

# City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St  
Jacksonville, FL 32202



## Meeting Minutes - Amended

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall & Virtual

## Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

*Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair*

*LeAnna Cumber, Vice Chair*

*Kevin Carrico*

*Reggie Gaffney*

*Al Ferraro*

*Joyce Morgan*

*Danny Becton*

*Legislative Assistant: Sandra Nester*

*Legislative Assistant: Juliette Williams*

*Chief Office of General Counsel: Paige Johnston*

*Research Assistant: Anthony Baltiero*

*Asst. Council Auditor: Phillip Peterson*

*Administration: Rachel Zimmer*

*Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana*

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**Meeting Convened: 2:01 P.M.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:11 P.M.**

MEETING TIME: 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Physical Location: Council Chambers

City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

(If attending virtually, please join the meeting by 1:45 P.M.)

Meeting ID: 977 5707 7863

Password: 325095

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The public will be encouraged to share general comments with individual council members by email or telephone. Public hearings and public participation are required by state statute for specific legislation. We will conduct these hearings as required by state law. CCMeeting02232021@coj.net is the designated email for general comments to be including as a part of this meeting.

**Attendance: Council Members Salem (Chair), Cumber (Vice Chair), Morgan, Gaffney, Ferraro, Carrico, Becton**

**Also: Anthony Baltiero, Yvonne Mitchell - Council Research; Paige Johnston - Office of General Council; Sandra Nester, Juliette Williams – Legislative Services; Phillip Peterson - Council Auditor's Office; Melanie Wilkes, Eric Grantham and Steve Cassada – Council Support Services**



Chair Salem called the meeting to order and reviewed the items on the Agenda noting the actions that will be taken for each item. The Chair introduced the presenter for the meeting, Robin Smith, Public Works Department.

Mr. Smith gave a presentation regarding railroad crossings within Jacksonville. Mr. Smith provided a brief history of the local railroads with a map from 1891 that shows the railroads across the city and how they are still relatively the same as they are today. There are 4 major railroad companies that operate within Duval County, including CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway, Florida East Coast Railway, and JAXPORT. CSX has the most railroad crossing of the 4 major railways. Combined, there are a total of 251 public railroad crossings within Duval County. Of the 251 crossings, 211 of them cross city-maintained roads/rights-of-way. The other 40 crossings are a mixture of private and Florida Department of Transportation roads/rights-of-way. Mr. Smith discussed the two major types of maintenance that occurs at railroad crossings, the signal system and the actual roadway surface and/or walkways. There are multiple types of signal systems (6 different classes) that range in size and scope depending on the area of the crossing. These can include flashing lights, signage, and retractable gates. The maintenance for the signal systems is conducted by each of the respective railroad companies. The FDA puts out a fee scale for the maintenance every 5 years. The City typically pays half of the maintenance costs with the railroad companies paying for the other half of the costs. Mr. Smith provided the typical steps involved in the surface maintenance process. Crossings are typically rehabilitated every 7-10 years. The work is performed by the railroad companies with the City getting billed for the work. The railroad companies outdate the roadways, and in a sense, they allow the City to cross their tracks. As such, the railroad companies themselves contract and do the maintenance. Crossing rehabilitations can cost from \$10k up to \$500k depending on the complexity of the crossing. Mr. Smith explained that the maintenance schedule for the railroad companies typically start at one end of a track and work their way down the entire track. This can be tricky if an issue comes up at a crossing that they crew has already passed. That repair might have to wait until they pass again. Mr. Smith by providing the budgeted amount allocated for railroad crossing maintenance for FY 20/21, \$520,000 (approximately). \$280k is for annual maintenance fees, \$39,902 is for annual license fees, and \$200k is for the actual railroad crossing maintenance. Following the presentation, Chair Salem opened the floor to questions. Council Member Ferraro asked if there is any preference when it comes to working with the different railroad companies, noting that CSX has more crossings than the others. Mr. Smith said that all of the processes as they relate to the railroad companies are the same for each company. Council Member Ferraro asked if the City is responsible for maintaining the surfaces and the railroad companies are responsible for maintaining the signal systems. Mr. Smith said that it is a 50/50 split between the City and the railroad and explained that the railroad companies conduct all of the work on their "property". In some cases, depending on the type of crossing, City crews might do some of the work leading up to the crossing. Council Member Ferraro asked if there is a particular repair schedule for the crossings. Mr. Smith said that the maintenance schedules are determined by the railroad companies. If there is a crossing that needs repair or is part of a project through the City, the railroad company will be contacted to

orchestrate the project. Council Member Ferraro asked about the level of the rehabilitation and if it is just a simple resurfacing or do the tracks themselves get replaced. Mr. Smith said that the rehabilitation is much more than a resurfacing, but is not sure if the tracks themselves are typically replaced. Council Member Cumber provided an update from her discussions with the Federal Railroad Administration noting that from the agency reorganization, Jacksonville will luck out and be the new regional headquarters for CSX (formerly Atlanta, GA). Council Member Morgan said that with the abundance of railroad crossings in the area, can “we” hold the railroad companies accountable for their work and asked about the issues within Council Member Ferraro’s district. Mr. Smith said that the issues from Council Member Ferraro’s district stem from the fact that many of those crossings were built in the 1970s and 1980s when traffic and the population were significantly lower. Over the years with increased traffic, the crossings in that area have deteriorated at a more rapid pace. As for accountability, Mr. Smith said that it is very difficult to hold them accountable because the railroad companies predate the City in many ways. Council Member Carrico asked for the percentage of railroad crossings that do not have security gates. Mr. Smith said that he does not have that information in hand and will get that information to the Committee. Council Member Carrico also asked for data relating to accidents at railroad crossings to be provided. Chair Salem asked if the City was able to repair a problem crossing by getting permission from the railroad company. Mr. Smith said that the answer would most likely be no. The railroad companies provide their own contractors. The City would have to identify the area, pay the railroad company upfront for the engineering involved, the work is completed by the railroad contractors, and the City pays any remaining costs. Council Member Ferraro asked about the procedure for widening a roadway at a railroad crossing. Mr. Smith said that luckily widening a crossing does not count as opening a new crossing. As such, the City would go through the same process of having the railroad company do the work and the City paying the bill.

Chair Salem noted that members from the local Bicycle/Pedestrian organization will be attending the next meeting to discuss their organization’s operation.

Item/File No.	Title History
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1. [2020-0559](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Chapt 797 (Local Option Vessel Registration Fee), Ord Code, Adopting the Local Option Vessel Registration Fee Permitted by State Law; Setting Effective Date of New Local Option Vessel Registration Fee as 1/1/21; Directing the Chief of Legislative Svcs to Forward a Copy of the Ord Upon Enactment to the Tax Collector & to the Mayors of Baldwin, Atlantic Beach, Jax Beach & Neptune Beach; Directing the Tax Collector to Notify the State of Imposition of the New Local Option Vessel Registration Fee. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)  
9/8/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC  
9/14/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/14/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/15/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/15/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/22/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC  
10/28/20 JWC Approve 1-7(Fail) (Birtalan, Haskell, Burnett, Devereaux, Hardesty, Ferraro, White)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/22/20

**DEFER (At request of CM Dennis)**

2. [2020-0757](#) ORD-MC Amending Sec 655.508 (Mobility Fee Contract), Pt 5 (Mobility Fee), Chapt 655 (Concurrency & Mobility Management System), Ord Code, to Clarify the Allowance of a Mobility Fee Contract to Memorialize Credits Against Future Mobility Fee Payments for the Cost Related to the Demolition & Repurposing of an Existing Structure or Improvemnt. (Diamond) (Introduced by CM Diamond)  
12/8/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ  
1/4/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/4/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/5/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/5/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/5/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/12/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ  
1/20/21 LUZ PH - 2/2/21, 2/17/21, 3/2/21  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 1/12/21

**DEFER (At request of CM Diamond)**

3. [2021-0046](#) ORD Approp \$50,000.00 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Dev Fund – Contingency to the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Dev Fund – Subsidies & Contributions to Fund a Grant to the JTA for the “Door-to-Store” Prog (The “Prog”), a Component of the Full-Svc Grocery Store Improvement Prog Established Under Ordinance 2019-812-E; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Funding Agreemnt btwn the City of Jax & the JTA to Continue for an Addtl 1 Yr Term; Providing City Oversight & Prog Administration by the Office of Economic Dev; Providing for a Report to the TEU Committee.  
(B.T. 21-035) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Carlucci)  
1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/16/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0  
2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/9/21

#### **AMEND (NCSPHS)/APPROVE**

**COMMENTARY:** Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor’s Office, provided clarification of the amendment noting where the particular funds are coming from to fund the program.

**VOTE:** The amendment passed unanimously.

**Council Member Morgan on the bill as amended asked for clarification of the bill and an update on the “Door to Store” Program. Kirk Wendland, Office of Economic Development, provided an update on the program noting that the initial program was a pilot program scheduled to run from February of last year through January 2021. The program had appropriated \$95,000 to fund the first year of the program. As of now, there is just under \$25,000 left in the program fund. The \$50,000 requested in this bill will be added to the carryover funds of \$25,000 to give the program an operating budget of \$75,000 for this year. Mr. Wendland said that JTA partners with a third-party company to conduct the actual transportation. There was an average of 140 trips per month during the first year of the program. Council Member Morgan asked about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the program. Mr. Wendland said that the program did continue during the pandemic and actually March 2020 was the busiest month of the program. Mr. Wendland said that it is difficult to fully calculate the impact of the pandemic on the program since the pandemic hit during the first year. The second year of the program will offer better insights into the pandemic’s impact. Chair Salem asked if the program can be expanded into Newtown since that area**

is in a food desert. Mr. Wendland explained that service are corresponds with JTA's Ready Ride Program that has a contract in place with a third-party company. Adding new service areas would have to come at a time when JTA renegotiates their third-party contract. Council Member Ferraro asked if the 140 a month trip average is for one-way or two-way trips and if there are ever multiple people picked up at the same time. Mr. Wendland said that all trips are calculated as one-way. If someone used the service to go to the store and then to get back home, that would count as two trips. As for multiple passengers, the program services a single rider at a time. Council Member Gaffney asked that because of the difficulty in assessing the first year of the program because of the pandemic, will the \$75,000 be enough funding for this fiscal year. Mr. Wendland said that he feels confident that \$75,000 should be sufficient to cover the costs for the next year and to carryover into the following year.

**VOTE:** The bill as amended passed unanimously.

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**AMENDMENT**

1. Clarify "from" accounts (\$5,000 from contingency within the Transportation Program and \$45,000 from contingency within the Supermarket Incentive Program)
2. Pg. 2, line 11: strike "(the "Trust Fund")"
3. Clarify any funds returned to the City revert to the Supermarket Incentive activity within the NWJEDF



4. [2021-0047](#) ORD Approp \$310,974.00 from the FEMA through the State of Florida Div of Emergency Managemnt (“FDEM”) under the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog to Fund the Acquisition of the Property located at 6734 Bakersfield Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32210 & the Demolition of the Residential Structure located thereon; Amending the 2021-2025 5-Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2020-505-E to Provide Funding for the Proj Entitled “Acquisition & Demo of a Floodprone Prop – Bakersfield Dr.”; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary, to Execute & Deliver that Certain Federally-Funded Subaward & Grant Agreemnt #B0093 btwn the City of Jax & FDEM; Providing for City Oversight by the JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div. (B.T. 21-027) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)  
1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/16/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0  
2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/9/21

**AMEND (NCSPHS)/APPROVE**

**COMMENTARY: Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor’s Office, provided clarification of the amendment noting that it corrects the dollar amount based on the final approved grant budget.**

**VOTE: The amendment passed unanimously. The bill as amended passed unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**AMENDMENT**

**Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP) to correct amounts based on final approved grant budget**

5. [2021-0051](#) ORD Apv a Purchase & Sale & Mobility Fee & Credit Agreement (“Agreement”) btwn the COJ & Rum East, LLC, Et. Al., to Auth \$304,000 in Mobility Fee Credits in Exchange for the Conveyance, at no Further Cost to the City, (2.7 ± Acres) Along Pecan Park Rd., & for Memorialization of the Mobility Fee Required for Future Developmnt of the Adjacent Propty Known as the “Pecan Park Regional Activity Center”; Auth the Mayor & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver the Agreement & all Closing Docs Relating thereto, & Otherwise Take all Necessary Actions to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agreeemnt; Oversight by the Planning & Development Department Regarding the Mobility Fee Credit & Mobility Fees, & the Real Estate Div of the Dept. of Public Works for the Acquisition (Dist 7 –R. Gaffney) (Grandin) (Req of Mayor)  
1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, LUZ  
2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, LUZ  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/16/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0  
2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0  
2/17/21 LUZ Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

**AMEND (NCSPHS)/APPROVE**

**COMMENTARY:** Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor’s Office, provided clarification of the amendment noting the amendment clarifies that the mobility fee credit of \$304,000 is subject to an increase by the cost of an environmental assessment to be paid by the seller should the City choose to have an environmental assessment done and clarifies that the mobility fees stated within the legislation at \$816,445 apply only to buildings 100 & 200. The developer will have additional mobility fees later on in their development.

**VOTE:** The amendment passed unanimously.

Council Member Morgan asked if the City would want an environmental assessment on this project. Susan Grandin, Office of General Counsel, said that there was a phase one environmental assessment done a few days ago, but they only are valid for 6 months. The Real Estate division may decide to spend the \$5,000-\$6,000 to get another phase one assessment on that type of a piece of property. And if assessment determines that there is an environmental situation out there, there would be more testing conducted.

**VOTE:** The bill as amended passed unanimously.

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**AMENDMENT**

**1. Clarify Mobility Fee Credit of \$304,000 is subject to increase by the cost of the environmental assessment paid by Seller**

**2. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to:**

**a. Clarify Seller will pay for environmental assessment if requested by City**

**b. Add language that Mobility Fee credit will be increased by the cost of the environmental assessment paid by Seller**

**c. Clarify total Mobility Fee for Buildings #100 and #200 is \$816,445**

- **Approves a Purchase and Sale and Mobility Fee and Credit Agreement with Rum East LLC**
- **Developer will convey a 45 foot deep parcel of land totaling approximately 2.75 acres for City to use as additional right-of-way along Pecan Park Road for future expansion of that road between I-95 and Main St.**
- **Authorizes Mobility Fee Credits in the amount of \$304,000 for use within the Pecan Park Regional Activity Center (RAC)**
- **Mobility Fee Credits calculated based on the average of 2 appraisals for the conveyed parcel**
- **Memorializes Mobility Fees for Buildings #100 and #200 within the RAC totaling \$816,445 for a ten year period**
- **Expansion of Pecan Park Road is included in the 2030 Mobility Plan Prioritized Project List**

6. [2021-0053](#) ORD Approp \$74,993.00 in Fund Balance from the Environmental Protection Fund to Fund the Developmnt of a Water Quality Module for Inclusion in a Hydrodynamic Modeling Prog. Created by the University of North Florida (“UNF”), Providing for Carryover of Funds Through 9/30/22; Invoking the Exception of Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract w/UNF for Developmnt of the Water Quality Module; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Research/Academic Svcs. Agreemnt btwn COJ & the UNF Board of Trustees; City Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept., Environmental Quality Div; Requiring a Final Report (B.T. 21-028) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Ferraro)  
1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC  
2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC  
2/10/21 JWC Approve 8-0  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/16/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0  
2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0  
2/17/21 R Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

**AMEND (NCSPHS)/APPROVE**

**COMMENTARY:** Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor’s Office, provided clarification of the amendment noting the amendment will waive Section 110.112 of the Municipal Code to allow for funds to be advanced. That section of the code requires acknowledgement if funds are going to be advanced to a provider. This agreement was originally drafted prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the dates of the performance are being shifted to today's timeframe.

**VOTE:** The amendment passed unanimously. The bill as amended passed unanimously.

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Waive Sec. 110.112 to allow for the advance of City funds**
- 2. Attach Revised On File (Agreement with UNF) to correct indemnification and insurance provisions and reflect updated program dates**

- The recommended waiver of Sec. 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against) is needed to advance funding to UNF for startup costs - \$35,000**

7. [2021-0055](#) ORD-MC Amending Chapt 382 (Waste Collection & Disposal Svc by Contractors & City), Part 3 (Selection of Waste Collection & Disposal Svc Areas & Contractors), Sec. 382.303 (Advertising for New Svc. Contractors), Ord Code, to Provide for an Earlier Application Submission Date for New Svc Contractors; Auth the Issuance of Requests for Proposals in Accordance w/Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Part 2 (Supplies, Contractual Svcs. & Capital Improvements), Ord Code, to Procure Svcs. for the Collection & Transportation of Residential Solid Waste & Recyclables in Lieu of the Advertisement, Application & Selection Process Set Forth in Chapt 382 (Waste Collection & Disposal Svc. by Contractor & City), Part 3 (Selection of Waste Collection & Disposal Svc. & Contractors), Secs 382.303 Through 382.308, Ord Code; Waiving Secs 382.303 (Advertising for New Svc. Contractors), 382.304 (Filing of Applications), 382.305 (Content of Application), 382.306 (Public Hearing on Award of New Contract) & 382.308 (Contract Provisions; Exemption from Purchasing Code; Extension of Contracts), Ord Code, to Allow for the Issuance of a Req for Proposal Solicitation to Procure Svcs. for the Collection & Transportation of Residential Solid Waste & Recyclables in Accordance w/Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Part 2 (Supplies, Contractual Svcs. & Capital Improvements), Ord Code; Providing for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Req of Mayor)  
1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R  
2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
2/16/21 TEU Approve 7-0  
2/17/21 F Approve 4-0  
2/17/21 R Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

## APPROVE

**COMMENTARY:** Council Member Morgan asked for information about the bill, particularly about the requested waiver. Will Williams, Public Works Department, provided an explanation of the bill noting that the waiver allows to put out a bid prior to April and to consider cost as a factor. Council Member Morgan asked if there are concerns that once the contract has been agreed upon and brought back before Council that the Council may not like the deal and request changes. Mr. Williams is confident that the deal will be satisfactory for the Council when it is presented. Council Member Ferraro asked for further explanation of the bill's purpose. Eric Fuller, Public Works Department, provided additional explanation of the bill noting that the current contract Republic Services residential hauler, which services the north and northeastern portions of the City, will expire September 30th of this year. The City is not renewing that contract and asking to

put out an RFP. Current code language says you cannot consider cost as a factor in that proposal. The City wants to consider cost in this proposal as part of the criteria necessitating the waiver. The City wants to put out an RFP using the procurement code in the same process used when the Waste Pro bid was put out. Chair Salem asked if the price can be further negotiated after the companies submit their bids. Mr. Fuller said that once the bids are submitted, the prices stay the same. Chair Salem asked if this RFP would impact the recycling program that Republic Services administrates. Mr. Fuller said that they are two separate contracts and should have no impact on each other. Council Member Morgan asked if there are any reasons why Republic Services would not be able to bid on the RFP. Mr. Fuller said that Republic Services can absolutely bid on the RFP. Council Member Ferraro asked about the possible rise in cost from putting the contract out to bid and asked for the length of the proposed contract. Mr. Williams said that the new bids could possibly be lower and that the contract is for six (6) years. Council Member Ferraro asked about possible changes in the new contract, particularly regarding trash pickups for evictions and other situations where one stop can fill an entire truck. Mr. Williams said that the solution is to go back to using rear-loading trucks to help with pickup capacity.

**VOTE: The bill passed unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

- **Waives Secs. 382.303 through 382.308 (Solid Waste Hauler Selection Process) to allow for procurement of Service Area II contract waste hauler under Ch. 126 (Procurement Code). This allows pricing to be a factor in the hauler section process.**
- **Final contract for services will come back to City Council for approval after contract and terms have been negotiated with selected hauler.**

8. [2021-0064](#) ORD Naming Field at J.P. Small Memorial Park Stadium Located at 1701 Myrtle Ave, Jax, FL 32209, for Henry L. Aaron, to be Known as the "Henry L. Aaron Field at J.P. Small Memorial Park Stadium." (Dist. 8-Pittman) (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Salem, Pittman, Newby & R. Gaffney) (Co-Sponsored by CM's Becton & Bowman)  
2/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
TEU PH-3/15/21  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/23/21 & 4/13/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

9. [2021-0074](#) ORD-MC Amending Sec. 129.102 (Salary of Members of Council; Salary of Council President), Chapt 129 (Compensation of City Officials & Employees), Ord Code, to Require that an Increase or Cost of Living Adjustment Approved for Council Annual Salary be Prepared as Separate Legislation from the Annual Budget Bill (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Diamond, White & Ferraro) (Co-Sponsored by CM Cumber)  
2/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

10. [2021-0079](#) ORD Approp \$1,037,130.00 from FEMA through the State of FL Div of Emergency Mgmt. Under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog. to Fund the Acquisition & Installation of 7 Permanent Generators at 7 Storm Water Pump Station Sites within Duval Cty, Amending the 2021-2025 5 Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2020-505-E to Purchase & Install Permanent Emergency Generators at the Following Locations: Hillman Dr., Myrtle Ave., Hilly Rd., Bradley Rd., Jessie St., McGrits Creek Park/Lew Brantley & Sandalwood Canal; Providing for City Oversight by the Dept. of Public Works, Public Bldgs Div (B.T. 21-038) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)  
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

11. [2021-0090](#) RESO Supporting Senate Bill 78, Designating a Portion of State Road U.S. 90/Beaver St. btwn Chaffee Rd & U.S. 301 in Duval Cty as “John B. Coxwell Memorial Highway”; Directing the Chief of Legislative Svcs to Send a Copy of this Reso Upon Adoption to the FDOT, Duval Legislative Delegation, the Senate President & the Speaker of the House.(Sidman) (Introduced by CM White) (Co-Sponsored by CM's Becton & Salem)  
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: TEU, R  
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

**READ 2ND & REREFER**



12. [2021-0094](#) RESO Regarding COJ's 2021 List of Priority Projects Related to Transportation Improvements; Providing a Recommendation to the North FL Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). (Johnston) (Introduced by CM's Newby, DeFoor & White)(Co-Sponsored by CM Morgan)  
2/9/21 CO Introduced: TEU, R  
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary O'Brian thanked the Committee for approving bill 2021-0055 and the waiver to allow for an earlier bidding timeline.

Cornell Oliver opined on transportation shortcoming and singled out Council Member Gaffney. Chair Salem asked that Mr. Oliver not individually address the Council Members.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 1, 2021.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Note: Items may be added at the discretion of the Chair.\*\*\*\*\***

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**Rollcall**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Ron Salem, Vice Chair LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Reggie Gaffney, Council Member Al Ferraro, Council Member Joyce Morgan, Council Member Danny Becton and Council Member Kevin Carrico

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