



Office of Mayor-Elect Lenny Curry

Mayor Elect Lenny Curry A Safer Jacksonville – Fire and Police Services
Transition Subcommittee Meeting

June 16, 2015

Jacksonville University, Davis College of Business, Public Policy Institute Room 288, 2800 University
Boulevard, Jacksonville FL 32211

IN ATTENDANCE:

Reverend Fred Newbill, Chairman
Mr. Frank Mackesy, Co-Chairman
Mr. Larry Peterson, member
Ms. Nicole Padgett, member
Mr. John Falconetti, member
Ms. April Green, member
The Honorable Charlie Latham, member
Ms. Latanya Peterson, member
Chief Charles Moreland, Co-Chairman, MTT
Mr. Jon Phillips, OGC Representative
Mr. Martin Senterfitt, SME
Marlene Russell, Staff

Guest/Visitors:

Sonia Johnson
John Bracey
Chief Pat Ivey
Barbara Gubbin
Priscilla Cato

Absent:

Bishop John Howard, member-absent
Mr. Ty Petway, member-absent
Ms. Janet Owen, member-absent
Mr. Kevin Gay, member

The meeting came to order at 2:00 p.m., the Reverend Fred Newbill opened the meeting. The members and guests briefly introduced themselves to all present.

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Mr. Frank Mackesy requested amendments to the minutes from June 11th meeting. A motion passed the June 11th minutes as amended.

A presentation by Chief Senterfitt, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD), was conducted.

The presentation noted there are two missions of JFRD: Fire and Rescue. Two sides of the department: public safety (noble) side and business side. Public safety side is fighting fires to save properties and rescuing people. The business side is the cost side of the equation. The City's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating has a direct effect on our citizens and how our City is viewed by the business community. The ISO rating affects the insurance premiums charged to home owners and business. The level of response time (ISO rating) can have a negative or positive affect on businesses and the general public and their decision to live and invest in Jacksonville. The ISO rating is a numerical number from 1 (best) to 10 (worst). The City's last rating was trifold depending on exact location within the county. The 2010/2011 rating was 3, 8B and 10. A new evaluation of the City was done approximately two and half months ago. The new ISO rating is still pending.

The subject was discussed by the subcommittee members about where the different ISO ratings are located within the City limits. The goal is the have the lowest positive number throughout all areas of Jacksonville.

A discussion arose for ideas of how to lower the ISO number, which correlates to a water source within 1,000 feet and a fire station within five road miles. The growth rate of residential and non-residential structures has exceeded the growth rate of fire stations; resulting in areas that are not being served by a fire station within five road miles. The subcommittee discussed volunteer-staffed fire stations and pocket fire stations as possible solutions that are lower-cost than building fire stations. Mr. Larry Peterson and Chief Senterfitt are to research and put something together identifying possible locations for the subcommittee to review and make a recommendation.

Handout #1 (NFPA 170 Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments, 2010 Edition) was provided to all members.

Chief Senterfitt discussed the best practices and JFRD implemented reallocation of resources to attempt to solve the problem of the annual increase of emergency calls. JFRD reallocated resources from the fire suppression division and moved those resources to the rescue division; allowing JFRD to increase the number of ambulances staffed by six thereby meeting the needs of the community.

The subcommittee members discussed the education of the public and the proper use of the emergency 9-1-1 system to help with the problem of non-emergency 9-1-1 calls. Chief Senterfitt stated the funding for public education was shifted to operational needs to offset the increase cost of public safety.

Mr. Frank Mackey requested that Chief Pat Ivey prepare information for the next meeting for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) presentation. The subcommittee advised Chief Pat Ivey what information they would like presented.

Handout #2 (2015 Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification improvement project: overview and status report) was provided to the subcommittee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.