



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Funding Subcommittee**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**April 14, 2008**

# **The Jacksonville Journey –**

## **Funding Sub-Committee**

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**8:30 a.m. Meeting**

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Funding Sub-Committee, taken on Monday, April 14, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 851 - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 8:30 a.m.

### **Funding Subcommittee**

Tom Petway, Chair  
John Baker, Member  
Ed Burr, Member  
Gary Chartrand, Member  
Laurie Dubow, Member  
John Falconetti, Member  
Marty Fiorentino, Member  
Chris Hand, Member  
Mike Hightower, Member  
Ashton Hudson, Member  
Howard Korman, Member  
Gasper Lazzara, Member  
Susan Lehr, Member  
Sherry Magill, member  
Michael Munz, Member  
John Thrasher, Member  
Nina Water, Member

## APPEARANCES

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:**

TOM PETWAY, CHAIR  
JOHN BAKER, MEMBER  
ED BURR, Member  
LAURIE DUBOW, Member  
JOHN FALCONETTI, Member  
CHRIS HAND, Member  
ASHTON HUDSON, Member  
GARY CHARTRAND, Member  
HOWARD KORMAN, Member  
SHERRY MAGILL, Member  
MICHAEL MUNZ, Member  
NINA WATERS, Member  
JOHN COXWELL, Chair  
W.C. GENTRY, Chair  
AUDREY MORAN, Chair  
PAUL PEREZ, Chair  
TONY BOSELLI, Chair

### **ABSENTEE MEMBERS:**

MIKE HIGHTOWER, Member  
MARTY FIORENTINO, Member  
SUSAN LEHR, Member  
JOHN THRASHER, Member  
WILL KETCHUM, Chair

### **STAFF:**

Susie Wiles  
Brad Thoburn  
Kerri Stewart  
Pam Markham  
Adam Hollingsworth  
Susan Pelter  
Misty Skipper  
Kandi Begue  
Rachelle Sundry  
Anna Bradley  
Wight Greger

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

The Honorable Betty Holzendorf  
Ed Pratt-Dannals  
Sheriff John Rutherford  
Various Members of the Press

## PROCEEDINGS

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Funding Sub-Committee

8:30 a.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Tom Petway, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:45 a.m.

### **1. Purpose of Meeting.**

Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative, *The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step* Funding Sub-committee.

### **2. Discussion Items**

Chairman Petway opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Funding sub-committee and reviewing the housekeeping notes. He reminded the group that we operate under the Sunshine Law. He then noted that the purpose of the meeting was not to judge the recommendations they would hear from each sub-committee, nor would they prioritize them - the only action would be to vote to accept them.

Chairman Petway then turned the meeting over to Ms. Wight Greger to discuss the Community Development Block Grants. Ms. Greger's presentation can be found on the website at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net); click on the Jacksonville Journey icon and go to meetings, agendas and minutes. At the conclusion, Ms. Greger reaffirmed the availability of \$1.8 million dollars that could be utilized to fund some of the committee recommendations and that the strategies of the Journey proposals meet the requirements of the HUD guidelines of CDBG Funding for future funding under the 2008/2009 budget. Mr. Munz made a motion to accept the funding proposals and it was seconded by Dr. Magill (with an assurance that such

action in 2008/2009 would not be taking program dollars from existing successful program providers.

**Motion Passed - 11-0**

Chairman Petway thanked Ms. Greger and turned the meeting over to Ms. Susie Wiles to discuss Federal funding. Ms. Wiles referred to a letter by the law firm of Patton Boggs, and notes that it is a reasonable assessment of what programs will be funded. She further notes that the President has indicated he will veto earmarks and the push is to put these programs into the agency budgets. Ms. Wiles then asked Adam Hollingsworth to speak to the funding issues that impacts the State level.

Mr. Hollingsworth noted that the Hogan proposal would be up for a vote during the day (14<sup>th</sup>), but it appears the proposal is, in effect, dead and will not be on the ballot in November. He notes that if anything passes, it will be one of two vehicles - the legislature could pass a revenue cap on local governments, but he notes that the chances of any passage is very slim. The 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal by Barney Barnett requires a two-thirds vote to raise existing taxes or to propose new taxes. It appears that this may pass; although it may not have all the votes to do so.

Mr. Hollingsworth then provided a brief overview of three pieces of legislation that are up for review:

- 1) Red-Light Camera Legislation: Currently has passed two committees, and has a 50/50 chance of passage - this will probably be a 2009 issue.
- 2) Children's Zones: The Speaker supports a \$1 Million Grant to Duval County - the bill is currently moving through the

Senate - the feeling is that since the Speaker supports the bill, there is a good chance of passage. No projection of how the grant will be allocated.

- 3) The Sheriff and Mayor recently made a request to the Governor's office regarding overtime funding - the work on this request is on-going.

Chairman Petway thanked Mr. Hollingsworth for his diligence in keeping the sub-committee informed on these very important issues; and then noted that the next phase of the meeting would focus on the sub-committee recommendations that would be presented to the Funding Sub-Committee. It should be noted, all recommendations can be found on the website at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net); click on the Jacksonville Journey icon and review under minutes; agendas; meetings.

#### Law Enforcement - Chairman Paul Perez

Chairman Perez reviewed the recommendations of the Law Enforcement Subcommittee.

Motion to accept recommendations: Mr. Ed Burr; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Korman

**Motion Passed - 11-0**

#### Education - Chairman W.C. Gentry

Motion to accept recommendations: Mr. Baker; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Munz

**Motion Passed - 10-1 (Dissenting Vote: Sherry Magill - her concern was that the sub-committee was accepting a proposal of funding for a one year budget on 2 of the Education recommendations (Making the Move and The Jacksonville Committee Advisors), when earlier**

the sub-committee accepted a proposal of a five-year budget for Law Enforcement.) Dr. Magill's comments were taken into consideration and it was determined that this was an oversight by those who had projected out the numbers. It is the intent to fund the programs in future years as in all of the recommendations.

Neighborhood Safety & Stability - Chairman Tony Boselli

Chairman Boselli reviewed the recommendations of the Neighborhood Safety & Stability sub-committee.

Motion to accept recommendations: Mr. Munz; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Waters

**Motion Passed - 11-0**

Positive Youth Development - Chairwoman Audrey McKibbin Moran

Chairwoman Moran reviewed the recommendations of the Positive Youth Development sub-committee.

Motion to accept recommendations: Mr. Korman; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Magill

**Motion Passed - 11-0**

Intervention & Rehabilitation - Chairman John Coxwell

Chairman Coxwell reviewed the recommendations of the Intervention & Rehabilitation sub-committee.

Motion to accept recommendations: Mr. Burr; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Korman

**Motion Passed - 11-0**

Chairman Petway thanked all of the sub-committee chairs and their members for all of the hard work and noted that now the work of the Funding Sub-Committee must begin. He explained to the assembly that he has met with the Mayor at length and fully understands that the Mayor has a great interest in funding all of

the Jacksonville Journey initiatives; he notes that this sub-committee must help the Mayor succeed in this endeavor.

Mr. Korman posed a question to Mr. Hollingsworth regarding the lack of discussion on Special Taxing Districts; Ad-Valorem Taxes; etc. Chairman Petway that in an effort to effectively evaluate the options available a Funding Workgroup should be formed to evaluate all options available and asked that any Funding Subcommittee member interested in participating in the workgroup should contact Susie Wiles in the Mayor's office. The group will convene as soon as possible to begin its evaluation process and a second meeting of the full committee will re-adjourn to review the findings of the workgroup.

Chairman Petway adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:47 a.m.