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Wendell Holmes Kortney Mosley
Cindy Stover Ivy Johnson
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Richard Wallace)

PAC: Absent JEA:

Alan Mosley Mickey Miller Greg Perrine

Michael Blaylock Mary Arditti Charles Spencer Brad Thoburn Absent Richard Wallace

George Robbins

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks Dan Kleman

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Dan Kleman

The previous minutes were approved unanimously.

III. FINANCE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE DAN KLEMAN

A. <u>COJ</u> Cal Ray

1. Transportation Program Summary (blue)

The annual revenue is performing better than model as shown at the bottom of the page. A good bit of that came at the end of the year. Continued under performance to date of actual vs. the model. The department is happy that they are doing better than the model predicted for this program.

2. Transportation & Infrastructure Summaries (pink)

Here they are a little over budget with the Monument parcel appraisal of some \$26 thousand. There will be corrective action taken before November. This is a recreation item rather than Public Works project. In the last FAC/PAC meeting- the remaining budget doesn't began to tell the whole story. Revenue aside they keeping getting hit with elevated cost for ROW, materials, construction cost and the light, and from the last time FAC/PAC met this hadn't gotten any better. Hurricanes, high gas prices, destruction in the Gulf cost, can only adversely effect material cost. Public Works has done a lot of work up dating those projections before the hurricanes hit. Everyone is on the right track in the effort to see where those numbers really are, especially as it pertains to horizontal projects. The good news is that the Library will open November 12th and all of the

funding is in place, due to the last council cycle. That opening will fairly complete the libraries verticals projects.

Action item: completed projects broken out from the rest of the projects.

3. Infrastructure Project Summary (green)

The gap between revenue vs. model is continually being closed. Again capital spending is out pacing the model. This got off to a faster than model start-at the time no one realized how prophetic that was. Given the necessity of issuing bonds earlier than anticipated and absorb interest expenses earlier than anticipated the model gave Mr. Ray some pause. But in view of events... it is back where we started with material cost increasing. Starting sooner might prove helpful to the project. Although some budget issues clearly still have to be addressed.

4. Revenue Trends

The first line chart shows the bi-year revenue of the ½ cent sales tax. The magenta line shows at year's end the charts are well above the first four years of history. The transportation sales tax revenue is ahead of model on The quarterly "catch-up payments from the state" show a much more discouraging picture. This is from the on going audits on organizations reporting sales tax returns- "out of county-sales" (Ex. A sale was consummated in St, Johns county but the product was delivered in Duval) All of the counties throughout Florida who participate in these types of sales taxes, share in that pool. Over time the city should see a down ward trend in that. (The 3rd quarter) The huge dip in the third quarter is due to the end of the state fiscal year. Under performing in the third quarter, but looking at various year to year, there is a great deal of variability. A higher level of dispersal generally in the early years and they began to lesson over time. As a result of various counties using levying discretionary sales tax. The infrastructure page is telling us the same story as the transpiration side.

A reminder: the infrastructure is shared with the Beaches and Baldwin, unlike transportation report so there will be some variances here. The trend lines however do parallel each other.

B. <u>JTA</u> Thomas Cerino

The numbers shown are for the quarter ending on 8/31/05. The total funding available for JTA on both BJP I & II highway projects are the same as last quarter, over \$802 million. A slight increase is due to an FDOT award of \$923 thousand. No new federal or state grants were awarded. The total amount expended and accrued by JTA on BJP I & II was \$156.5 million. This is up from the additional expenditures during the quarter. Life to date expenditures of \$156.5 million represents cost percentage completion of 19.5 percent completion of total funding, up slightly from 17.3 percent as of February. Of the \$18.1 million of expenditures last quarter, \$6.4 million was spent on BJP I, and \$11.7 million was spent on BJP II. Expenditures in the coming years are expected to

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increase dramatically both in absolute dollars as well as in completion as move many projects from the design phase to construction. The south side Blvd. line is showing a negative due to reallocation issues.

C. Ernst & Young

Cal Ray / E & Y

Some feed back on the cost of BJP I was received. Questions were raised on whether an audit should be done on the JEA Septic Tank phase out program. A determination was made that action by FAC is not needed to request the audit. Action item: additional information about the life of the tax and the reasons for the 2023 date.

D. General Discussion

Dan Kleman

No questions were raised

IV. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

ALAN MOSLEY

Dave Schneider handed out the proposed road legislation that was to go before the City Council. (Everyone read at his or her own leisure)

A. Project Status Reports

1. COJ - Road Projects

Dave Schneider

17 project are complete and 10 projects are under construction. When FAC/PAC meets again three other projects will have gone to bid. 40 projects are now in the design phase.

COJ - Libraries

Libraries are complete with exception of the main, which will open on the 11/12/05. The original budget of the main library was \$95 million; the final numbers are projected to be closer to \$101million. Some scope changes were made due to some computer purchase and enhancements.

COJ - Courthouse

The courthouse group is prepared to move forward. Legislation has been drafted and currently being reviewed by the body. There are a few management issues that are still under consideration.

COJ - Roadway & Infrastructure Program

Dave Schneider handed out a separate packet on the pending legislation before the City Council. Funding will be moved from JTA interchange program and take that money and put it in to the city's or local road program to bring those into budget. It is hoped that in turn JTA would be funded through state partnership program. BJP and PW will meet with Council Auditors they asked for assurances that the \$1.5 billion as it went through. It is there anticipation that this issue will be before the councils' finance committee by the second week in November. All the maps (in the second hand out) are based on revised and current scopes.

2. JEDC – Cecil Commerce Center Alan Mosley

With the departure of Andy Eckert, the Department of Public Works is taking the rest of this project over the last of the JEDC road projects * Note on Head Start*

The relocation of the children in the Forest Park head-start facility is complete. Some of the funding was through the environmental remediation dollars.

3. JEA - Septic Tank Phase Out Greg Perrine

Projects are moving ahead, Lake Forest phase I. finished early and Lake Forest phase III. has moved down about a year. In reference to pipe installation, 51 percent of the pipe has been installed (Sanitary and Storm) and 45 percent of funds have been spent. The number of customers is going up- an increase of 440 in the last quarter. Of the people that have connection to sewer in front of there houses, 47 percent of the have signed up. The phases of the program are geographic in scope.

4. JTA John Davis

Four projects have been completed, Argyle Forest Blvd. Phase I. was completed in the past month. The Merrill Rd. project is underway and should be finished in three weeks. Ten projects are in design. Three of the projects were referenced: Argyle Forest Blvd phase II, Beach Blvd. Intracoastal Waterway replacement, and the McDuff Ave. widening, are all expected to go to bid in the next four months.

B. <u>EBO/JSEB</u> Ivy Johnson

Participation goals are holding firm. The program experienced a bulk of its numbers in libraries, street resurfacing, sidewalks, and neighborhood parks. Everyone anticipates more participation as projects move from design to construction.

Charles Spencer wanted to know why the numbers are down and what actions are taking place to get the numbers back up? Mrs. Johnson noted that with the BJP projects kick off there was a limited pool of funds that could participate. As it moves from the old program to the new programs it is hoped this will improve. Spencer also asked about a timetable for these improvements. Jacquie Gibbs, added that the JCEP program was implemented because the old program got them sued. The program is now excitedly anticipating the six new programs going into construction. When this happens "I think you'll see some improvement there" Gibbs says.

Action item: Jacquie Gibbs and Ivy Johnson are going to schedule a meeting with Charles Spencer to further discuss the JSEB program.

V. Other Business

VI. Adjourn Alan Mosley