



JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

**TRUE COMMISSION
LEGISLATIVE TRACKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2012
12:00 p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room B
Suite 425, City Hall
117 W. Duval Street**

Attendance: Committee Members Joe Andrews (Chair), Tom Martin and Greg Radlinski
Also: Jeff Clements – Council Research Division

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairman Andrews and the following bills were discussed:

2012-648 (authorizing a submerged lands lease with the State of Florida for a JSO police boat docking facility at Arlington Marina): Commissioner Martin wanted to know if the boat dock project was included in the City's latest Capital Improvement Program and, if not, why not. Is this a lease for existing docks, or for a site for new construction? Staff will investigate.

2012-652 (amendment to 2030 Comprehensive Plan to include concurrency-related capital improvements from the 2013-17 CIP in the Capital Improvements Element): Commissioner Andrews requested a copy of the project list attachment. The committee discussed the fact that attachments to pending City Council ordinances are not accessible by the general public either because of the format in which they are stored or because the files are located on a computer server that is not accessible to the public.

2012-654 (approving revisions to the Logan's Pointe Apartments housing loan): the committee discussed whether the proposed revisions in the loan agreement provide a better deal for the City than the existing contract. Commissioner Andrews will call the Neighborhoods Department to obtain more information at the need for and advisability of this amendment.

2012-655 (appropriation of \$297,780 of CDBG program income to the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless): Commissioner Radlinski reported that his CPAC and ShADCo are opposed to the concentration of homeless shelters and services in downtown because they create a barrier to downtown revitalization.

Motion (Radlinski): the committee recommends that the TRUE Commission express opposition to the adoption of 2012-655 on the grounds that it would help exacerbate the downtown homeless problem – **approved 3-0.**

2012-659 (authorizing the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority to apply to the state for a \$40 million allocation of private use bonds to be used by the JHFA for single family housing mortgages or for refunding of existing JHFA bonds): is the JHFA's intent to make funding available for new mortgages, or to purchase pre-existing mortgages from banks? Although the bill says that the City's revenues and credit are not pledged to repayment of the bonds, who is on the hook should the mortgages go bad and a

bondholder sues the City? Commissioner Andrews will contact the Neighborhoods Department for more information.

2012-673 (appropriation of funds from SMG-operated public facilities “below the line” to a Special Council Operating Reserve account): Jeff Clements explained the history of discussion of the SMG facilities management contract in the Finance Committee’s budget hearings and Council Member Crescimbeni’s probable intent in proposing this ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Jeff Clements, Chief
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