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MAYOR CREATES RETIREMENT REFORM TASK FORCE *Eleven-member Panel Will Review Pension Agreement*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 3, 2013 – Mayor Alvin Brown today announced the formation of the 11-member Jacksonville Retirement Reform Task Force, which will be led by attorney William Scheu of Jacksonville as chairman.

The Task Force is comprised of community leaders committed to Jacksonville's future who will review the proposed public safety pension reform agreement, seek input from stakeholders and other interested citizens, and make recommendations on how the City should proceed.

"A fair, cost-effective retirement reform solution is crucial for our city's future," said Mayor Brown. "We remain very confident in our work, but want to do everything possible to answer any questions as we move toward a solution that benefits taxpayers and respects employees."

Task Force members include: Council Finance Committee Chairman Greg Anderson, Chester Aikens, Charles Appleby, Kirsten Doolittle, Bob Miller, Kelli O'Leary, William Rupp, Robert Shircliff, Greg Smith and John Wilbanks. Brief biographies on the members are attached.

The Task Force will have its first meeting from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, at City Hall. Scheu said that the Task Force is expected to conclude its review and produce recommendations no later than August after studying the community's options on an issue critical to Jacksonville's future.

"This will be a thorough, though expedited, independent review that will consider the full range of issues involving pension reform," Scheu said. "These panel members are longtime community leaders with a variety of experiences and perspectives."

Scheu will participate in a conference call with news media at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3. Please email ddecamp@coj.net for the call-in phone number and passcode.

Mayor Brown has proposed pension reform legislation (2013-366), which is currently being reviewed by the Jacksonville City Council. Information on the retirement reform proposal can be found online at coj.net/retirementreform.

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Chairman **William Scheu** is an attorney who specializes in real estate and development law. His community service includes being a former board chairman for organizations such as the Sulzbacher Center, the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida and The Community Foundation. Scheu was chairman of the Incentive Monitoring and Compliance Task Force that Mayor Brown appointed in January 2012 on the city's economic development efforts.

City Council member **Gregory Anderson** has more than 25 years of experience in the financial service industry and is currently EverBank's Senior Private Banking Officer. He also has served as president of the Riverside Fine Arts Association, and director of the Daniel Foundation. He was elected to the Jacksonville City Council in 2011 and currently chairs the Finance Committee.

Dr. Chester Aikens, a businessman, is Past President of the National Dental Association and a member of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority Board. He has been in practice as a dentist since 1980.

Charles Appleby is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Advanced Disposal. He also has been president of CAVCO, a private investment company. He also was a founding member of Grenadier, Appleby, Collins & Co., a Jacksonville accounting firm.

Kirsten Doolittle is a Jacksonville attorney who specializes in labor and employment law. She has worked on cases before the National Labor Relations Board, in federal court and in various U.S. Senate and U.S. House committees.

Robert Miller is a retired senior vice president of Regency Centers. He served on the Incentive Monitoring and Compliance Task Force.

Kelli O'Leary is the executive vice president of recruitment for HCI Group, a healthcare technology company headquartered in Jacksonville. Before joining HCI, she was the vice president of human resources for Solantic.

Dr. William Rupp is the CEO of Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and Chair-elect of JAX Chamber. He previously served as Chair of Business Development for JAXUSA Partnership.

Robert Shircliff was President of Pepsi-Cola Allied Bottlers and led other business ventures. He has supported numerous Jacksonville organizations through many years of philanthropy. Those organizations include St. Vincent's Healthcare, the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, and Jacksonville University. Shircliff was on the Incentive Monitoring and Compliance Task Force.

Greg Smith is the current chairman of JAX Chamber and market president of Bank of America in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida. He also is a past chair for the Gator Bowl Committee and has served on the board for United Way of Northeast Florida and the Jacksonville Zoological Society.

John Wilbanks is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Baptist Health. He also is chair of the University of North Florida Brooks College of Health Dean's Council and is on the board of directors for the Sulzbacher Center.