

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2020-312

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** June 9, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F

**Date of Analysis:** June 11, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; authorization of economic development agreement; designation of oversight agency; affirmation of compliance with NWJEDF guidelines; request for one-cycle fast track approval

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates \$100,000 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF)/Interest Earnings account to Flying W Plastics FL Inc. as a Northwest Jacksonville Business Investment Grant to support the creation of a manufacturing operation on Stevens Street. The bill authorizes execution of an economic development agreement with the company, designates the Office of Economic Development as the City's oversight agency, and affirms that the grant complies with the NWJEDF guidelines. Fast-track approval on one committee cycle is requested.

**Background Information:** Flying W Plastics, a West Virginia-based manufacturer of plastic piping products, is evaluating the establishment of a new manufacturing facility in Northwest Jacksonville. This would be the company's second manufacturing facility in the U.S. The Jacksonville facility would allow the company to more easily serve new and existing customers in Florida and the rest of the southeast U.S. market. The company manufactures piping products for water, gas, sewer and geothermal applications, for various municipal, industrial and residential projects. The company proposes to create 28 new manufacturing jobs in Jacksonville no later than December 31, 2021. The average wage of the jobs is \$45,429, plus a generous benefit package. The capital investment for the expansion would be approximately \$8 million to purchase new manufacturing equipment and renovate a building located at 109 Stevens St, in NW Jacksonville. The company will be investing over \$350,000 in exterior infrastructure upgrades, which include bringing the onsite rail spur back on line, and increasing the capacity of the building's electrical system, in conjunction with JEA.

**Policy Impact Area:** Economic development

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of a \$100,000 Business Investment Grant

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