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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-858

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Authorization of loan agreement and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill approves and authorizes a commercial development area program loan from the City to Born in the South Inc. d/b/a 1748 Bakehouse. The loan amount is \$55,000, approximately 18.6% of the total estimated project cost of \$295,000, for a term of and amortized over a ten year period with interest applied at the rate of 3% per year. The monthly loan payments would be \$531.09 for a term of 120 months, with no prepayment penalty. Pursuant to Council Rule 3.305, a two reading passage of this legislation is requested. The Office of Economic Development will provide oversight.

Background Information: Allison and Kurt DAurizio are seeking to lease and renovate a vacant storefront in order to establish an artisan bakery cafe' at 1748 N. Main Street, in the Springfield neighborhood of Jacksonville. The 34 seat bakery and restaurant will provide 6 full time jobs averaging \$32,000 annually plus benefits and 2 part-time staff positions. The project location, formerly Carl's Restaurant, is a designated Level I Economically Distressed Area which qualifies 1748 Bakehouse for the Commercial Development Area Program loan. The project will increase the City's commercial tax base, add to Springfield's revitalization process and will have a positive ROI for the City of Jacksonville of 1.35.

Policy Impact Area: Commercial development in Springfield

Fiscal Impact: The loan repayment will provide a return of principal amount of \$55,000 plus interest totaling \$8,700

Analyst: Hampsey

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2018-859

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2018

Type of Action: Approval of economic development agreement; commitment to QTI grant; authorization of REV grant; designation of oversight agency; affirmation of compliance with Public Investment Policy

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an economic development agreement between the City and Project Turtle (name temporarily kept confidential) for expansion of the company's existing Jacksonville manufacturing facility, the retention of over 100 existing jobs and the creation of 108 new full-time jobs. The City commits to a Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) local match of \$1,000 (20%) per job to the state's grant of \$432,000 (80%), payable over 5 years after the jobs are created. The City also commits to paying a Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grant of up to \$1.1 million, representing an amount equal to 50% of incremental county ad valorem taxes accrued over the first 10 years of operation.

Background Information: The company proposes to invest an estimated \$19.2 million in construction of a new industrial building and an additional \$2.6 million in production machinery and equipment. The facility would allow the creation of 108 new full-time jobs by December 31, 2020 at an average wage of \$53,298, plus benefits. Expected annual payroll for the new employees is estimated at \$5.7 million.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The City commits to a (QTI) local match of \$432,000 and a REV grant of up to \$1.1 million payable over 10 years.

Analyst: Clements



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-864

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: F; NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: December 14, 2018

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$30,000 from the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida to provide critical mental health and substance abuse services to Duval County Teen Court participants, as initiated by B.T. 19-031; it provides for reports from the Director of Teen Courts to Community Foundation of Northeast Florida.

Background Information: A private donor, through the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida, is providing the Court a 3-year grant beginning January 15, 2019 through December 30, 2019. These funds will be used in the Duval County Teen Court to assist the provision of mental health and substance abuse services. Staffing will be provided through current contracted staff members. No City match is required. This is a three year commitment; the total amount committed to the Teen Court program is \$90,000.00.

Policy Impact: Duval County Teen Court. Mental health and substance abuse program.

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$30,000.00. The grant total commitment is \$90,000.00 for a three year period. No City match is required.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-865

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: December 14, 2018

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$112,745.00 from Metropolitan Park Maintenance (SF 1D4) – Dockage and Rental of City Facilities to Metropolitan Park Maintenance (SF 1D4) – Operating Expenses to provide funds for maintenance and its various facilities, as initiated by B.T. 19-033.

Background Information: The Metropolitan Park Maintenance and Improvement Fund (Section 111.120, *Ordinance Code.*) is a permanent trust fund for all revenues received by the City in connection with admissions fees for special events, rentals, dock slip rentals, equipment and service charges. The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for maintenance and improvements to Metropolitan Park and its various facilities, including repairs to docks and fencing, sidewalk and concrete repairs throughout the park, replacement of 10 picnic benches, supplies for repairs and maintenance, and annual mulch replacement. The dock repairs will include repairs to the ornamental fencing along Docks A, B, C and D.

Policy Impact: Metropolitan Park Maintenance and Improvements/Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$112,745.00.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-866

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$790,000.00 from Operating Supplies – Rescue and Fire Operation in the FY 19 General Fund Budget to Capital Outlay, Bunker Gear, and Clothing sub-objects.

Background Information: Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) added new personnel to Fire Stations 17, 37, 44, and 61. The funding is necessary to ensure that the new rescue units and personnel are placed into service in January and April 2019. The appropriation covers the cost of clothing and bunker gear for the assigned rescue personnel. Also, funding permits the purchase of capital equipment which includes cardiac monitors, stairchairs, stretchers, SCBAs, and autopulse for eight (8) new rescue vehicles. The vehicles were approved in the FY 2019 budget and are assigned to Rescues 17, 29, 37, 44, 04, 10, and 14.

Policy Impact Area: Fire and Rescue

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$790,000.00, as initiated by B.T. 19-034.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-867

Sponsor: Council Member Newby

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; R

Date of Analysis: December 14, 2018

Type of Action: Honorary Street Designation

Bill Summary: The ordinance regards an honorary street designation and associated roadway markers; It establishes an honorary street designation on Wagner Road extending from Trout River Boulevard to New Kings Road for Dr. Jeannette C. Holmes; it provides for the installation of two honorary roadway markers to be located in appropriate locations on the designated roadway in Council District 8; it honors the legacy of Dr. Jeannette C. Holmes; the ordinance waives the requirements of Section 745.105(I)(2), *Ordinance Code*, that the honoree be deceased for five years; it waives the requirements of Section 745.105(I)(3), *Ordinance Code*, that the honoree has resided within five miles of the proposed street designation for ten years; it directs Legislative Services to forward the ordinance to the Planning and Development Department.

Background Information: for 45 years, Apostle Dr. Jeannette C. Holmes has been at the helm at the Hope Chapel Ministries, as the pastor of the house of worship that she founded; she shepherded her flock in its quest for the Light and the Word; Hope Chapel Ministries is located at 9850 Wagner Road. The church's ministries address a multitude of concerns that impact the community such as the Disaster Relief Ministry and the Nursing Home Ministry; she started a private school, Esprit de Corps, and was very engaged in summer camps for youth, community health screenings and historically black colleges and universities (HBCU). Dr. Holmes is a graduate of Edward Waters College and has a degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). In recognition of her devotion and accomplishments, the Jacksonville Theological Seminary awarded Jeannette C. Holmes an honorary degree. On September 21, 2018 and October 22, 2018, the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications to twelve (12) affected property owners on Wagner Road regarding the proposed honorary street designation and requested their written consent or objection. Two property owners objected; one property owner consented; one property owner returned the requested form but failed to indicate their position. The remaining eight (8) affected property owners returned the requested form but did not indicate their consent or objection; the latter eight property owners are deemed to have consented. A private donor has provided funds to satisfy the cost for the honorary markers. The two markers on Wagner Road would extend from Trout River Boulevard to New Kings Road in Council District 8.

Policy Impact: Honorary Street Designation

Fiscal Impact: Minimal. There are the costs for the paperwork. A private donor is funding the honorary markers.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-868

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Introduced by Council Member Freeman

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Approval and authorization of an interlocal agreement

Bill Summary: This bill renews the 2016 Interlocal Agreement with the First Coast Workforce Development Consortium, for an additional two year period. The First Coast Workforce Development Consortium was originally established in 2002 and is comprised of six-member counties: Duval, Baker, Clay, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns.

Background Information: The primary purpose of the Consortium is to carry out the responsibilities of each member county under certain federal and state workforce acts, as well as to administer and oversee workforce initiatives and programs under the Federal and State Workforce Acts. The Consortium also appoints and employs the board and staff of the First Coast Workforce Development, the local workforce development board for the sixmember county workforce development area.

Policy Impact Area: Workforce development

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-869

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2018

Type of Action: Approval of lease amendment; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill approves an 8th Amendment to the Amended and Restated Lease between the City and the Gator Bowl Association, Inc. to allow the association to stage a college football game between Florida State University and Boise State University on August 31, 2019. The Office of Sports and Entertainment is designated as the City's oversight agency for the event.

Background Information: The 8th amendment provides that the City shall provide to the Association 4 additional suites to the extent that the City has the rights to use those suites under its lease with the Jacksonville Jaguars for non-Jaguar events. It provides that the Association will pay a base rental fee of \$100,000 for the game and that the Association desires to place any temporary seating in the stadium, it will be at the Association's cost. The amendment provides that the City will bear the costs of game day operations including field preparation, security, ushers, ticket takers, police and fire services, traffic control, supplies, etc. up to \$385,000. The City will not be responsible for any advertising, hospitality or other associated event expenses in excess of the \$385,000 operating costs. The City shall provide for parking operations and will retain \$3 per parking space used; the remaining parking revenues will accrue to the Association. Concession operations and revenues shall be subject to Pre-Existing Rights held by the Jaguars and revenues shall be apportioned among the parties consistent with the lease provisions governing the annual TaxSlayer Bowl game. The City releases to the Association all rights to operations and revenues from scoreboards and signage, subordinate to the Jaguars Pre-Existing Rights. The City will be provided with signage inventory and a minimum of four 30-second commercials broadcast on the video boards. Tickets sold for the game shall be subject to the City's \$1.25 Ticker User Fee for non-profit organization events. The City releases to the Association all other ticket revenues (excluding the \$1.25 user fee), television rights, sponsorship rights, uncommitted concession revenues and Net Parking Revenues so that the Association can make those revenues available to the participating teams pursuant to their game contracts. The Association will provide the City with 150 game tickets, 24 suite tickets, 50 parking passes and 50 pre-game hospitality passes to the game. The Association agrees to make a detailed report after the game accounting for all amounts due and payable under the agreement.

Policy Impact Area: Tourism attraction

Fiscal Impact: The City commits to pay game day expenses up to \$385,000 and it entitled to a \$100,000 rental fee, the \$1.25 per ticket user fee and \$3.00 per parking space used, plus a portion of concession revenues.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-870

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Wilson, Crescimbeni, and Anderson

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, LUZ

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment; City Charter amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends *Ordinance Code*, Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), Section 656.401 (Performance Standards and Development Criteria), Part 4 (Supplementary Regulations), Subpart A (Performance Standards and Development Criteria); revises the Performance Standards for Filling Stations, Gas Stations, Service Stations, and Automated Car Washes; and creates a new section of Performance Standards for Auto Dealerships.

Background Information: Council Vice President Scott Wilson, Council Member John Crescimbeni, and Council Member Greg Anderson held several workshops reviewing and discussing current legislation dealing with commercial corridors and the issues related to misuse and abuse of the laws. The group vetted the topic of local car washes and gas stations. They approved the legislation for introduction at the November 29th meeting. The legislation updates include, but not limited to, terms; conforming and nonconforming uses near residential properties; sidewalks; signage; lenses, and parking for consistency in the *Ordinance Code*.

Policy Impact Area: Zoning Code, Performance Standards and Development Criteria

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Mitchell



Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-871

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment; City Charter amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends Ordinance Code, Chapter 122 (Public Property) to:

- repeal Part 4 (Real Property), Subpart A (Real Property Acquisitions and Administration), Subpart B (Real Property Dispositions), And Subpart F (Donation of Property for Certain Residential Housing);
- create a new Chapter 122 (Public Property), Part 4 (Real Property), Subpart A (Acquisition of Interests in ٠ Real Property) and Subpart B (Real Property Dispositions and Exchanges);
- amend Section 111.755 (Environmental Protection Fund); •
- amend Section 111.920 (Neighborhood Stabilization Program Special Revenue Fund);
- amend Chapter 108 (Central Services), Part 4 (Public Buildings), Section 108.406 (Exercise of Divisional • Responsibilities and Authority; Procedures);
- repeal Chapter 108 (Central Services), Part 4 (Public Buildings), Section 108.411 (Temporary Closure of • Public Building; Rental of Alternative Space); and
- provide for Codification Instructions

Background Information: The Neighborhoods Department and the Real Estate Divison, Public Works Department submitted proposed revisions to Chapter 122, Ordinance Code, to align legislation with state law as it relates to the surplus of City-owned property for affordable housing purposes. The amendment provides for a more streamlined process to handle the City's surplus of property. With an improved structured process, tax reverted properties are returned to productive use more efficiently. The codifier and Office of General Counsel are authorized to formalize the changes to the Ordinance Code, and all chapter and division documents for consistency.

Policy Impact Area: City-owned property

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Mitchell



Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-872

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Downtown Investment Authority

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2018

Type of Action: Approval of redevelopment agreement; project grant award; authorization of REV grant; waiver of trust fund use guidelines; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of a redevelopment agreement between the City, the Downtown Investment Authority and Axis Hotels LLC for the renovation of the Ambassador Hotel building on North Julia Street and the adjacent construction of approximately 200 market rate apartments. It authorizes a Downtown Historic Preservation and Revitalization Trust Fund (HPTF) grant of \$1.5 million and authorizes a Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grant of up to \$4.9 million. The bill waives the \$1 million cap on HPTF grants and designates the Downtown Investment Authority as the contract monitor for the project. The Public Works Department and DIA are designated as oversight agencies.

Background Information: Axis Hotels plans to redevelop the vacant Ambassador Hotel, a designated historic structure, into a 127 room hotel at an estimated cost of \$15 million. The City would provide a \$1.5 million grant for historic preservation purposes from the HPTF after construction is completed and a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. The bill waives the \$1 million cap on HPTF grants to permit a larger grant to this project. Axis also plans to build 200 units of multi-family apartments on an adjacent vacant lot at an estimated cost of \$38.16 million. The bill authorizes a REV grant of up to \$4.9 million, payable from the revenues of the Northbank Tax Increment District, which represents an amount equal to 75% of new county taxes on the property for a period of 15 years on the apartments and new parking deck to serve the project's parking needs.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown redevelopment; historic preservation

Fiscal Impact: The bill authorizes a Downtown Historic Preservation and Revitalization Trust Fund grant of \$1.5 million and authorizes a Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grant of up to \$4.9 million.

Analyst: Clements



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2018-873

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ameera F. Sayeed to the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee, as Transportation Planner, filling a seat formerly held by Terry Shaw, for a first full term ending July 31, 2021.

Background Information: The Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 32, Part 7, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review and revise the City standard specifications, City standard details and rules, standards and policies set forth in the Land Development Procedures Manual and any other regulations, relating to transportation, traffic engineering and roadway design, and make recommendations concerning amendments to the Ordinance Code and 2030 Comprehensive Plan pertaining to such issues on or before March 1, 2014. Section 32.702(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides for six of the thirteen members of the committee to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council, in various categories, including a civil engineer, who has a specialty in transportation or a transportation planner.

Ms. Sayeed has over 19 years of program and project management experience in transportation planning and project management and currently is the Project Consultant for Equus Innovative Solutions. She resides in Council District #6.

Policy Impact Area: Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2018-874

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Sherry Jackson to the Public Service Grant Council, for a first term ending December 31, 2021.

Background Information: The Public Service Grant Council is established pursuant to Chapter 80, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review and assess the annual needs of the City for public services for a program not otherwise funded by City funds; recommend Priority Populations or Needs to the City Council; recommend the process by which recipients of Public Service Grants are selected each year; submit for review an appropriation request for Public Service Grants for the upcoming fiscal year; review, evaluate and score each Public Service Grant application; participate in on-site evaluations of recipient programs; attend orientation sessions the annual training course, ethics, public records and open meeting laws training; and award and allocate the annual lump sum appropriation for Public Service Grants contained in the annual budget ordinance.

Ms. Jackson received a law degree from the Florida Coastal School of Law and a master's degree in applied social sciences from the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. She is the Director of Policy and Compliance at the *Duval County Public Schools* and is active in the community as a County Court Mediator. Ms. Jackson resides in the Springfield area within Council District #7.

Attendance: Sherry Jackson has an attendance record of 84%.

| Sherry Jackson | Meetings | Meetings |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| | Held | Attended |
| 2016-2017 | 3 | 2 |
| 2017-2018 | 14 | 12 |
| 2018-2019 | 3 | 2 |
| Total | 19 | 16 |
| Percentage | | 0.84 |

Policy Impact Area: Public Service Grant Council operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2018-875

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints the Mayor's appointment of Robert F. Baldwin, as a member of the Public Service Grant Council, for a first full term ending December 31, 2021.

Background Information: The Public Service Grant Council is established pursuant to Chapter 80, Ordinance Code, and charged to review and assess the annual needs of the City for public services for a program not otherwise funded by City funds; recommend Priority Populations or Needs to the City Council; recommend the process by which recipients of Public Service Grants are selected each year; submit for review an appropriation request for Public Service Grants for the upcoming fiscal year; review, evaluate and score each Public Service Grant application; participate in on-site evaluations of recipient programs; attend orientation sessions the annual training course, ethics, public records and open meeting laws training; and award and allocate the annual lump sum appropriation for Public Service Grants contained in the annual budget ordinance.

Mr. Baldwin received a bachelor's degree in history from Stetson University and is the Executive Director of the *PARC Foundation*. He has previously served on the Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board and the Duval County Job Opportunity Board. Mr. Baldwin resides in the Secret Cove area within Council District #4.

Bob Baldwin Meetings Held Meetings Attended 3 2016-2017 2 2017-2018 14 11 2018-2019 3 3 Total 20 16 0.80 Percentage

Attendance: Robert Baldwin has an attendance record of 80%.

Policy Impact Area: Public Service Grant Council operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2018-876

Sponsor: Council President Bowman

Date of Introduction: December 11, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2018

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Mark Merritt, to the Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission, filling the seat formerly held by Wendell Chindra, for a first full term ending June 30, 2021.

Background Information: The TRUE Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 57, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to act as an advisory body to the city concerning fiscal policy and may review any aspect of fiscal policy, including: the city's long-range financial soundness, planning, budgeting, and management; the city's budgetary process, including taxation, revenue generation, expenditures, use of permit fees and user fees, bonding capacity, franchise fees, state and federal mandates, privatization, "zero based" financing and other similar topics; the appropriateness of each revenue source the city receives to make up its annual general revenue budget; potential new revenue sources, such as impact fees, and the use of any such funds; the pre- and post-retirement benefit structure for city employees and the potential impact on the financial status of the city; recommendations that will help make Jacksonville the most fairly-taxed and financially-sound city in the nation; recommendations to keep the public better informed about important issues of city financing and budgeting which affect their lives; and other areas as the commission may determine are appropriate and within their scope.

Section 57.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Commission shall be residents of the county and six of the 18 members shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Council.

Mr. Merritt is currently retired and serving on the Finance Committee of the Changing Homelessness Non-Profit agency and he previously worked as Deputy Director of the City of Jacksonville's Library System. He resides within Council District #6.

Policy Impact Area: TRUE Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.