



Office of Mayor-Elect Lenny Curry

Transition Task Force (Budget)

June 17, 2015

City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville FL 32202

IN ATTENDANCE:

Transition Team

Sam Mousa

Mike Weinstein

Shari Shuman

Kirk Wendland

Ashton Hudson

Kevin Stork

Beth Mangold

Council Auditor's Office

Robert Campbell

Budget Office

Angela Moyer

Lakeisha Williams

Department: Ethics Office – Carla Miller, Kirby Oberdorfer

Angela gave a summary of the budget. The Ethics Office has no revenues and it is one activity in the General Fund. Salaries increased \$20,000 for an additional attorney and pension contribution increased \$28,000. The salary increase is for a new employee. Building cost allocation increased 9,000.

The office has one full-time person and one part-time employee. Ms. Miller is part-time.

The OGC allocation went down about \$18,000. Ms. Miller was asked what legal services do they require from OGC? Ms. Miller replied that they could do away with that part of the budget because she is an attorney. OGC sits in on the Ethic Commission meetings once a month. The Ethics attorney serves to assist OGC when they have conflict of interest opinions and work on that research for them so the Ethics

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Office provides more of a service to OGC than OGC does for them. Mr. Mousa asks if OGC is still the final legal opinion to the Ethics Office and everyone else and Ms. Miller confirms.

Ms. Miller made a correction to the pension/retirement contribution. As a part-time employee, she is not eligible for pension so the pension contribution is made for Ms. Oberdorfer and she elected the defined contribution pension which is \$5,000 instead of \$28,220 which reduces the pension contribution.

Carla discusses the white paper she handed out.

Mr. Mousa asked how much of her work is ethics training and how much is ethical investigation. Training is 50% and with the independent agencies and constitutional officers being added it will go to 98%. They are not primarily an enforcement body and probably do one case a year. Most cases go to State Attorney so they do very little investigations. Training is 50% and advice is 40%. They do a lot of preventative training to keep people out of the papers and in compliance with state and local laws.

Mr. Mousa asks how she decides what to do with tips and information that she receives. What options does she pursue? Ms. Miller refers to her web site where there is an informational document with the procedures on how the office handles complaints. She did not bring the document with her. Fraud waste and abuse is going to the Inspector General's Office.

She is not asking for any enhancements for the office.

ETHICS DEPARTMENT/BUDGET 2015-6

Carla Miller, Director

1. HISTORY

- 1999: Mayor Delaney, First Ethics Code for City, creates Ethics Office
- 1999—2007 Ethics Officer is a volunteer position
- 2007: Ethics Director hired (part time)
- 2011: Charter amended to make Ethics Office independent; IG and Ethics Office functions combined and jurisdiction extended to entire consolidated city of Jax
- 2011: September, entire existing IG office eliminated; the one part time Ethics Director is the only staff person left.
- 2013: Council allocated one additional staff person to the Ethics Office

2. FUNCTIONS

- Compliance with all state and local ethics laws
- Director of Ethics Commission (9 person board); handling of complaints
- Citywide **training** of elected officials, boards and departments
- Directs citywide "Ethics Coordination Council" with all Independent Authorities and Constitutional Officers (ethics risk assessment)
- Advice** to all employees and elected officials
- Hotline** intakes/handlings Develop anti-corruption strategies
- Propose/Write **Legislation** (example: IG legislation and referendum)
- ***Referendum passed 3/2015**; extended jurisdiction to 14 agencies in Consolidated City of Jacksonville

3. STAFF

- Director (part time), Coordinator (full time) One and 1/2 positions.

4. BUDGET

- FY 2014-5 (Revised)** **\$250,030**
- FY 2015-6 (Proposed)** **\$221,776** (IS-\$38K; Salaries-\$160K; \$20K employee taxes/costs; \$4K expenses)