

**Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County
August 2009 Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2009
Minutes**

Call to Order

The Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County (CTDC) meeting convened on Monday, August 3rd at 6:32 PM.

July 2009 Minutes

The July 2009 minutes were accepted with a correction of Conrad Markle's presentation before the Charter Commission. The correction was made to the minutes and the minutes were uploaded to the website.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was accepted without objection. The current balance was \$609.24.

Ethics Commission Meeting

Philip Laibe reported on the recent Ethics Commission meeting. The Ethics Commission is looking for an independent funding source and to have authority over independent agencies. They also are seeking subpoena power and the authority to fine ethics code violaters. There were also discussion over whether the commission should be elected or appointed.

Charter Revision Commission

Sheriff Rutherford spoke at the recent meeting of the Charter Revision Commission. He preferred that his office remain an elected position. He also wanted a legal representative in the Sheriff's office that was independent of the Office of General Council.

A School Board representative lobbied for the same kind of transfer of money from the JEA to the School Board that goes to City Government.

Joe Andrews submitted a letter to the commission spelling out his views on the core functions of city government.

City Budget

Phil Laibe made a motion that photographs of the City Council members who voted for the millage rate increase be placed on the website. The motion was seconded. Curtis Wolf made a motion to amend the motion to list their names instead of using

photographs due to copyright issues. The amendment was accepted by Phil Laibe. The motion was approved without objection.

Bylaws

Shane Schumerth made a motion to amend the bylaws to create a non paying membership for the CTDC. The motion was seconded. After several minutes of discussion, Shane Schumerth made a motion to call the question. The motion failed 3-2. The main motion failed 3-3.

Ethics Commission

Shane Schumerth made a motion that the Ethics Commission be made an independent and elected board. Shane Schumerth withdrew his motion.

Budget Review Committee

Curtis Wolf made a motion that the budget committee report be approved and sent to the City Council and the press. Due to the late hour and the fact that few board members had read the report fully, Curtis Wolf accepted an amendment that board members meet on August 22nd at 10 AM at Panera Bread to discuss and potentially vote on the report. The motion was approved without objection.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM .

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Wolf
Secretary, Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County