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City to Evaluate Alternative Service Delivery in Community Services

Effective immediately, all programs, activities and processes in the City's Community Services Division have been placed on indefinite hold.

Fulltime personnel in the Division have been placed on Administrative Leave with Pay pending the outcome of an internal review of the services and functions in the Community Services Division. In addition, all Temporary personnel in the Division have been released.

City Manager David Recor indicated that the City will be reviewing its organizational structure and evaluating alternative approaches to the traditional methodology of service delivery in the Division. Recor has previously stated that the City's Federal entitlement dollars may be a potential funding source for much needed capital improvement projects in eligible target areas of the community.

The City Manager indicated that certain housing and other assistance programs may be retained but reprioritized and that City staff has been in communication with the Department of Housing and Urban Development regional office in Jacksonville. Recor added that the City has already begun to correct various procedural and program administration errors and further that he will be establishing a team of staff from the City Attorney's office, Finance Department and the Planning Department to monitor this process through completion.

The City is scheduled to discuss the future of the Community Services Division at a Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2010, at the River Walk Center from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.