

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2015
TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
FROM: Vincent S. Long, County Administrator
SUBJECT: Revised Proposed Agenda for the March 31, 2015 Joint County-City Meeting on Southside Issues

Please find attached a revised proposed Agenda for the Joint County-City meeting on Southside issues scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at Bethel A.M.E. Church. After further discussion with the City Manager, following the distribution of the March 10 agenda, the City has requested that the meeting focus entirely on the proposed Tallahassee-Leon Promise Zone. There would be a subsequent opportunity for citizen engagement, facilitated by Village Square, following the County and City Commissions' discussion on the Promise Zone.

cc: Shington Lamy, Assistant to the County Administrator for Intergovernmental and Community Initiatives

Encl: March 31, 2015 Joint County-City Meeting on Southside Issues Revised Agenda

County-City Joint Meeting on the Southside

March 31, 2015

Fellowship Hall

Bethel A.M.E. Church

6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Opening Remarks** **Vincent S. Long /Anita Favors Thompson**
County Manager Long and City Manager Favors Thompson will each provide opening remarks including the purpose of the meeting.
- II. Overview of the Tallahassee – Leon County Promise Zone Concept**
Chairman Mary Ann Lindley/Mayor Andrew Gillum
Chairman Lindley and Mayor Gillum will provide a brief overview of the Promise Zone concept including six key goals of:
- (1) reduce violent crime through resident engagement, leadership development and targeted programs,*
 - (2) promote private investment, enhance existing businesses and create jobs,*
 - (3) increase educational opportunities and training for youth and adults,*
 - (4) improve health, wellness and the quality of life for residents,*
 - (5) improve resident involvement and strengthen neighborhood organizations, and*
 - (6) improve the quality of existing housing and encourage the development of affordable and market rate housing.*
- III. Conversation on the Tallahassee-Leon County Promise Zone**
The County Commission and City Commission will discuss opportunities available through the Promise Zone concept including partnerships and commitments that have been established to meet the six goals.
- IV. Community Dialogue on Southside Priorities**
Facilitated by Village Square, citizens will be invited to participate in a community dialogue to identify additional needs on the Southside based on the Promise Zone conversation.
- V. Wrap-up**
County and City Commissioners will have the opportunity to share final thoughts and comments.
- VI. Adjournment**