sign a letter not to sue and the deed restriction would be on their Property Record Card. The question on how many properties were there and where they are was asked. This will be asked again to Attorney Nelson. Greg Bruce will also follow up on this. They also wanted to know about the closed door meeting with the lenders. The meetings are not closed door but they do not invite the public. They are working meetings and will then bring this information back to the larger community. Members still had concerns on the Property Record Cards in the Project New Ground area and JEDCs oversight. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077 or visit the center at 1605 N. Myrtle Ave.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear had no report. *Milton Locklear* can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden had no report. Members asked about a deviation at a daycare on Grunthal Street. Planner Nauden will check into this and get the information. Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Supervisor Elaine Lancaster had no report. Members had a question on if a person had more than one refrigerator in the back yard with the doors on them can Code site them? It all depends on if it is in view for the Code Officer to see it. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 255-7007. Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

Recreation and Community Services – Vanessa Price gave a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) presentation on a grant for the Julius Guinyard Park and Pool and reported on the following monthly updates:

- The Summer Night Lights Program had a reported 17, 330 visitors to 5 sites with no incidences and the overall crime reduction in the program hours were 28%.
- They have a new after school program M3 Zone Motivating, Maximum, Movement getting children moving about.

Grant Application Presentation for a FRDAP application: The Julius Guinyard Park is located off Jefferson Street. The FRDAP helps local governments to get land or outdoor recreation with matching grants. They plan to do pool renovations, resurface the basketball courts, new playground equipment for various age groups, as well as ball field renovations. Install a walking path around the park and make the ADA requirements. If selected the grant would start in the next fiscal year. Members commented that this would be a wonderful improvement for the Urban Core with money well spent. *Member Radlinski made a Motion to write a letter in support for the Julius Guinyard Park and Pool FRDAP (Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program) Grant.* A second was made by Member LaMountain. Discussion: Members wanted to know if there are any other projects being considered for grants in the Urban Core other than the Julius Guinyard Park and Pool. Ms. Price would have to check with Daryl Joseph and report back. A few months ago the Urban Core CPAC had written a letter of support for the S-line Grant. What is the status of that grant? The grant application was submitted and they have not heard back yet. Members also wanted to know if the amount of the project exceeds the amount being requested in the grant. Where would the money come from? Currently construction costs have been really good right now. The amount being requested is \$400,000. The identified budget is \$900,000 which includes the match. If the \$400,000 is approved it would offset the costs of the project. The Vote: All in Favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously. Members did ask if this property was in the Project New Ground Ash Remediation site. It is and the property is scheduled to be cleaned up in November. Members would like to see if the Ash Remediation and the Julius Guinyard Park renovations could be timed together so the park would not have to be out of service twice. *Member Chance made a Motion for the CPAC to recommend having any funds being expended to be delayed until the project can be done jointly to save money. A proper second was made. Discussion on efficiency and keeping the park open so it will not have to be closed twice was made. Members want to be sure that they will not waste money and impact the lives of the people that live in this area twice. Since the Project New Ground representative had left the Motion was tabled to next month so they can check on the clean up schedule.* They would like to invite the TAG Team to the next meeting. Members were concerned that they do not want to lose the grant if the clean up was delayed. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 255-7915 or shortyr@coj.net

HAND – Community Development Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

- Stay Home Program - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free foreclosure prevention program. To learn more, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program- redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website www.nspjax.com
- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077. The Project New Ground Outreach Center is located at The Oaks of Durkeeville Plaza at 1605-8 Myrtle Avenue. Outreach specialists are available to talk with residents about the cleanup and impacts to their neighborhoods. Hours are Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Jobs** - Project New Ground contractors are hiring ground crews and skilled laborers that are hazmat certified. WorkSource manages the employment process. Those interested in employment opportunities should contact Jerry Box at 798-9229 ext. 2204 or JBox@worksourcefl.com. If you have questions for the TAG (Technical Advisor Grant) groups, please feel free to contact them: **5th & Cleveland** - Wealth Watchers, Carrie Davis, 265-4736; **Forest Street** - North Riverside CDC, Diane Kerr, 387-0332; **Brown's Dump** - NJCDC, Paul Tutwiler, 764-1805; **Lonnie Miller**- Helpful Citizens, Bernard Wilson, 509-6484. If you have any specific questions about how ash on your property may affect your health, please contact the Duval County Health Department at 253-1000. You may also visit the Web site, www.dchd.net for more info go to: www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, **September 9**, 2010 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor. During the month of July they continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The Oversight Committee held its monthly meeting (2) The Jacksonville Commitment was reviewed at the July meeting (3) Ex-Offender employment opportunities and (4) Team Up school year results were completed. All Information can be viewed at www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey all meetings are broadcast live and recordings are available on the website within 48 Hours of each meeting. For info call Tina Rehmel 630-1273

Duval County Public Schools - Duval County School Board meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., School Board Building, 1701 Prudential Dr. For information call 390-2000. Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org Check the Duval County Public School website for dates for Open Houses www.duvalschools.org

Recreation and Community Services – Parks

- Blue Cross & Blue Shield presents **JaxParks Flick and Float** - Friday, **September 10**, 2010 6:30 p.m. (movies starts at dusk) Cecil Aquatics Center - 13611 Normandy Blvd. Come test your skills in the pool with several games, float races, and fun challenges; then at night fall enjoy a little R&R under the stars with a movie and free refreshments. For information call 630-CITY
- Deutsche Bank presents **JaxParks Arts on the Go** – Friday, **September 17**, 2010 6 - 8 p.m. J.S. Johnson Community Center - 1112 Jackson St. Parents and kids come release your artistic talents. Come draw, paint, and create take-home crafts. Or learn to be a star in 5-minutes playing the keyboards. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. And it's all FREE. For information call 630-CITY
- **Nickelodeon's World Wide Day of Play** - Saturday, **September 25**, 2010 12 - 3 p.m. at Clanzel T. Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road. Parents and kids here's your chance to get slimed!!! Come out and enjoy C.T. Brown Park there will be a variety of games challenges, contests, entertainment and more. Plus nutritionists will be on hand making healthy, delicious snacks and treats. And it's all free! For information call 630-CITY.
- JaxParks presents the 7th Annual **Art in the Park Festival** - Saturday, **October 9**, 2010 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Northbank Riverwalk behind the Times Union Center. Interactive arts, crafts, entertainment, painting and more. Calling all artists if you would like to showcase your artwork at this year's Art in the Park Festival please email Mercedes Parker at mercedes@coj.net for an application form. Deadline for applications is September 7, 2010 For information call 630-CITY.

Seniors – Forever Fit 50 & Beyond Jacksonville **Senior Games – October 4 - 10**, 2010 Various Venues. Calling all active seniors ages 50 and over! Celebrate fitness after 50 and compete in various athletic events and other games is offered to encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle for ages 50 and older. For more information, call 630-3690.

- **MOB Meeting (Mayor's Older Buddies)** – Tuesday, **October 19** at Metropolitan Park. Join the City of Jacksonville to discuss issues pertinent to seniors. MOB members; be sure to wear your MOB t-shirts and buttons! Lunch will be provided. RSVP required. For more information, call 630-3690.

When to Water Your Yard -No irrigation is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an odd number or have no address and Thursday and Sunday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an even number.

Downtown – Art Walk –Wednesday, September 1, 2010 – September's theme is Art Takes Shape. Wednesday, Sept. 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. stop by Snyder Memorial Church on Laura Street to join in Pick & Paint Pottery from Pink Flamingo Mobile Arts. It will feature Pick & Paint Pottery. Free pottery and paint will be provided, so bring your creativity to the table! Purchase additional pieces to add to the fun! First-come, first-served. Supplies are limited. For information, call 630-3690 or email events@coj.net.

Downtown - Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- **Friendship Fountain Groundbreaking** – Wednesday, **September 1**, 2010 9:00 a.m. Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton will join City Council President Jack Webb, members of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission and the Public Works Department, and downtown stakeholders to break ground on the \$3.1 million project to restore Friendship Fountain. Southeast portion of Friendship Fountain, directly behind the Museum of Science & History. (Attendees may park in the River City Brewing Company parking lot.) Contact: Ginny Walthour, (904) 630-2518
- **Sister Cities Association Plans Free Concert** - The public is invited to a free concert sponsored by the Jacksonville Sister Cities Association and the University of North Florida, 2 p.m., **Saturday, Sept. 11**, at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, 245 E. Church St. This Peace Concert will be part of a 2,000 city international effort focused on bringing all communities together. For more information, call 620-3839 or 630-0374.
- The Jacksonville Public **Library** is developing plans to better serve the residents of Duval County. There will be four meetings to bring your ideas on programs and services you expect and deserve and delivered in the most cost-effective way possible: **Wednesday, September 15 - Webb Wesconnett Branch** - 6887 103rd St. from 7:00-8:30 p.m. - **Pablo Creek Branch** - 13295 Beach Blvd. from 7:00-8:30 p.m. **Thursday, September 16** -

Bradham Brooks NW Branch - 1755 Edgewood Ave. W. from 7:00-8:30 p.m. - **Mandarin Branch** - 3330 Kori Rd. from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- **Administrative Lien Amnesty Program** - The Municipal Code Compliance Division is accepting applications to cancel administrative fines assessed on some properties until Oct. 29, 2010. A community meeting to discuss the program is set for 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., **Sept. 15, 2010**, at the Clanzel Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief Road. For additional information, please contact 630-CITY(2489) or go to the website at: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Municipal+Code+Compliance/Administrative+Lien+Amnesty+Program+2010.htm>
- **City Council District 10** – Council Member Brown’s Town Hall Meeting - Thursday, **September 23, 2010** 6:00 p.m. at Edward H. White High School, 1700 Old Middleburg Road and Thursday **September 30, 2010** at William M. Raines High School 6 p.m. Representatives from various City Departments and Agencies will be available to provide updates on projects or to address any questions you. For info call 630-1684
- **DDRB** - Downtown Development Review Board Meeting - Thursday, **September 30, 2010** 2:00 p.m. JEDC, Police and Fire Pension Bldg., 1 West Adams St. 2nd flr. large board room. For info call 630-1979 or mstepph@coj.net
- **Free Homeowners Training** - Saturday, **September 25, 2010** at the Ed Ball Building, Training Room 110 – lobby level, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Come to a training on Homeowners/Condos/Townhomes by Attorney’s from Becker & Poliakoff. Limited seating. To register please call Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or Marybeth@coj.net

Emergency Preparedness - Make preparations for your family for hurricane season, which is from June 1 through Nov. 30. The COJ [Emergency Preparedness Division](#) has information and links to other hurricane preparedness websites. For more information, contact COJ Emergency Preparedness at 630-2472 or visit bosborne@coj.net

Phone Numbers

- City Link- **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office) [Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 www.employflorida.com

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Chairperson’s Report

- Chair Vanderlaan talked about the 3 meeting rule on attendance and that Vice Chair Williams had missed 3 meetings with no excuse. Since the elections will take place shortly this will be addressed then, The Planet Watch Neighborhood is still being represented by Ms. Chance however; they still need more organizations to join the Urban Core CPAC.
- Nominating Committee – Chair Vanderlaan appointed Members Radlinski, LaMountain and Chance to be on this Subcommittee. The Chair will be Member Radlinski. The Slate of Officers will be needed for the October meeting notice. Nominating members decided to hold the meeting on Thursday, September 16 at 6 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building with the room to be determined. They asked if an e-mail could be sent to members asking if they would accept the nomination for an officer.
- For the October meeting Chair Vanderlaan would like to see issues or concerns that could be solved quickly brought before the members with people that could possibly solve the problem. Some of the issues could be:
 - Historic Light Poles
 - Chain link fence around Klutho Park
 - Other concerns from members are:
 - Ash and prioritizing
 - Fencing
 - Code
 - Underground tanks
 - Boarded up homes/homes to be demolished and some that should not have been destroyed
- *He attended the NW CPAC meeting and spoke briefly with them about the June meeting and the Motion on the Property Record Cards in the Ash Sites and the Budget.*

Subcommittee Reports

- **A. Philip Randolph Corridor** – Chair Beverly Toney – excused.
- **Homelessness and Panhandling** – Chair Greg Radlinski reported that there is not much to report on. It is unclear on the focus of the Sulzbacher Resource Center and what resources they will have available. They will remove the women and children and move them elsewhere. There is a draft on the Resource Center that he just received and will review it bring back information next month. He will try to get more information from the Homeless Coalition.
- **Transportation** – Chair Celia Miller had no formal report. The next TPO meeting will be on September 1, 2010 and will get the status of the railroad overpass at 45th Street.
- **Vacant Properties** – Chair Doug Vanderlaan reported that he had met with Director of Housing and Neighborhoods Wight Greger and was not sure where to go. He understands the policies and what the city can do. With the absence of any good ideas does not know where to go next.

Announcements - none

Public Comments

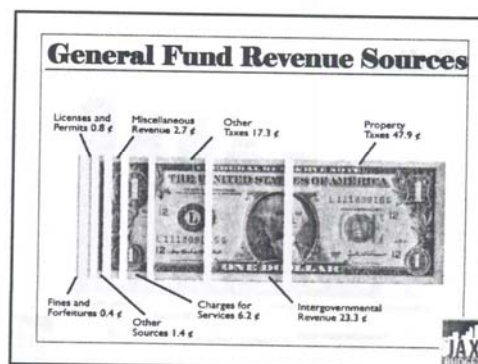
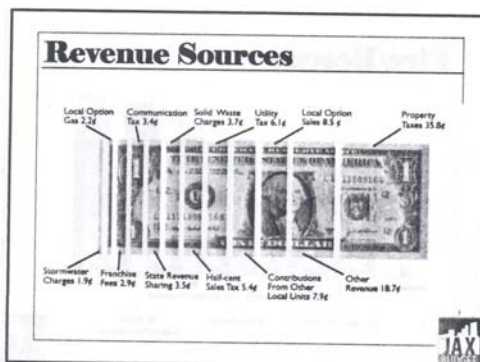
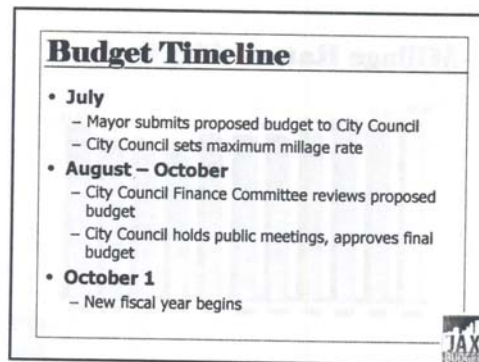
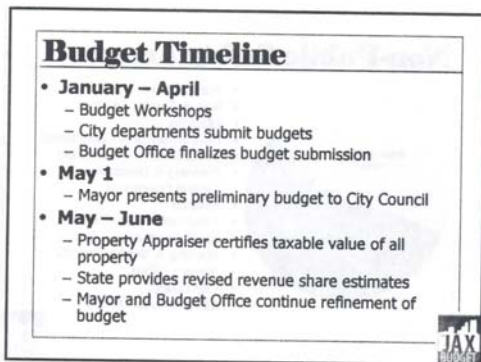
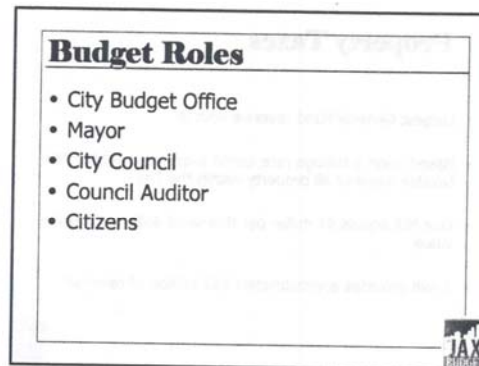
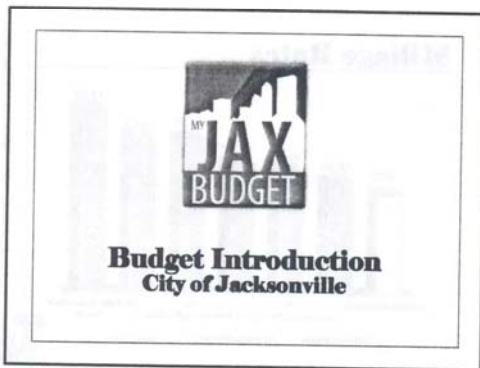
- *Mr. Partlow spoke that he has been attending the Urban Core CPAC meetings for a number of years. He is from Durkeeville, Mid-Westside. The Issue of lead and ash went to Springfield lawyers and this shows the disparity of what happens in more affluent neighborhoods. It disturbs him that there is no balance. Members asked him what can the CPAC do to get Durkeeville residents to come out in volume and speak up on this issue. Voices that were speaking to the powers that be didn't want to hear and they were speaking upon the deaf. They got tired of beating a deaf person and there is no satisfaction and hope dies. Just like the elderly gentleman that came to the meeting a few months ago asking for help to get his property cleaned before he dies. This is a serious matter. Chair Vanderlaan said that at the June meeting that he should have researched this before he became chair. It impacted other neighborhoods and he regrets that the solutions that have been proposed with the Property Record Card and the new litigation class action suit are for anybody from any neighborhood with the exception of those involved with the past litigation. There have been inequities.*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **October 4, 2010**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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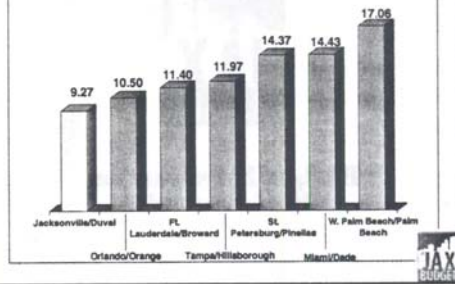


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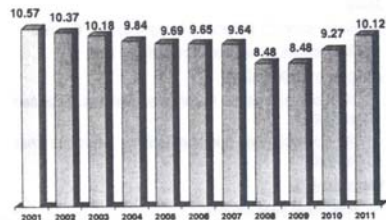
- Largest General Fund revenue source
- Based upon a millage rate levied every year against the taxable value of all property within the City
- One Mill equals \$1 dollar per thousand dollars of taxable value
- 1 mill provides approximately \$53 million of revenue



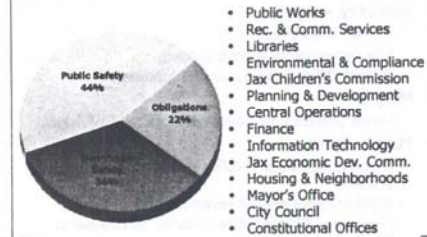
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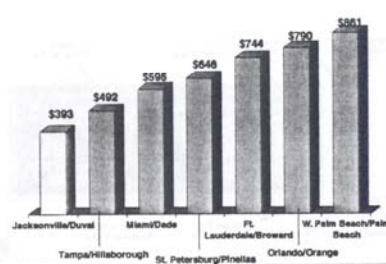
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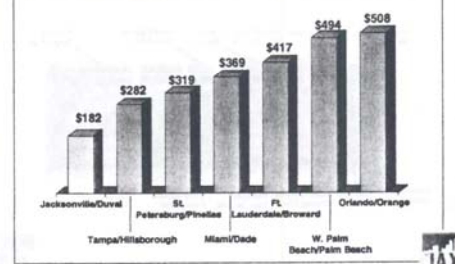
- Public Works
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- Libraries
- Environmental & Compliance
- Jax Children's Commission
- Planning & Development
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- Finance
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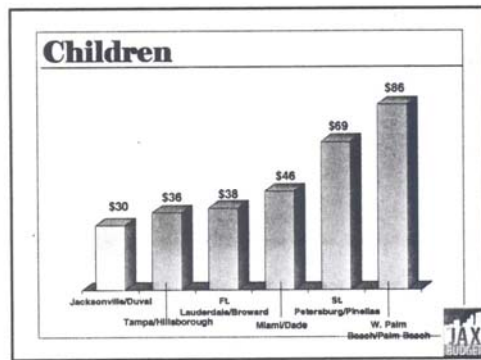
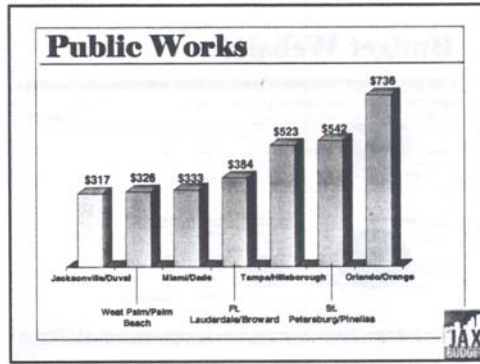
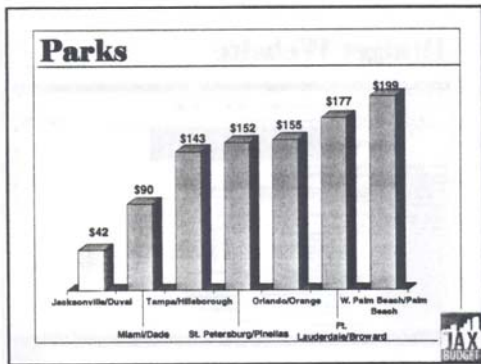


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