

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-104

Sponsor: Council President Freeman

Date of Introduction: February 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 16, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Charles Barr, to the Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission, filling the seat formerly held by Mark Merritt, for a partial term ending June 30, 2024.

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. Barr is the Maintenance Tech/Process Controls Programmer for Anheuser-Busch and has been in that role since 1995. Mr. Barr resides in Council District 7.

Policy Impact Area: TRUE Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Distel