

City of Jacksonville – Jacksonville Journey

MINUTES

Of

Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee

May 28, 2015

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee taken on Thursday, May 28, 2015, St James Building, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, commencing at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Members

Ricardo Bedoya, Member Terrance Freeman, Member Charles Griggs, Member Betty Holzendorf, Member Fred E. Lee, Member Tracy Tousey, Member James Campbell, Member Rory Diamond, Member

Alvin Brown, Mayor E. Denise Lee, Council Liaison David Roman, Committee Staff Taurean Sinclair, Committee Staff



Committee Attendees

Ricardo Bedoya, Member Rory Diamond, Member Terrance Freeman, Member Charles Griggs, Chairman Betty Holzendorf, Member Tracy Tousey, Member David Roman, Committee Staff Taurean Sinclair, Committee Staff

Committee Members Not Attending James Campbell, Member

Alvin Brown, Mayor E. Denise Lee, Council Liaison



Proceedings:

Charles Griggs called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Last Committee Meeting Minutes

Charles Griggs called for a copy of the March 19, 2015 meeting minutes to be presented. Motion to accept minutes was made by Betty Holzendorf with a second by Rory Diamond and Ricardo Bedoya. Approved by the Committee as presented.

2. Annual Report

The Annual report was present for final review. Request was made to strike the mention of City Council on the last line of the report. Also the report is for 2014 instead of 2015. Rory Diamond made the motion to accept the report as amended with a second by Ricardo Bedoya. Committee approved report.

3. <u>2015-2016 Budget</u>

Discussion was opened regarding the 2015/2016 Jacksonville Journey budget presentation. Dave Roman opened discussion stating that the Mayor has called for a flat budget from all Departments and Committees. Chairman Charles Griggs made the recommendation that the budget be workshopped and then presented back to the Oversight Committee for approval. Roman needs to turn in a flat line approved dollar amount with general categories by the 2nd week of June and then the budget can be work-shopped within the Committee.

Budget presentation must be made to the City Council by the second week of July. Discussion was had that a budget workshop needs to be held to continue discussion regarding the breakdown of the actual dollar amount of the budget requested. Committee would also like to present a reasonable recommendation for expansion of the Journey budget due to the increased need that is being seen in our City.

Prior to the Budget workshop conversation needs to be held with Dr. Vitti regarding the School Boards plans regarding the continuation of the ATOSS program as the last indication was that they wanted to expand the in-house suspension program. Is the Bridge going to stay a partner in this effort (they have 40 seats). If they do pull out where will the children go and how does Jacksonville Journey wish to proceed.

Motion was made by Betty Holzendorf seconded by Ricardo Bedoya that the Jacksonville Journey submits the recommended \$2.093 million amount that is currently budgeted along with a reasonable budget increase to expand programs to help the community in needed areas. Motion was approved. Dave Roman will work



to set up a workshop time next week so that the Committee can present a breakdown for the recommended dollar amount.

4. <u>Updates</u>

Dave Roman presented the Committee with the following updates. 2015-61 – City Council has not approved the proposed funding source for this bill so it is being suggested that the extra \$65 thousand from the ATOSS program which is not being used due to the late start of the program be used to fund the legislation. This will get this through legislation due to the current time restraints. Terrance Freeman made the motion to use this funding, a second was made by Tracy Tousey and the Committee approved with a 4 to 2 vote.

Discussion was had regarding the RFP's that will need to be done regarding the Ex-Offender Training and Employment. It is suggested that they be combined in one with the requirement that the programs must have the requirement that employment be a key focus for all programs.

The Juvenile Crime Prevention/Intervention contract has one more year renewal prior to it having to go back out as an RFP.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments

6. Motion to Adjourn – Chairman Charles Griggs

A motion was made by Rory Diamond, seconded by Ricardo Bedoya to close the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Charles Griggs at 4:06 p.m.