

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Finance Committee

Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair

Danny Becton, Vice Chair

Michael Boylan

Matt Carlucci

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Reggie Gaffney

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Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM

Attendance: CM Rory Diamond (2022-123) & CM Al Ferraro (2022-124)

Also: Brian Hughes, Rachel Zimmer and Charles Moreland – Mayor’s Office; Randall Barnes – Finance and Administration Department; John Pappas – Public Works Department; Bill Killingsworth – Planning and Development Department; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Kim Taylor and Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor’s Office; Maritza Sanchez – Legislative Services Division; Eric Grantham – Information Support Services

Agenda Review

Chairman Salem reviewed the agenda; Ordinance 2022-123 regarding elected official term limits will be taken up first after the Council Auditor presentations and the ERAP update.

Council Auditor's Report

Council Auditor Kim Taylor reviewed two recent Auditor's Office reports:

Report #855 - Independent Agencies Budget Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2021: Ms. Taylor noted that the report is still lacking the City's quarterly report, which has not been produced since the fall of 2020.

* JEA is projecting a surplus of \$115M but the Auditor's Office staff will be meeting with them shortly to talk about that projection and possible revisions to that estimate. JEA's fuel stabilization fund has been spent down and closed out; now customer bills will fluctuate monthly as JEA's fuel costs change. Overall the authority has no budgetary issues.

* JTA is projecting an \$11M surplus due to a property sale producing unbudgeted revenue. The authority still must file a FY21 budget amendment ordinance to true-up accounts, which should ideally happen during the fiscal year and not afterwards.

* JPA is experiencing no budgetary stress.

* JAA is projecting a surplus of \$15M by year-end, but is projecting a \$2M negative variance on salary expenditures due to cost-of-living increases being awarded at 3.8% instead of the 2% budgeted, a performance incentive plan being reinstated (in budget hearings the authority had indicated it would be suspended through the fiscal year), and other incentives and bonuses not previously budgeted. In response to a question from Council Member Salem about who authorized the resumption of the performance incentive plan, Ms. Taylor said the plan was restarted at management's discretion and was not a board decision. Two employees received bonuses as a result of very favorable contract negotiations with Boeing for a large hangar project and all received COVID-related bonuses. Mr. Salem asked for follow-up from JAA about the nature and size of the bonuses, the basis on which they were awarded, and how JAA bonuses compare to the other authorities. CM Ferraro asked for details about the bonus amounts and employee complement growth at the JAA.

Report #856 - Electronic Fund Transfers-In Audit: the transaction sampling focused on several hundred transactions in which payments were made directly to the City Treasury (not to the Tax Collector's Office) taking place during 9 months in 2020. The audit found that the Treasury Division did not always timely and accurately monitor transactions; 60% of transactions took more than 15 days to record, and some were never recorded at all. It also found that bank reconciliations were taking an excessively long time, that there was incomplete account detail in some cases, and that employee computer accounts were not timely deactivated when employees left City employment. Ms. Taylor said the Treasury Division has been very cooperative and is changing its policies and tightening up activities in response to the audit findings.

City Treasurer Randall Barnes said the division is not happy with the audit findings and they are actively working on fixes to the problems identified. The audit covered a difficult period during the COVID pandemic and the implementation of the new 1Cloud financial management system. With regard to financial reporting, he noted that the December 2021 quarter was closed out last week. The division will continue to make improvements and they are getting faster at the reconciliations using the new system. Quarterly reports will be coming out much more timely than they have been.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program Update

Charles Moreland of the Mayor’s Office reported the latest statistics on ERAP. The remaining ERAP 1 funds (\$365,000) are being allocated to utility assistance to be spent down by the end of this month to meet the federal completion deadline. The U.S. Treasury has just awarded another \$2.9M for ERAP II. There has not been much use of the mortgage relief program recently, so the City is looking at ways to better market the availability so those funds get used. In response to a question from Council Member Becton about whether the ERAP funds came from the CARES Act, CAO Brian Hughes said they did not; ERAP was separate from CARES Act and the American Recovery Plan (ARP) funds. Another \$171M in ARP funds will be coming for appropriation in the FY22-23 budget. CM Boylan asked if households can apply multiple times. Chiquita Moore of the Neighborhoods Department said households may be able to apply multiple times depending on their particular circumstances. 3,800 unique households have been served by ERAP. CM Pittman asked for the ERAP eligibility information to be forwarded to council members to distribute to their constituents.

Item/File No.	Title History
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| 1. | <p><u>2021-0855</u> ORD Declaring 9216 1st Ave, Jax, FL 32208 (R.E. #-036499-0000), btwn Soutel Dr. & Belvedere St., to be surplus to needs of the City; Auth Convey of subject parcel to Christ the Living Cornerstone, Inc., a FL not for profit corp, at no cost; Auth Mayor & Corp Secretary to execute a quitclaim deed & other convey docs; Waiving Sec. 122.425 (dispo by auction or sealed bid), Pt 4 (Real Prop), Chpt 122 (Public Prop), Ord Code, to allow donation to Christ the Living Cornerstone, Inc.; Providing a right of reentry for failure to use subject parcel for the operation of a wellness clinic and/or Comm Outreach Ctr; Prov for City Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Real Estate Div (Dist 8-Pittman)(Johnston) (Introduced by CMs Ferraro & Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CM R. Gaffney)</p> <p>11/23/21 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
 12/6/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 12/7/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 12/7/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 12/14/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:TEU, F, R
 1/3/22 TEU Amend/Approve 6-1 (CM Cumber)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-12/14/21</p> |
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DEFER

2. [2021-0885](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Sec to Pursue or Seek Waiver of Collection of the Local Option Gas Tax Within the 2021-2022 Budget Yr Consistent with a Period of Time to Align with the State Suspension of the State Gas Tax Collection Should the State Allow for Waiver of the Prov of Sec 336.025 & 336.021, FL Statutes, so that Local Govts Have the Ability to Suspend Collection of Local Option Gas Taxes; Offering Findings & Statemnts of Fact; Directing Legislative Services Div to Forward to the FL Legislature, the Duval Legislative Delegation, & the FL Dept of Revenue (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
- 12/14/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
 1/3/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/4/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/4/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/11/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, TEU,F, R
 3/14/22 NCSPHS Withdraw 6-0
 3/14/22 TEU Withdraw 4-2 (CMs Cumber & Ferraro)
 3/15/22 F Withdraw 7-0
 3/15/22 R Withdraw 5-2 (CMs Cumber & Diamond)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/11/22

WITHDRAW

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

Scrivener's

1. Pg. 2, line 9: strike "LOGT" and insert "local option gas tax"
2. Pg. 3, line 9: strike "to the temporary suspension of the LOGT" and insert "to temporarily suspend the LOGT"

- Authorizes the City to seek a waiver of the collection of the six-cent local option gas tax (LOGT) authorized by Ord. 2021-223-E should the State suspend state gas taxes and allow local governments to suspend collection of local option gas taxes
- Collection of LOGT would be suspended for the same time period as the State's suspension of state gas taxes
- If approved, subsequent legislation would be filed to authorize the execution of necessary documents and appropriate funding to offset the loss of LOGT revenue during the suspension period
- The six-cent LOGT is estimated to generate monthly revenue of \$1,000,000 to the City and \$1,000,000 to JTA
- Requests that the State Legislature or Governor waive certain statutory provisions and provide a mechanism for the suspension of collection of the LOGT consistent with the suspension of collection of State gas taxes

3. [2021-0898](#) RESO Encouraging the State to Allow Local Govs to Waive the Provision of Sec 336.025 & 336.021 FL Statutes, to Allow Local Govs the Ability to Suspend Collection of Local Option Gas Taxes if the State Suspends the State Gas Tax for a Period of that time is Consistent with The State's Suspension; Offering Findings & Statements of Fact; Addn'l Apv & Auth Required to Execute Docs Related to the Waiver of State Statutes to Suspend Collection of the LOGT and Transfer of Funds to Prevent Funding Lapse; Directing Legislative Services Div to Forward to the FL Legislature, the Duval Legislative Delegation & the FL Dept of Revenue (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
 12/14/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
 1/3/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/4/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/4/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/11/22 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS,TEU,F, R
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 3/15/22 F Withdraw 7-0
 3/15/22 R Withdraw 5-2 (CMs Cumber & Diamond)

WITHDRAW

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

4. [2022-0032](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a Locally-Funded Agreemt (Lump-Sum) btwn the State of FL Dept of Transportation ("FDOT") & the COJ Pursuant to Which the City Agrees to Pay FDOT \$1,200,000 for Certain Roadway Improvemts; Providing for Oversight by the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
 1/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
 1/18/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/19/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, TEU, F
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/25/22

DEFER

5. [2022-0034](#) ORD Concerning an Application for Assignment & Transfer of Residential Waste & Recycling Collection & Transportation Svcs Contract for Svc Area I (City Council Districts 7,8,9,10,12, & 14); Designating & Directing the Transportation, Energy & Utilities (TEU) Committee to hold a Noticed Public Hearing to Review & Make Recommendations Regarding Approval or Disapproval of Waste mgmnt Inc. of FL, a FL Corp & Successor by Merger to Advanced Disposal Svcs Jax, LLC ("Applicant"), Application for Assignment & Transfer of the Amended & Restated Agreement for Residential Waste & Recycling Collection & Transportation Svcs (Contract # 9165) btwn the COJ & Advanced Disposal Svcs Jax, LLC, in Accordance with Sec 382.308 (Contract Provisions; Exemption from Purchasing Code;Extension of Contracts), Pt 3 (Selection of Waste Collection & Disposal Svc Areas & Contractors), Chapt 382 (Waste Collection & Disposal Svc by Contractors & City), Ord Code; Directing the City Council Legislative Svcs Div to Issue the Required Public Hearing Notice in Accordance w/Sec. 382.308 (Contract Provisions; Exemption from Purchasing Code; Extension of Contracts), Pt 3 (Selection of Waste Collection & Disposal Svc Areas & Contractors), Chapt 382 (Waste Collection & Disposal Svc by Contractors & City), Ord Code; Adopting Recommended Findings & Conclusions of the TEU Committee; Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver any Necessary Contract Docs to Effectuate the TEU Committee Recommendations.(Hodges) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
- 1/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
 1/18/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/19/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/19/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
 1/31/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 2/14/22 TEU Substitute/Rerefer 5-0
 2/15/22 F Substitute/Rerefer 6-0
 2/15/22 R Substitute/Rerefer 5-0
 2/22/22 CO Substitute/Rereferred 18-0: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
 3/8/22 CO PH Only
 3/14/22 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 3/14/22 TEU PH Amend/Approve 7-0
 3/15/22 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 3/15/22 R Amend/Approve 7-0
 TEU PH per Chapt 382 - 3/14/22
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/25/22 & 3/8/22

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment to approve the assignment.

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

TEU AMENDMENT

Include TEU Committee's recommendation to approve the application for assignment

6. [2022-0060](#) ORD-MC Relocating the Derelict Vessel & Floating Structure Removal Fund from Chapt 110, Pt 4, Sec. 110.414 to Chapt 111, Pt 7, Sec. 111.787; Repealing Sec 110.414 (Derelict Vessel & Floating Structure Removal Trust Fund), Pt 4 (Continuing Approps), Chapt 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code; Creating a New Sec 111.787 (Derelict & Abandoned vessels & Floating Structure Enforcement & Removal Trust Fund), Pt 7 (Environment & Conservation), Chapt 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accts), Ord Code. (Grandin) (Introduced by CM DeFoor)
 1/25/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
 1/31/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/31/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, TEU, F
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-2/8/22

DEFER

7. [2022-0061](#) ORD-MC Approp \$310,500 in the Derelict Vessel & Floating Structure Removal Fund from the Parks Dept to Neighborhoods Dept in order to Provide the Neighborhoods Dept Funding to Implement & Enforce the Newly Created Chapt 388, Ord Code (Boats & Waterways);Amend Chapt 388 (Boats & Waterways),Ord Code, to Create a New Pt 4 (Anchoring Limitation Areas); Providing that Council is Exercising County Powers; Providing for Codification Instructions; Providing Directive to Neighborhoods Dept. (Grandin) (Introduced by CM DeFoor)
 1/25/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
 1/31/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/31/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, TEU, F
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-2/8/22

DEFER

8. [2022-0119](#) ORD Appropriating Grant Funds in the Amt of \$105,000.00 from the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida to Provide Mental Health, Life Skills Coaching, & Drug Treatment & Svcs for Teen Court Program Participants; Purpose of Approp; Providing for Carryover funds to Fiscal Yr 2024-2025; Proving for Oversight & Reporting by the Court Administration, Director of Teen Courts (B.T. 22-047) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
2/22/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/28/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, F
3/14/22 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
3/15/22 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/8/22

Stacy Peterson of Teen Court of Duval County explained that an anonymous donation has been made to Teen Court through the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida and described how it will be put to use. At the request of CM Pittman, Ms. Peterson explained that this grant will be used to leverage additional service provision through the various providers.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

Scrivener's

Pg. 1, lines 7 and 30, and Pg. 2, line 18 - strike "of" and insert "for"

Concern:

The City has not received the full amount of the grant funds yet from the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. Typically funds are not appropriated from a private entity until they have been received. Grant funds will be received annually over the grant period. The City has already received the first year distribution.

9. [2022-0120](#) ORD Adopting a Modification to the City of Jax 2030 Comprehensive Plan for the Purpose of Updating the 5-Yr CIP Schedule of Projects Within the Capital Improvement Element (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
2/22/22 CO Introduced: F
3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:F
3/15/22 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/8/22

Phillip Peterson gave a brief explanation of the bill which incorporates all approved CIP amendments from the last year into the Comp Plan.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

Authorizes the Planning & Development Department to include all updates to the CIP approved by City Council through the date of enactment of this ordinance in the final Capital Improvement Element Schedule.

10. [2022-0123](#) ORD Relating to the Elections & Terms of the City Council, Sheriff, Sup of Elections, Propty Appraiser, Tax Collector, Clerk of the Court & Duval Co School Board; Setting a Public Referendum; Amend the Charter of the COJ, Chapt 92-341, Laws of FL, as Amended, to Change the 2 Term Consecutive Limit Provisions to 2 Term Total Limit Provisions for Sec 5.041 (The Council-Limitation of Term of Office), 6.01 (Mayor-Qualifications & Term of Office); 8.04 (Sheriff-2 Term Limit), 9.04 (Supervisor of Elections-2 Term Limit), 10.04 (Propty Appraiser-2 Term Limit), 11.04 (Tax Collector-2 Term Limit), 12.11 (Clerk of Courts-2 Term Limit) & 13.15 (Duval Co School Board-2 Term Limit), of the Charter of the COJ; Providing for Referendum Apv of This Ord; Providing for a Financial Impact Statement to be Developed & Placed on the Ballot; Directing the Sup of Elections to Place the Referendum Question on the 2022 Primary Election Ballot on Aug 23, 2022. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Diamond) (Co-Sponsor CM Cumber)
- 2/22/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
- 2/28/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 2/28/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/1/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS,TEU,F, R
- 3/14/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 2-4 (Fail) (CMs Bowman, White, Morgan, Pittman)
- 3/14/22 TEU Amend/Approve 3-3 (Fail) (CMs Carlucci, DeFoor & Morgan)
- 3/15/22 F Approve 3-4 (Fail) (CMs Becton, Carlucci, Freeman, & Pittman)
- 3/15/22 R Amend/Approve 2-5 (Fail) (CMs Priestly Jackson, DeFoor, Bowman, Dennis & White)
- Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-3/8/22

Phillip Peterson explained the amendments. CM Diamond advocated for the revised term limits for 2 terms total; he thinks multiple return terms is not what the voters expected when they adopted term limits. CM Becton said he thinks the amendment isn't good because it exempts the current council members from the new limit and the public doesn't like that kind of self-serving behavior. The amendment failed 2-5.

CM Gaffney said he thinks the voters should have the final say about who serves and how long. CM Carlucci said it's up to the voters to decide who they want. Only 6 CMs have come back after being term limited off the council and they were good people. The matter was heavily debated when term limits were first adopted and they decided on the current system. There's a lot to be said for mature, seasoned members with lots of experience coming back to give more to the community. CM Becton asked Mr. Diamond about what problem is being addressed or how this amendment would make the City better. Mr. Diamond said he firmly believes that 2 total terms is sufficient for elected officials, and that's what the public thought they were voting for years ago. There are lots of capable and intelligent people who would be great public servants if given the opportunity. CM Becton asked if this proposal is common around the country. Mr. Diamond said it is, especially in state legislatures. Mr. Becton said once a council member is out for 4 years, they're not an incumbent any more and don't carry that advantage in a subsequent election.

CM Boylan said he is inclined to support this bill because he believes in letting the voters make the decision, and that's what this does. CM Freeman said there is value to bringing new voices to the table, but there's also value in having institutional knowledge so it's a balancing act. When there's a lot of turnover on the council, that institutional knowledge is even more important. There might be value in looking at staggering council terms so there's not so much turnover all at once. CM Gaffney said he is conflicted on the bill and having trouble deciding how to vote. CM Salem said there may be a distinction between council members and constitutional officers in how term limits should apply. He supports the bill because he believes in term limits. There are lots of ways to serve the community aside from being a council member and it's good to have new blood and new perspectives on the council. Mr. Carlucci said any proposal to change the Charter regarding City Council would probably pass because the general public lacks confidence in the council and would vote for any kind of change.

APPROVE(FAIL)

Aye: 3 - Salem, Boylan and Gaffney

Nay: 4 - Becton, Carlucci, Freeman and Pittman

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

1. Clarify term limits would not apply to terms served prior to January 1, 2027
2. Correct scrivener's errors

• Sets a public referendum for the August 23, 2022 primary election to limit the City Council, Mayor, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Clerk of Court, and School Board members to a total of 2 full terms, to be effective January 1, 2027

11. [2022-0124](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Execution & Delivery of an Agreement to Settle Nuisance Liens "After-the-Fact" btwn the COJ ("City") & Christ the Living Cornerstone, Inc. ("Owner"), in Connection with the Demolition & Improvement of the Vacant Propty Located at 2111 Phoenix Ave, Real Estate #114915-0000, ("Property"), Which Lien Agreemnt Auth a Reduction of the Nuisance Liens "After-the-Fact" on the Subject Propty in the Amount of \$4,771.39 Plus Accrued Interest; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 518.145 (D), Ord Code (Collection & Settlement of Nuisance Abatement & Demolition Liens); Directing the Finance & Administration Dept & the Neighborhoods Department to Administer the Lien Agreement. (Johnston) (Introduced by CMs Ferraro & Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CM's R. Gaffney, Freeman, Carlucci & Diamond)
 2/22/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
 2/28/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/1/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F, R
 3/14/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 3/15/22 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 3/15/22 R Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-3/8/22

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CMs Gaffney, Freeman and Carlucci asked to be added as co-sponsors. CM Boylan asked how consistently the City is enforcing or forgiving nuisance abatement liens. Mr. Peterson said there is a standard process for forgiving such liens but this is a special case because the church did the remediation work before the application was made to participate in the forgiveness process, so it requires council approval. CM Ferraro talked about the importance of getting liens cleared so properties can be put to productive reuse and not become permanently vacant and blighted.

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 2, line 12: strike “5 nuisance liens” and insert “4 nuisance liens and 1 demolition lien”
2. Pg. 2, lines 30-31: strike “Settlement of the Nuisance Lien Agreement” and insert “Agreement to Reduce Nuisance Abatement Liens”
3. Attach revised Exhibit 4 to correct documentation submitted for subject parcel

- Provides for a reduction of the nuisance and demolition liens for the property located at 2111 Phoenix Avenue
- The outstanding balance of the liens including interest totals \$4,794.46 as of 3/2/22
- Pursuant to the proposed agreement, the outstanding lien balance will be reduced by \$1 for every \$5 spent by the owner up to the first \$30,000 of improvements, then reduced by \$1 for every \$2 spent over \$30,000
- Waives Code Section 518.145(d) in order to approve a settlement agreement after the owner has made improvements

12. [2022-0127](#) RESO Concerning City Council’s Top Budget Priorities for the 2022-2023 FY & Encouraging the Mayor to Inc the Council Priorities into the 2022-2023 Budget (Sidman) (Introduced by Finance Committee; CM’s Salem, Becton, Boylan, R. Gaffney, Carlucci, Freeman, Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CMs Morgan, Bowman & DeFoor)
 2/22/22 CO Introduced: F, R
 3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/1/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/8/22 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred:F, R
 3/15/22 F Approve 7-0
 3/15/22 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

Scrivener’s

1. Pg. 1, line 24: strike “2021-893-E” and insert “2021-893-A”
2. Pg. 1, lines 27 and 30: insert “program” after “Grant”

13. [2022-0133](#) RESO Upon an acknowledgement of due Auth & the Making of Findings, Approving the Issuance by the Jax Housing Finance Auth of its Multifamily Housing Rev Bonds (Ashley Sq), Series 2022, In an Aggregate Principal Amnt not to Exceed \$1,670,000 for the Purpose of Financing a Portion of the Costs Related to the Const of a Multifamily Residential Housing Facility for Persons of Family of Low, Mid, or Moderate Income, at 650 Newnan St N, Jax, Duval County, FL , 32202, & to be Commonly Known as “Ashley Square Apartments”; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Hodges) (Introduced by CP Newby at Request of JHFA)
 2/22/22 CO Introduced: F, R
 3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/1/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/8/22 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred:F, R
 3/15/22 F Approve 7-0
 3/15/22 R Approve 7-0

Chiquita Moore of the Neighborhoods Department explained the need for additional funding for this project due to the cost impact of the COVID pandemic on construction costs. CM Becton asked if there is a definition for “affordable” housing. Ms. Moore said “affordable” is based on U.S. HUD regulations – rent can be no more than 30% of household income for a household making an income 80% or below area median income.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

- **Authorizes the issuance of up to \$1,670,000 in JHFA bonds to finance the completion of the Ashley Square Apartments project**
- **\$15 million of JHFA bonds were issued in 2020 for this project and the additional bonds are needed to finance cost overruns**
- **This project will provide 120 units of affordable housing**

- 14. [2022-0135](#) ORD Auth the City to Enter into Second Amended & Restated Funding Agreement btwn COJ and JTA to Extend the Term of & Expand the “Door-to-Store” Program Apvd by Ord 2021-46-E & Expanded by Ord 2021-140-E (“The Program”) a Component of the Full-Service Grocery Store Improvement Program est. under Ord 2019-812-e; Providing for City Oversight & Program Administration by Office of Economic Dev. (Dillard) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of the Mayor)
 2/22/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 2/28/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, F
 3/14/22 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 3/15/22 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-3/8/22

Kirk Wendland of the Office of Economic Development gave an overview of the expansion of the Door to Store program.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

Scrivener’s

Pg. 2, line 4: strike “Section 4” and insert “Section 3”

- Extends the term of the agreement with JTA for the Door-to-Store program until the earlier of September 30, 2023 or the date that the City funding has been expended
- Allows JTA to carryover approximately \$51,000 of City funding already distributed to fund the next year of the program
- Adds an additional stop to the drop off locations (Walmart at 12100 Lem Turner Rd)

15. [2022-0136](#) ORD Approp \$314,417.50 from the JIA/CRA Trust Fund, Fund Balance that Originated from Investmnt Pool Earnings (“Earnings”) for FY 2020/2021 to Unallocated Plan Auth Expenditures w/in the Plan Auth Expenditures Category, Pursuant to Sec. 106.346, Ord Code, for Purpose of Appropriating Previously Unposted Earnings from FY 2020/2021 which Accumulated to above \$100k not included in the Apvd JIA/CRA 2021/2022 FY Budget (Sawyer) (Introduced by CP Newby)
 2/22/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 2/28/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/1/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/8/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, F
 3/14/22 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
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Kirk Wendland explained the need for the legislation pursuant to an Ordinance Code provision and said that a Code amendment may be proposed in the future to address this situation.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Becton, Boylan, Carlucci, Freeman, Gaffney and Pittman

Scrivener’s

Pg.1 line 15 – strike “2020/2021WHICH” and insert “2020/2021 WHICH”

16. [2022-0160](#) ORD Approp \$847,639 from Amphitheater (Daily’s Place) & Flex Field Revenues to Fund Capital Improvements & Maintenance needs at Daily’s Place; Purpose of Approp. (B.T. 22-059) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP at the Req of Mayor)
 3/8/22 CO Introduced: F
 3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

17. [2022-0161](#) ORD-MC Approp \$144,000 in Grant Funding from the U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development's Fair Housing Assistance Prog to the Jax Human Rights Commission ("JHRC") to Fund JHRC Fair Housing Assistance Activities; Purpose of Approp; Creating a New Sec.111.260 (Jax Human Rights Commission Fair Housing Assistance Prog Trust Fund), Pt 2 (Health & Human Svcs), Chapt 111 (Special Rev & Trust Accts), Ord Code; Providing for Codification Instructions. (B.T. 22-048) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP at the Req of Mayor)
3/8/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

18. [2022-0163](#) ORD-MC Making Certain Findings; Auth the Chief Executive Officer of the DIA, or his/her Designee, to Execute & Deliver a Lease Agreement ("Lease") btwn the DIA & Churchwell Lofts at East Bay Condominium Assoc., Inc. ("Tenant") for the Lease of a (.38± Acre) Parking Lot Parcel (The "Premises") known as the 300 East Forsyth Lot & at the N.E. Corner of the Intersection of N. Market & East Forsyth St's., Jax, FL, with an Initial Lease Term of 5 Yrs with 1, 5 Yr Renewal Term, at a Lease Rate of \$2,176.74 per Month Subj to a Monthly Rent Credit in the Amt of \$610.00 per Month; Designating the DIA as Auth Official for the Lease; Auth the Execution of all Docs. Relating to the Lease & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs.; Amend Sec. 122.201 (Definitions), Ord Code, to Remove Certain Parking Facilities. (Dist. 7- R. Gaffney) (Dillard) (Introduced by CP at the Req of DIA)
3/8/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2022-0164](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Purchase & Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") btwn COJ & Vicente Serrano Velasco, & all Closing & Other Docs Relating Thereto, & to Otherwise Take all Necessary Action to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agreement for Acquisition by the City of (4.89± Acre) Vacant Parcel – at 0 103rd St – (the "Property"), at the Negotiated Purchase Price of \$579,500.00, to be Utilized in the New Alignment of Old Middleburg Rd; Providing for Oversight of Acquisition of Property by Real Estate Div of Public Works Dept, & Oversight of Property by Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of Public Works Dept Thereafter (R.E. #015226-0500) (Dist. 12 – CM White) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
3/8/22 CO Introduction: TEU, F
3/14/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2022-0165](#) ORD Approp \$1,500,000 in Community Dev Block Grant Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") Funds From U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Dev Through the State of FL, Dept of Economic Opportunity, to Provide Housing Rehab Svcs for Eligible Single-Family Properties Damaged by Hurricane Matthew, Purpose of Approp; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, that Certain Amendment 2 to Subrecipient Agreement btwn the Dept of Economic Opportunity & COJ, FL; Providing for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Housing & Community Dev Div (B.T. 22-049) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
3/8/22 CO Introduction: NCSPHS, F
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2022-0166](#) ORD Approp \$943,403 From the Downtown Northbank CRA Trust Fund NC Gain-Loss Fixed Assets Acct, Received as Proceeds from the Sale of the Vystar Parking Lot, to an Existing Downtown Northbank CRA 2-Way St Conversion Proj on Forsyth & Adams St, Purpose of Approp (B.T. 22-050) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
3/8/22 CO Introduction: NCSPHS, F
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 3/22/22

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22. [2022-0167](#) ORD Approp \$157,172, Including \$117,879 in Grant Funding from the Fed Emerg Mgmt Agency (“FEMA”) Through the State of FL Div of Emerg Mgmt Under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Prog & \$39,293 From Gen Fund Operating Reserves for the Required 25% City Match, to be Used for Installation of Wind Resistant Bay Doors at 5 COJ Fire Stations, Prov for Oversight by the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept, Emerg Preparedness Div (B.T. 22-051) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
3/8/22 CO Introduction: NCSPHS, F
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2022-0168](#) ORD Approp \$460,184.00 in Grant Funding from the U.S. Dept of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Prog, to Fund Various Prog & Activities Aimed at Crime Control & Prevention & Improving Public Safety in Duval Co, Purpose of Approp; Auth Positions, Providing for Oversight by the Finance & Admin Dept, Office of Grant & Contract Compliance (B.T. 22-040) (R.C. 22-081) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor)
3/8/22 CO Introduction: NCSPHS, F
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-3/22/22

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24. [2022-0169](#) ORD-Concerning the Jax Aviation Authority (“JAA”) FY 2021-2022 Budget; Amend Revised Schedule H (FY 2021-2022 JAA Capital Budget) of Ord 2021-504-E (COJ Budget Ord) by Substituting in the Place of the Revised Schedule H, a 2nd Revised Schedule H (Hodges) (Introduced by CP Newby at Request of JAA)
3/8/22 CO Introduction: TEU, F
3/14/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

25. [2022-0173](#) ORD Making Certain Findings; Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, to Execute & Deliver; (1) a Lease Agreement (“Lease”) btwn the COJ (“City”) & Downtown Vision, Inc. (“Tenant”), for the Lease of 20,660 Sq Ft on the Ground Floor of the Duval St (Library) Garage (the “Premises”) Located at 33 W Duval St, with an Initial Lease Term of 10 Yrs with 2, 5 Yr Renewal Terms, at a Lease Rate of \$289,239.96 Per Yr, Plus Fixed Annual Operating Costs of \$48,430.80 Per Yr, Subj to a Rent Set Off in the Amount of the Value of Svcs Provided by Tenant to the City; & (2) a Capital Maint & Capital Improvements Costs Disbursement Agreement (“Costs Disbursement Agreement”) btwn the City & Tenant for Certain Improvements to be Constructed & Maintained on the Premises (the “Project”); Waiving Provisions of Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, with Respect to the Proj, & to Allow the City to Directly Contract with the Tenant for the Proj; Desig the DIA as Contract Monitor for the Lease & Costs Disbursement Agreement; Providing for City Oversight of the Proj by the Dept of Public Works & the DIA; Auth the Execution of all Docs Relating to the Above Agreements & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs (Dillard) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of DIA)
3/8/22 CO Introduction: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/14/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 3/22/22

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2022-0187](#) RESO Designating 2861 College St (R.E. 062991-0000 & 064389-0000) & 0 College (R.E. 064390-0000), Jax, FL, as a Brownfield Area for Environmental Rehabilitation & Economic Dev; Providing for Notification of Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (Dist. 14- DeFoor) (West) (Introduced by CP at the Request of the Mayor)
3/8/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
3/14/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/14/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/15/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Secs. 166.041 (3) (c) (2) & 376.80 F.S. Chapt 166, F.S. -3/22/22 & 4/12/22

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Public Comment

Carnell Oliver said he wants the Finance Committee to look at 3 areas: 1) affordable housing – what can the City do to help incentivize more affordable housing? 2) consider a 1.5 mill property tax increase - 1 mill dedicated to funding Public Service Grants and the other half-mill for other City needs; and 3) implement a regional sales tax for infrastructure. The City fails to invest in itself. STEM education is needed to improve job prospects in low-income communities.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

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

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Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Ron Salem, Vice Chair Danny Becton, Council Member Michael Boylan, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Terrance Freeman, Council Member Reggie Gaffney and Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

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