

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-616

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Carrico

Date of Introduction: August 12, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 13, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Blake Bass as a member of the TRUE Commission, replacing Daniel L. Henry, for a partial term ending June 30, 2026.

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; improve the city's long-range financial soundness, planning budgeting, and management and to keep the public better informed about important issues related to city financing and budgeting; 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; and other areas as the Commission may determine are appropriate and within their scope.

Section 57.102(a)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Commission shall be residents of the county with an interest in city financial planning and budgeting and knowledge or expertise in financial management or accounting, and that six of the 18 members shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Council.

Mr. Bass is a student at FSCJ majoring in Business Administration. He is the owner of Blake's Fun Bounce event rental services, and he is a licensed realtor. Mr. Bass resides in Duval County in council district 5.

Policy Impact Area: TRUE Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey