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Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles

Our Mission

Serving you, meeting today's challenges, focusing on the future.

Our Vision

To make Jacksonville's local government the most responsive and effective city government in America, and Jacksonville the best place in the nation to live, work and raise a family.

Guiding Principles

- Value all the contributions of our culturally-diverse workforce
- Practice long-term planning
- Inform and educate customers openly and effectively
- Treat each other with courtesy and respect
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity in all actions
- Encourage and support innovation
- Provide training to support the mission through innovative means
- Achieve the mission through team work
- Treat customers as you want to be treated
- Fix the problem, not the blame
- Exercise sound judgment in meeting community and customer needs

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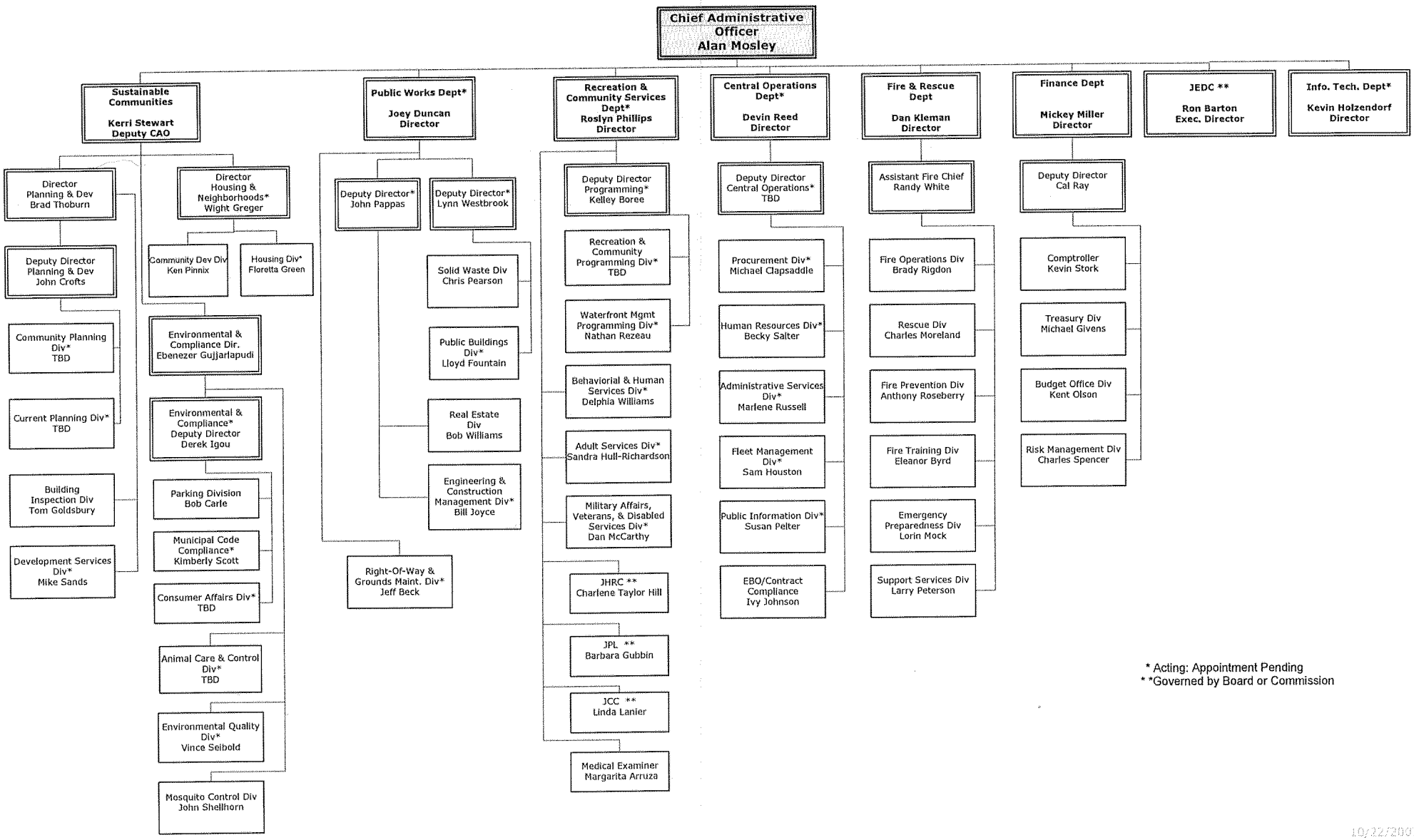
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Budget Office Div
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* *Governed by Board or Commission
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The Jacksonville City Council

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City Council Committees, Boards, and Commissions

The Standing Committees of the Jacksonville City Council meet the first and third week of each month in the Council Chamber, 1st Floor, City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval St. The Special Committees, Boards and Commissions meet as noticed.

STANDING COMMITTEES
Finance Committee
Land Use & Zoning Committee
Public Health & Safety Committee
Recreation & Community Development Committee
Rules Committee
Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

SPECIAL COMMITTEES
Courthouse Oversight Special Committee
Personnel Committee
Seaport and Airport Special Committee
Special Committee on City Pension Sustainability
Trail Ridge Oversight Special Committee

COUNCIL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Charter Revision Commission
Duval County Tourist Development Council
Jacksonville Waterways Commission
Value Adjustment Board
For a complete list of the Advisory Boards of the City of Jacksonville click **City Boards.**
To apply for a City Council appointment, click **City Council Appointments.**

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS
Chaplain - Don Redman
Floor Leader - Clay Yarborough

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/LIAISONS
The Council President has selected the following Council Members to serve as liaisons between the City Council and various governmental entities in order to maintain effective communication and provide the best possible service to the public.

Children's Commission - Warren Jones
Cultural Council - John Crescimbeni
Downtown Development Review Board - Reggie Brown & Don Redman
Downtown Vision - Art Shad
Federal Stimulus Package - Reggie Brown
Jacksonville Aviation Authority - Bill Bishop
Jacksonville Economic Development Commission - Glorious Johnson
Jacksonville Housing & Community Development Commission - Clay Yarborough
Jacksonville Housing Authority - Don Redman
Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee - Ronnie Fussell

Jacksonville Port Authority - Daniel Davis
Jacksonville Transportation Authority - Jack Webb
JEA - Stephen Joost
Joint Planning Committee - Jack Webb
Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Strategy Steering Committee - Jack Webb
Keep Jacksonville Beautiful - Bill Bishop
Mayor's Council on Fitness & Well-Being - Don Redman
Military/Veterans Affairs - Reggie Brown & Don Redman
N/E Florida Regional Council - Bill Bishop
Prosperity Scholarship Fund Governing Council - Reggie Brown
School Board - Ronnie Fussell
Security and Emergency Preparedness Planning Council - Richard Clark
Sister Cities - Stephen Joost
Transportation Planning Organization - Michael Corrigan, Stephen Joost, Denise Lee, & Bill Bishop (Alternate)
Victim Assistance Advisory Council - Glorious Johnson
Water and Sewer Expansion Authority - Reggie Brown & Clay Yarborough
Zoological Society - Johnny Gaffney & Kevin Hyde (Alternate)

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Advisory Boards and Commissions

Art in Public Places Committee
Asian American Advisory Board
BCAB-Building Codes Adjustment Board
Better Jacksonville Financial Administration Committee (FAC)
Better Jacksonville Project Administration Committee (PAC)
Blue Ribbon Commission on Cemeteries
Charter Revision Commission
Civil Service Board
COEA-Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs
Comcast Settlement Community Panel
Construction Trades Qualifying Board
Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville
Cultural Service Grant Committee
Disability Council
Downtown Development Review Board (DDRB)
Duval County Election Advisory Panel
Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board
Environmental Protection Board
Fitness and Well-Being, Mayor's Council on
Hispanic Advisory Board
Historic Preservation Commission, Jacksonville
HIV Health Services Planning Council, Metropolitan Jacksonville Area
Industrial Technical Advisory Committee
JAA-Jacksonville Aviation Authority
Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority
Jacksonville Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees
JCC-Jacksonville Children's Commission
JEA
JEDC-Jacksonville Economic Development Commission
JHA-Jacksonville Housing Authority
JHCDC-Jacksonville Housing & Community Development Commission
JHFA-Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority
JHRC-Jacksonville Human Rights Commission
JIA Area Redevelopment Agency Board
JJCS-City of Jacksonville Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Strategy Steering Committee
JJOC-Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee
JOB-Duval County Job Opportunity Board
Joint Planning Committee
JPA-Jacksonville Port Authority
JRS-City of Jacksonville Retirement System Board of Trustees
JSEB Monitoring Committee
JTA-Jacksonville Transportation Authority
JWC-Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Keep Jacksonville Beautiful: A Clean City Commission

Library Board of Trustees

Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

Public Service Grant Council

RDA-Duval County Research & Development Authority

Security & Emergency Preparedness Planning Council

Sexual Assault, Jacksonville Advisory Council on

Sports & Entertainment Board

Subdivision Standards & Policy Advisory Committee

TDC-Duval County Tourist Development Council

Television, Motion Picture & Commercial Production, Mayor's Advisory Commission on

TRC-Tower Review Committee

TRUE-Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures Commission

VAB-Value Adjustment Board

Victim Assistance Advisory Council

Water & Sewer Expansion Authority

Women, Mayor's Commission on the Status of

ELECTION REFORM IN JACKSONVILLE:

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND ELECTORAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Report

August 21, 2003

New York City
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Jacksonville, Florida is the nation's 14th largest city, with a population (735,000) greater than Baltimore, Boston, and Washington D.C. and approximately the size of San Francisco. Jacksonville elects a mayor, five constitutional (citywide) officers, and a 19-member city council, which includes five at-large and fourteen district seats. Municipal elections are held in April and May. In addition, Jacksonville, unlike most cities, has a consolidated county-city government, which means that city government is responsible for the delivery of social services and the negotiation of their contracts, as in New York City.

In 1988, the Jacksonville Community Council Inc. conducted a study entitled, "Local Election Process." The Jacksonville Community Council (JCCI) is a "nonpartisan civic organization that engages diverse citizens in open dialogue, research, consensus building, and leadership development to improve the quality of life and build a better community in Northeast Florida and beyond." A team of 50 community leaders and volunteers, including academics, conducted the study, with research and support provided by JCCI.

The study came in response to several concerns, including: "Voter turnout in Duval County is low, especially in local elections. In addition, the number of candidates for local office has decreased, and the number of unopposed elections has increased." The report followed a 1987 citywide election in which 34 percent of registered voters participated in the (April) primary election and 41 percent participated in the (May) general election. These participation rates were typical of previous elections and even somewhat higher. (Participation rates for the 1979 primary and general elections were 36 percent and 37 percent, respectively, and in 1983, they were 35 percent and 28 percent, respectively.) The authors of the report asked a fundamental question: "How can our local elections process be improved to increase active participation of citizens as voters and as candidates?"

According to David Swain, a former Associate Director of JCCI and the director of the study, the group's early focus was on nonpartisan elections. Opposition from party leaders, however, along with concerns raised in the academic literature, led the participants in the JCCI study to examine a third approach: a nonpartisan election structure (i.e., no party primaries) that places a candidate's party affiliation on the ballot.

The study examined Jacksonville's political landscape and the potential impact of reform

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