

Clements, Jeff

From: Caitlin Armstrong <caitarmstrong@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:05 AM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Don't Tear the FBC Building Down

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Stop tearing down buildings that are clearly designated historic structures just because you want to bend the rules! The new proposed building is as hideous as their lighthouse in the middle of Downtown. If they are struggling financially, one would assume they would work with what they already have built.

Clements, Jeff

From: Terry Davidson <golf4fsu@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Danford, Joyce; Bowman, Aaron; DeFoor, Randle; Freeman, Terrance; Wilson, Scott; Cumber, LeAnna; Pittman, JuCoby; Jackson, Brenda; Diamond, Rory; Hazouri, Thomas; Carlucci, Matthew; Newby, Samuel; Salem, Ronald; CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Tonight's vote on Resolution 2020-188 (Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee)

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Council Members,

Thank you for your service to our city. We are grateful that you feel led to dedicate a significant portion of your lives to making our city a better place to live. We appreciate that you sacrifice time away from your families and your jobs to consider issues that affect our city.

We can't imagine some of the difficult decisions you are required to make, and we trust you will seek wisdom as you make this decision. We along with other members of our church regularly pray for the leaders of our country and our city which includes each of you.

We are writing to you regarding Resolution 2020-188 (appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee).

First let us say that we are in support of First Baptist Church and we support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

First Baptist has been an integral part of downtown Jacksonville for over 180 years. Our church has sought to be a faithful member of the downtown community and through the years we have invested countless man hours of volunteer service to our community and we have invested millions of dollars in facilities in downtown Jacksonville. All of the hours that have been volunteered and all of the money that has been given have come from countless thousands of people...one person at a time. We are not a business; we do not receive money from the city or from any other form of government. What has been done at First Baptist Church through the years has been done by individuals who love Jesus and love the citizens of Jacksonville.

The buildings of First Baptist Church have been paid for by prayer, hard work, and tears. We own the buildings and we have earned the right to make changes to our buildings to improve our ministry for the future just as we have done for over 180 years. We are asking you to follow well established history and wisdom from prior city leaders that allows us to use our property as we see fit. We genuinely believe this is exactly how each one of you would feel if this were your personal property.

We understand there are a few people in the city that do not share our point of view. Let me remind you that the people that dispute how we should use our property are not members of our church, they have not volunteered or served in our ministry to help this community, and they have not contributed any money for the building of our facilities.

A city is made up of many different and diverse individuals however the freedom to worship and the freedom where to worship is essential to a healthy city in addition to being guaranteed by our Founding Fathers. For citizens to be able to worship freely this must include churches having the ability to manage their property as God leads them to minister to the citizens of this community.

We are thankful the LUZ committee voted last week to support granting a demolition permit to FBC Jacksonville.

We are respectfully asking you to do the right thing, to agree with other council members, and support issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

Respectfully,

Terry and Becky Davidson

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From: Brown, Cheryl
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:38 AM
To: CCMeeting06232020; Clements, Jeff
Subject: FW: 6.23.20 Letter from Bonnie Vanderberg
Attachments: 06.23.20 Letter from Bonnie Vanderberg.pdf

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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From: "Matthews, Jessica" <JMatthews@coj.net>
Date: 6/23/20 7:24 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: CM <CM@coj.net>
Cc: "Brown, Cheryl" <CLBROWN@coj.net>, "Matthews, Jessica" <JMatthews@coj.net>
Subject: 6.23.20 Letter from Bonnie Vanderberg

Good morning Council Members:

Our office received mail from a constituent name Bonnie Vanderberg, the letter is addressed to City Council. Please see attachment .

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Thank you,

Daily Quote of the Day: "Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." --*Andrew Carnegie*

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From: Julie Frey <julesfrey@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:49 AM
To: Danford, Joyce
Cc: CCMeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 (Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Commission)

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Dear Joyce Morgan,

We are writing in support of First Baptist Church. We support the City Council granting the appeal and issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

As members of First Baptist Church since 1995, we are asking that you greatly consider our church being able to move forward with the new building plans. With the removal of the Sunday school building, the Hobson Auditorium will be able to be restored back to its former glory, with beautiful stained glass windows and brought up to code. The Hobson Auditorium is where the real history is. This building will retain its beautiful structure with the addition, and will flow beautifully, as you can see from the pictures. It will add more attractiveness to the church and surrounding downtown businesses. This will be a draw for more people to visit downtown, and support other businesses such as restaurants, museums, etc.

More importantly we will be able to continue the Lord's work from the first auditorium that was built, but in a more streamlined manner. It was determined by the experts, the Hobson block was the best one, and size for the church to continue our work in downtown Jacksonville. This way, the seven other blocks that First Baptist owns, can be sold to other businesses. This is a win-win for the city & First Baptist Church.

To address the Sunday school building. It needs to be removed so we can have the space we need, and a proper flow within the buildings. As the engineers stated, it is unable to be renovated and will not fit in with the design. Honestly, it is not an attractive building. If the building is unable to be demolished, it is just another building that will sit empty in Downtown Jacksonville, and will not be of any use to anyone. We drive by this building going to church several times a week, and have yet to see anyone there, admiring this empty building. So wouldn't it be better for the church to have this beautiful complex being occupied, than an empty building sitting there, simply because it was built in 1927.

We believe First Baptist should not be held back from completing a beautiful updated complex for our members & visitors. This is our church, and we are the ones this impacts. Your support is so important for the future of our church, and the future of Downtown.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter, and your consideration for our church,

Sincerely,

Mark & Julie Frey
904-477-3282

Clements, Jeff

From: Comcast <giles_j@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:51 PM
To: Becton, Daniel; Boylan, Michael; Dennis, Garrett; Ferraro, Albert; Gaffney, Reginald; Pittman, JuCoby; White, Randy
Cc: CCMeeting06232020; Linda Giles; Ralph Johnson; Bascom Kurtz; Coni Simmons
Subject: Demolition Permit For First Baptist Church Singles Building

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Mr. Becton, Mr. Boylan, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Ferraro, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Pittman, and Mr. White:

Thank you for your decision last Tuesday about the First Baptist Church Singles building not becoming a designated historic landmark, which it clearly shouldn't be, as there is no real historical significance to the property.

I now would like to appeal to you strongly to allow First Baptist Church of Jacksonville to receive their requested permit for demolition of the Singles Building, which is owned by First Baptist, and is on the church property near the church auditoriums.

Please reference Resolution 2020-188 (Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee), and the associated request for demolition, which you are now considering in the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, in which the decision on the First Baptist permit will be made.

As I mentioned in my last letter, the property on which the Singles Building stands is very much needed as part of the First Baptist construction plans to renovate some of the church properties, and to make many of the other existing church properties that are no longer needed available for sale to Jacksonville.

If this building is not demolished, it will make it a great deal more difficult to put up for sale the other church properties that surround the auditoriums, and I am fully in support of First Baptist Church and the demolition of this building. I absolutely support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the church.

Your support is important for the future of our church, and the future of downtown Jacksonville. I don't know if you've seen the plans for the renovation of the (truly historic) Hobson Auditorium, and surrounding buildings, which will go a long way toward beautifying a significant part of downtown Jacksonville, but you should take a close look at them when you have time - please do!

Thank you for carefully considering this appeal, and please do allow First Baptist to move ahead with it's plans - they will greatly benefit Jacksonville, as well as the church and it's members.

Sincerely,
Jim Giles - First Baptist member, and 38 year resident of Jacksonville

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From: Mark Crosley <mcrosley@aicw.org>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:43 PM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Cc: peter@breton.law; Janet Zimmerman; Jerry Scarborough
<jscarborough@taylorengineering.com>
Subject: Comments - City Council June 23, 2020 Consent Item #4 - Proposed Ordinance Amendment 2020- 0266
Attachments: FIND Letter of objection to Jax ordinance 2020-266.pdf; FIND Infographic Duval_Final.pdf

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Please note, FIND would like to enter the attached letter and economic notes as record in opposition of the referenced agenda item.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Crosley
Executive Director

Florida Inland Navigation District
1314 Marcinski Road
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561-624-6480 FAX

Clements, Jeff

From: steyerma_b@juno.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:03 PM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: DEMOLITION PERMIT

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I am in support of First Baptist Church. I support City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church. Your support is important to our church, its future, and the future of Downtown.
Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Steyerman

Clements, Jeff

From: Becky Welch <bswelchkin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Pittman, JuCoby
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]

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Ju'Coby Pittman

Phone: (904) 255-5208

Email: JPittman@coj.net

Please note:

I am in support of First Baptist Church.

I support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

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Sincerely,

[Becky S. Welch](#)

7855 Timberlin Park Blvd.

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904-860-2196

Clements, Jeff

From: Becky Welch <bswelchkin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:26 PM
To: White, Randy
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: FW: Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]

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Randy White

Phone: (904) 255-5212

Email: RandyWhite@coj.net

Mr. White,

I am in support of First Baptist Church.

I support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

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Sincerely,

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From: Becky Welch <bswelchkin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Gaffney, Reginald
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: FW: Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]

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Reggie Gaffney
Phone: (904) 255-5207
Email: RGaffney@coj.net

Mr. Gaffney,

I am in support of First Baptist Church.
I support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

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From: Becky Welch <bswelchkin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Ferraro, Albert
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]

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Al Ferraro
Phone: (904) 255-5202
Email: Ferraro@coj.net

Mr. Ferraro,

I am in support of First Baptist Church.
I support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

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Sincerely,

David M. Welch
7855 Timberlin Park Blvd.
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904-860-2194

Clements, Jeff

From: Becky Welch <bswelchkin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Dennis, Garrett
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]

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Garrett Dennis

Phone: (904) 255-5209

Email: GarrettD@coj.net

Mr. Dennis,

I am in support of First Baptist Church.

I support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

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Sincerely,

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From: Becky Welch <bswelchkin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Boylan, Michael
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]

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Michael Boylan - Vice Chair

Phone: (904) 255-5206

Email: MBoylan@coj.net

Mr. Boylan,

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I support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

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Clements, Jeff

From: Brown, Cheryl
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Steve Williams - Harbinger Sign; CCMeeting06232020; Clements, Jeff
Subject: RE: Landmark the FBC Sunday School Building

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From: Steve Williams - Harbinger Sign <steve@harbingersign.com>
Date: 6/22/20 1:33 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Brown, Cheryl" <CLBROWN@coj.net>
Subject: Landmark the FBC Sunday School Building

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As an active resident and business owner of the Jacksonville community, I'm disappointed in our elected officials, especially the City Council for neglecting to follow our own policies and procedures for landmarking. The First Baptist Church Sunday School Building demolition should be sent back to the Historic Preservation Commission for a landmarking hearing. Of the needed 4 criteria for landmarking, this building meets 6 of the criteria and deserves to be preserved.

It's disheartening that our own officials can't follow and enforce policies in place to protect structures like the Sunday School building, and the fact that your next meeting is not open for public comment just shows the extent of the neglect for our community and disregard for the facts that have been present by many local residents and publications on why this building should be saved. Demotion should always be a last resort. I urge you all to make the right decision and let the Historic Preservation Commission do what they are meant to do and allow

this almost 100 year old building the opportunity to be preserved for our city's culture. Residents are tired of seeing structures being destroyed unnecessarily, especially a building that is still in excellent condition and an important part of the Downtown Historic District. Please do the right thing and save this building.

Steve Williams

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Becton, Daniel
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mr. Becton!

I'm writing in reference to Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]. My family and I are active members of this church and the Jacksonville community.

We want to let you know that we are in support of First Baptist Church; we support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

Thank you for your consideration as your support is so important to the future of our church and the future of Downtown Jacksonville.

Blessings to you!
Ashley Phillips

Clements, Jeff

From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Newby, Samuel
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mr. Newby!

I'm writing in reference to Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]. My family and I are active members of this church and the Jacksonville community.

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Ashley Phillips

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Carlucci, Matthew
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mr. Carlucci!

I'm writing in reference to Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee]. My family and I are active members of this church and the Jacksonville community.

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Hazouri, Thomas
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Hi, Mr. Hazouri!

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Salem, Ronald
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Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mr. Salem!

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To: Freeman, Terrance
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mr. Freeman!

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
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To: DeFoor, Randle
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Hi, Mr. DeFoor!

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Diamond, Rory
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mr. Diamond!

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Jackson, Brenda
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mrs. Jackson!

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To: Pittman, JuCoby
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Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mr. Pittman!

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To: Cumber, LeAnna
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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Hi, Mrs. Cumber!

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We want to let you know that we are in support of First Baptist Church; we support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

Thank you for your consideration as your support is so important to the future of our church and the future of Downtown Jacksonville.

Blessings to you!
Ashley Phillips

Clements, Jeff

From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Wilson, Scott
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 - Brief Letter from First Baptist Church Member

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From: Ashley Phillips <astrick06@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Bowman, Aaron
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To: Danford, Joyce
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From: Patty Vansant <Patty.Vansant@FLBaptist.org>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:52 AM
Subject: Resolution 2020-188 [Appeal by First Baptist Church of denial of demolition permit by Historic Preservation Committee].

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It is my understanding that the City Council will meet on June 24, 2020, to consider the request by First Baptist Church to demolish the church-owned building at 125 West Church Street. I am a native of Jacksonville and lifelong resident. I am also a lifelong (63 years) very involved member of First Baptist Church, where my children and grandchildren are also active members. I truly love Jacksonville and I also love my church and I support the City Council issuing the demolition permit to the Church.

Our senior pastor, Dr. Heath Lambert, has only been with us for a little over two years, but he has taken on a tremendous responsibility with deep consequences to his ministry and his own family, to develop a plan to move our church out of financial crisis that was not of his making. A huge part of the plan includes the sale of much of our property and the renovation of the remaining buildings.

As one who grew up riding the bus with my grandmother to shop downtown, I appreciate the history of Jacksonville and I have wonderful memories of the beautiful buildings. But I implore you to approve the permit for demolition for our church so that we can again make that block a vibrant and exciting area where people will want to come. Your support is important for the future of our church, its future, and the future of Downtown Jacksonville.

Thank you for your time and I am praying for you as you make your decision.

Patty Vansant

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Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Diamond, Rory
Cc: CCMeting06232020
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To: Newby, Samuel
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Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 8:51 PM
To: Carlucci, Matthew
Cc: CCMeting06232020
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To: Hazouri, Thomas
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To: Salem, Ronald
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To: Freeman, Terrance
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To: DeFoor, Randle
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From: The Shackelfords <jaxshacks@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Danford, Joyce; Bowman, Aaron; Wilson, Scott; Cumber, LeAnna; Pittman, JuCoby; Jackson, Brenda; Diamond, Rory; DeFoor, Randle; Freeman, Terrance; Salem, Ronald; Hazouri, Thomas; Newby, Samuel; CCMeeting06232020
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Jerry and Carolyn Shackelford
(904) 642-1392

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From: adavis <adavis@mallenconstruction.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 3:24 PM
To: mail mallenconstruction.com
Cc: CCMeeting06232020
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Blessings,

Allen Davis
adavis@mallenconstruction.com

Clements, Jeff

From: Susan <susaninflorida@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:17 AM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Cc: letters@jacksonville.com; news@wjct.org; 'WJXT 4 Newsroom'; Folio
Subject: To be included as part of the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting

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The city council needs to pass an ordinance requiring a nose/mouth covering when entering any enclosed place open to the public similar to what President Trump required of the West Wing White House staff in May after some of the staff tested positive for Covid-19.

The ordinance would make the word “should” mean “must” when it comes to the CDC guidelines for Jacksonville regarding face masks. People are interpreting “should” to mean “not required.” Strong people should care about their neighbors.

CDC guidelines:

- Everyone should wear a [cloth face cover](#) when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

"We continue to caution that reducing the likelihood of additional outbreaks will require individuals and business owners to be vigilant with personal protection, wearing masks and practicing proper hygiene, and instituting strong workplace safety measures," Dr. David Rubin, director of PolicyLab at CHOP and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine, said.

Health professionals, including Dr. Larry Feinman, chief medical officer for 18 HCA hospitals in west Florida, pushed for a mask requirement. Feinman said he is more “terrified” to walk through a Publix grocery store than through any of the 15 COVID-19 units in the chain’s hospitals.

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Dr. Ulyee Choe, director of the Florida Department of Health, said recent studies are “showing the masks are effective” in fighting the virus.

Thank you,
Susan Aertker

Link to article about West Wing requirements in May:

<https://www.webmd.com/connect-to-care/vaping/news/20200619/masks-no-longer-required-in-west-wing>

Link to article with David Rubin quote:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-florida-next-epicenter-pandemic/>

Link to article with Doctors Feinmann and Choe quotes:

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/06/18/pinellas-county-inches-closer-to-requiring-face-masks/>

Clements, Jeff

From: Susan Aertker <susaninflorida@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 5:56 PM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Cc: letters@jacksonville.com; news@wjct.org; newstips@news4jax.com; stories@folio.com
Subject: To be included as part of the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting

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I hope the city council will pass an ordinance to make the items in the proposed federal bills a law in Jacksonville. Who knows when the federal congress will come to an agreement and pass these police reform laws? You can do it now.

The two bills, one drafted [by Senate Republicans](#) and the other [by Democrats](#), share some common ground: data collection and sharing of police officer's disciplinary action, more training for law enforcement officials, and rules concerning body cameras.

Susan Aertker
Zip: 32257

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As leaders in this community, you have a responsibility to do something.

On Thursday, Florida again passed a record for the most single-day coronavirus cases, adding 3,207 new infections and bringing the state total to 85,926.

Health professionals, including Dr. Larry Feinman, chief medical officer for 18 HCA hospitals in west Florida, pushed for a mask requirement.

He implored commissioners to require people to wear masks when they are inside public spaces. People have a three times greater chance of dying from COVID-19 than during open heart surgery, Feinman said, adding that he is more “terrified” to walk through a Publix grocery store than through any of the 15 COVID-19 units in the chain’s hospitals.

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Quotes from:

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/06/18/pinellas-county-inches-closer-to-requiring-face-masks/>

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Susan Aertker

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The city's contract with ASM Global delegates authority to the firm to attract events to the venues and negotiate the terms for their use, said city General Counsel Jason Gabriel. **That agreement won't have to go to City Council for a vote.**

We have learned from the JEA debacle that Mayor Curry isn't to be trusted. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you,
Susan Aertker
Zip: 32257

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From: Krista E. Burby <KBurby@drivermcafee.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:50 PM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Speaker for June 23 City Council Meeting (2020-0262)

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Good afternoon,

Please allow this email to serve as notice that Cyndy Trimmer will speak on behalf of the applicant for 2020-0262 at the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.

For the record her address is One Independent Dr., Ste 1200, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 301-1269. She is in support of this application.

Sincerely,

Krista Burby
Paralegal



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Clements, Jeff

From: Brown, Cheryl
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Samantha Ross; CITYC; CAUDIT
Cc: Miller, Carla; Oberdorfer, Kirby; Hartley-Myers, Andrea
Subject: RE: Covid Reopening Concerns - Please Forward to City Council

This email acknowledges receipt of your correspondence. The embedded communication, by this email, is being forwarded to the City Council Members and the Administration.

Cheryl

Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, Director
Jacksonville City Council
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Jacksonville, Florida 32202
CLBrown@coj.net
904.255.5133 (Office)
904.255.5230 (Fax)

“....The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served.”
— **Gordon B. Hinckley**

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From: Samantha Ross [<mailto:samanthaross1204@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Brown, Cheryl
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Dear Dr. Brown,
I am writing to tell you about my personal experience as a healthcare worker in Jacksonville during Covid-19. I urge you to cease the re-opening of Jacksonville as it is doing serious damage to the physical and mental health of our citizens.

I am a manager at an assisted living facility for adults with disabilities. My job is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of 19 adults with disabilities at L'Arche Jacksonville, many who are elderly with multiple illnesses

and extremely vulnerable to Covid-19. We began lockdown precautions in March and we have not lifted any stay-at-home protocols. This means our people with disabilities haven't seen their families in over three months. They typically attend day programs for enrichment purposes and now they cannot go to their day programs. They are stuck at home as all citizens were - but it is much worse for them. None of them have the skills to communicate via smartphone or tablet. They are so limited in their communication with the outside world that they are increasingly lonely and depressed. They can use a house phone to call families, but they need assistance to do so, and staff is so busy attending to the safety protocols that we have little time to help them call loved ones. They are suffering. It is heartbreaking for staff to continually tell them "just a little longer!" when Covid-19 rates are skyrocketing and it could be many more months until they can visit their families. The current state of re-opening also leaves our 40+ staff members confused and scared. I instructed my staff to ignore re-opening procedures because we cannot pretend our lives are back to "normal." Our responsibility is to protect our people with disabilities and they are locked down at home, so if Covid-19 entered the facility, it would almost certainly come from an infected staff member.

For me, this means I cannot see my partner or go back to my home because he is a nurse. I am living at the assisted living facility indefinitely. My partner could easily contract Covid-19 which would expose myself and the people for whom I am responsible. I am exhausted, burned out, and angry, especially now that there is no end in sight. Since I am living at work, I do not get a break. I am always at work, never able to return to my family to decompress from the stress of providing healthcare.

The decision to re-open Jacksonville shows people like me that you don't care about us or vulnerable populations. We have to be increasingly vigilant after several months of lockdown and we cannot take it anymore. I urge you to think about the people who suffer the most. We need to know we can trust your guidance, because right now, we are on our own.

Sincerely,
Samantha Ross

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Clements, Jeff

From: Matthews, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:16 AM
To: Photography by Brandi Hill
Cc: CCMeeting06232020; Clements, Jeff; Brown, Cheryl; Green, Lisa
Subject: Re: COJ /Vystar Program Issues

Correspondence has been received and will be filed into permanent record that deals with Cares act. Thankyou

Sent from my iPhone

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[COJVystarLoanProgramIssues.pdf](#)

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To: Photography by Brandi Hill
Cc: CCMeting06232020; Brown, Cheryl; Clements, Jeff; Matthews, Jessica; Shemwell, Crystal
Subject: RE: Office of Inspector General Complaint

Received the correspondence and will be printed and filed for the record,thank you.

Daily Quote of the Day: "Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." --
Andrew Carnegie

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To: United States Department of Treasury Office Inspector General

Re: Report of misuse of Federal Government Grants

First name: Brandi

Last name: Hill

Telephone Number: (904) 616-2402

E-mail: brandi@brandihill.com

Name of the entity being submitted: City of Jacksonville local Government/ City Council Body

† DUNS #: N/A

Names of Employees if a company:

1. Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry
2. Jacksonville Chief Financial Officer Patrick Grieve
3. Jacksonville City Council Members; Scott Wilson, Tommy Hazouri, Danny Becton, Aaron Bowman, Michael Boylan, Matt Carlucci, LeAnna Cumber, Randy Defoor, Joyce Morgan, Al Ferraro, Reggie Gaffney, Ju'Coby Pittman, Garrett Dennis, Brenda Priestly-Jackson, Randy White, Rory Diamond, Terrance Freeman, Ronald Salem, Samuel Newby.

Telephone number: (904) 255- 5000

E-mail: MayorLennyCurry@coj.net

Mailing address: Mayor's Office
City Hall at St. James Building
117 W. Duval St. Suite 400
Jacksonville, FL 32202

What transactions with the federal government is the person or entity involved with?*

In late April 2020, the United States Department of Treasury provided payment of \$169M to the City of Jacksonville through the CARES Act Relief Fund.

What is the nature of the complaint?*

The City of Jacksonville's local government misused Federal CARES Act Relief Grant funds by allocating the monies to a program that falls outside of the grant's funding guidelines. Three of the guidelines the program violates are listed below:

1. The Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Guidance Form (Page 2, Paragraph 2) states the funds can cover "costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020." The funds being held by the city are intended to fund the COJ/ Vystar Loan Program for the next 6 years <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>

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3. The Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions for Local Governments (Page 8, Question 4) states, "if a government has not used funds it has received to cover costs that were incurred by December 30, 2020, as required by the statute, those funds must be returned to the Department of the Treasury."Its not financially possible to spend all the funds the city is holding by deadline which will result in returning the left over funds. <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

What is the time period of the complaint?

April 27, 2020 - present.

Additional Information?

Since April 27, 2020 I have made tireless (and well documented) pleas to multiple member's of my local government regarding this misuse of federal grant funding. Over 51 days I have sent correspondences to Jacksonville's Mayor, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Director of Public Affairs, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Chief Financial Officer and the 19 members of Jacksonville's City Council body.

My State Rep and Senators advised me they have no control of local decision making as the Office of Inspector General is who can interven at this point.

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Clements, Jeff

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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:56 PM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: name change to Bently road information ordinance 2020-262

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To Whom It May Concern;

I do not think this is a priority at this time. I am a small business owner, of Fresh-Mex & Co. on Bonneval Road and the impact of Covid-19 on our business was devastating. This name change could seriously negatively impact our business. We will incur many legal costs and countless hours of work as well as potential issues due to the name change. This street name change will require the changing of all of our licenses, insurance information, our paperwork, menus, online profile and so forth. Why we should incur this cost I am not sure is reasonable aside from the stress of these changes which will be put on me.

This could negatively affect the searchability of our business which could have a financial impact for us. I think during this time of uncertainty this should be something the dealership should consider as a negative public relations blemish. I will be following up and continue to be present at hearings as well as contact an attorney to help me navigate this extreme imposition to small businesses.

I have spoken with a **journalist Mrs. Harding at JAX NEWS** who had to help me get the city to call me back. I left 4 messages and called for a week with no response. It took her investigation for me to even receive any call back or relevant information. I would think the Bently dealership would not want to hurt other businesses and add to the already mounting stress we are experiencing through these difficult times not to mention the costs I will have to incur. Every marketing material, menu, website, google ads, social media, seo, legal business permits and licenses will have to be changed. This will take a great deal of time I do not have and money as well as the potential negative impact on my business.

Amanda Toussaint, MPH, CHC, AADP
Owner, Fresh-Mex & Co.
7111 Bonneval Road
www.freshmexjax.com

Clements, Jeff

From: Julie Tully <juliertully@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 8:56 AM
To: CCMeeting06232020
Subject: Shad Creek -Authority to CHANGE a Vote ?

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What gives the Waterways the Authority to change the way they present the voted and approved material ? If you present less you will get less approved. You are not going to get more than what you present. For the past year while waiting we are told nothing about a "side meeting" just that "everything is fine and getting done"

How much were the total costs to get these current 300' signs in place ? \$10,000 or \$ 30,000 you mention ? What gives you the authority to present to the state for approval only 1 Item of concern, the bridge when there is blind curves, hazardous currents and more when it clearly says "Including, NOT limited to" we showed 5 qualified elements of safety concerns in just 1 section of 327.46 that justified the original approval in June 2019 meeting to doing it 3 times and taking a year for just 1 increment. How long is the expected new approach of doing this in increments going to be and how much extra in cost as none of this seems like a good logical new approach.

Please answer on

authority to change a matter voted on, justification on cost in increments to gain the full 800' that was expected and time line expected in said new intervals approach. Thank You

Clements, Jeff

From: Ktdodge1 <ktdodge1@aol.com>
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Subject: First Baptist Church, Jacksonville permit request

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To: City Council member

I hope I have not waited too late to make this request. I am a long time church member of First Baptist, Jacksonville. Our leadership is seeking God's will and wants to make wise decisions concerning our church property. I hope and pray you will consider approving their permit request. They only seek to do what is best in these trying and changing times in a new day to do church ministry. We want to continue to be an asset to our city and be a good partner in city matters as we seek a new and better way to church work in our downtown mission field. I trust our pastor (and staff) and know he has studied, researched, prayed over and "sweat tears" over these plans for our church's future. These changes will be an asset to the downtown community. I hope you will consider voting in favor of this permit request. Thank you for "hearing" my heart. Thank you for all you do for our city. Karen Dodge