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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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