

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes - Amended

Monday, October 16, 2023

9:30 AM

**Council Chamber
1st Floor, City Hall**

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Michael Boylan, Chair

Will Lahnen, Vice Chair

Matt Carlucci, Excused Absence

Tyrona Clark-Murray

Terrance Freeman, Excused Absence

Mike Gay

Jimmy Peluso

Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor

Council Research: Eamon Webb

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Bill Delaney, Council Liaison

Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 11:44 AM

Rollcall

Present: 5 - Chair Michael Boylan, Vice Chair Will Lahnen, Council Member Tyrone Clark-Murray, Council Member Mike Gay and Council Member Jimmy Peluso

Excused: 2 - Council Member Matt Carlucci and Council Member Terrance Freeman

Attendance:

CP Salem - 2023-20 & 2023-671

CVP White - Visiting

Item/File No. Title History

- 1. [2023-0020](#) ORD-MC Relating to the City of Jacksonville’s Procurement Code; Repealing & Replacing Pt 1 (General Regulations), Pt 2 (Supplies, Contractual Services & Capital Improvements), Pt 3 (Professional Services Contracts), Pt 5 (Extraordinary Critical Purchasing Procedures), Pt 7 (Design-Build Contracts), & Pt 9 (Art in Public Places), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, & Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grant Program), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, in Their Entirety; Creating a New Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Pt 2 (Jacksonville Procurement Awards Committee), Pt 3 (Procurement Thresholds, Modes, Methods, & Procedures), Pt 5 (Ex-Offender Program), Pt 7 (Buy American Program), & Pt 9 (Bid Protests, Suspension, & Debarments), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Modernize & Provide Greater Efficiencies in the COJ Procurement Code... (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Cumber) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Carlucci & Gay)
 1/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU
 1/17/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/18/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/18/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 6-0
 10/16/23 R Substitute/Approve 7-0
 10/17/23 F Substitute/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/24/23

SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay, Peluso and Salem

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Clarify language in Section 126.306 regarding allowable procurement methods**
- 2. Correct Scrivener's**

AUDITOR RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT

- 1. For formal purchases, require a minimum of 3 responses for professional services unless it is determined by the Chief, in writing, that no advantage would be obtained by resoliciting**
- 2. Require all future changes to the Procurement Manual not take effect for 30 days to allow for a commenting period**

SUBSTITUTE

- 1. Incorporates CM Gay amendment #1 (except for owner-direct purchase program)**
- 2. Incorporates Auditor recommended amendment to require a minimum of 3 responses for professional services unless it is determined by the Chief, in writing, that no advantage would be obtained by resoliciting**

Lawsikia Hodges of the Office of the General Counsel spoke on CM Gay's proposed amendments to the bill and the amendments recommended by the Council Auditor, saying that the amendments represented consensus among the various departments.

CM Gay explained "Gay Amendment #1," which he says should make it easier for the City to leverage its tax-exempt status on any items purchased by the City and give JSEB-qualified (Jacksonville Small & Emerging Business) businesses an increase in buy-in power.

Dustin Freeman, Chief of Procurement Division, explained that, in Amendment #1, Item 9(f) was important as this amendment changes the procedures as to when City agencies are required to buy goods and services directly from a vendor, which gives these purchases tax-free status under Florida law. He explained that the City is already permitted to participate in owner-direct purchase programs, but the current Ordinance allows agencies to use their discretion to determine whether the process of a Direct Purchase Order is economically beneficial to the City. Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office clarified that the proposed amendment would set the cut-off as to when City agencies would be required to use owner-direct purchase programs at \$10,000, which Mr. Freeman explained could potentially result in purchases where the cost of applying for a Direct Purchase Order would exceed the savings that the tax-free purchase would yield.

CM Clark-Murray said that it would be useful to see a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed legislation to better understand how much money would be saved via the proposed legislation.

Steven Long of Public Works said that discretion in how to purchase materials helps the agency move projects along. CM Boylan said that the Council could propose a higher dollar amount cut-off than the proposed \$10,000.

CM Gay said that any dollar amount cut-off will be subjective, but some baseline requirement for agencies to leverage their tax-exempt status would save the City money. He said that the low cut-off would allow small contractors to leverage the City's tax-exempt status, and setting the cut-off higher risks cutting smaller contractors out of receiving these benefits. He said that he is comfortable withdrawing 9(f) as it stands but would like to continue the conversation.

CM Lahnen moved to withdraw 9(f) from "Gay Amendment #1," and withdrawal was approved unanimously. The committee approved the amendment with 9(f) withdrawn unanimously. CM Clark-Murray expressed concern with the legislation moving forward without 9(f), and CM Peluso said that he believes that this item will return to the Council after further discussion.

Mr. Peterson explained the amendments recommended by the Council Auditor's Office.

CM Gay explained "Gay Amendment #2," which would give preference to local businesses in the City purchase of goods and services. CP Salem asked what proportion of contracts are being awarded to non-local businesses, and Mr. Freeman answered that 75% of the money being awarded to businesses through these purchases is going to local businesses.

CP Salem expressed concern that surrounding counties could be displeased by disruption of free enterprise posed by the proposal to award contracts to local businesses even when they are not the

cheapest option for the City.

CM Gay said that St. Johns County has a similar policy already in place, and this proposal would not be out of the ordinary as to provoke retaliation. He said that the City needs to incentivize local businesses to apply for government contracts, and this legislation would assist in this goal.

CM Boylan suggested that CM Gay discuss this matter with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to affirm that the involved counties were on the same page on this matter.

CM Peluso asked if data is available on the number of contracts given to minority-owned businesses and suggested that a similar preference program could be proposed to incentivize minority-owned businesses to apply for government contracts.

Ms. Hodges of the General Counsel's Office clarified that local businesses would need to fall within 10% of cost to the City in the proposed legislation to be eligible for the preference. CM Lahnen asked for clarification as to which local businesses would be eligible for the preference, and Ms. Hodges answered that qualifying businesses would be required to have 5 employees at their Duval County location, to maintain a permanent physical business address in Duval County for at least one year prior to its application, and to have a registered occupational license to operate in Duval County.

CP Salem said that he would currently vote against the amendment but would like to see more data regarding its economic effects. CM Gay said that he would rather withdraw the amendment than allow it to be voted down. CM Lahnen and CM Boylan echoed CP Salem's concern regarding the reaction of surrounding counties. Ms. Staffopoulos of the Office of the General Counsel clarified that the Council could introduce new legislation to achieve the goal of the amendment after further study and discussion.

The Committee approved rolling all approved amendments into one NCSPHS substitute.

2. [2023-0345](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, to Execute an Amendment 1 to 2nd Amend & Restated Redevelopment Agrmt by & Among the City, DIA, & Axis Hotels LLC to Extend the Building Improvements Completion Date from 6/30/23 to 9/30/23; Auth Tech Changes to Amendment 1; Prov a Deadline for Developer to Execute the Agrmt (Dillard) (Req of the DIA)
5/23/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
6/5/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/6/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/13/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/13/23

DEFER

Steven Diebenow spoke on behalf of his client George Bochis, CEO of Augustine Development Group, in opposition to the withdrawal of the Completion Grant agreement between the City, DIA, and Augustine Development Group pertaining to the completion of building improvements to the Ambassador Hotel in Downtown Jacksonville. Mr. Diebenow explained that the developer is asking that the City Council extend the completion deadline to 04/30/24 rather than withdraw the agreement entirely.

Mr. Bochis explained that subcontractors involved in the project reported missing payment, some of which he believes to be fraudulent reports, resulting in liens being placed on the project. He said that he expects that the dispute between Augustine Development and the bondholders should be resolved fairly soon and that he believes that, once this dispute is resolved, construction on the project should restart and be finished by the new proposed completion deadline.

Lori Boyer, CEO of the Downtown Investment Authority, explained that the DIA had already extended the completion date several times dating back to 2020. She said that the Council could give the developer more time to complete the project as a policy decision, as it is in the interest of the City to see the project completed, but she expressed skepticism that the project could be completed by the proposed extension deadline given the unresolved nature of the developer's disputes. She added that the developer must be current on all liens in order to receive the completion grant from the City.

Mr. Diebenow said that there are different kinds of liens, and some of the liens on the project he believes to be fraudulent. He also said that many of the early DIA extensions were COVID-related, so the many extensions do not necessarily paint an accurate picture of the conscientiousness of the developer. CM Peluso asked whether the project would be done by the new proposed deadline, to which Mr. Bochis responded that it is possible but not guaranteed.

Ms. Boyer said that the Council could file new legislation to award a completion grant to the developer upon completion even if this agreement is withdrawn. She said that if the Council is considering extending the deadline, she would prefer that the agenda item be deferred to give the developer some time to work out its disputes and report to the DIA, at which point the DIA board could give a more informed recommendation on whether to extend the deadline to the Council. Ms. Staffopoulos of the Office of the General Counsel said that the Council could defer for two cycles to November 20, 2023, which would give the relevant parties five weeks to make the necessary recommendations.

CM Gay asked for clarification from Mr. Bochis as to when these issues made themselves apparent. Mr. Bochis explained that these liens began appearing in March. CM Gay expressed concern that the bond companies would halt the development process until the developer was financially current.

CM Clark-Murray said that the Council must be good stewards of public funds, and that the City should not enter into financial agreements with parties that cannot be trusted to hold up their end of the agreement. Ms. Boyer said that the financial risk to the City is minimal because the relevant funds are conditional upon completion of the project, and it is in the City's interest to see the project's completion.

CM Peluso said that the project is important to him as it is in his district. He believes some grace is warranted given the difficulties that the COVID-era presented to developers. He asked Mr. Bochis

whether the Independent Life building redevelopment project, also undertaken by Augustine Development, had similar issues, and Mr. Bochis responded that it did not.

CM Boylan entertained the motion that the project be deferred for two cycles, to 11/20/23, and deferral was unanimously approved.

3. [2023-0441](#) ORD Approp \$2,392,309.57 in Reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance Prog (Round 2) Grant Funds from the U.S. Dept of Treasury to the Community Dev Fund Miscellaneous Grants & Aids Acct to Prov Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance to Eligible Households in Duval County Through 9/30/25, to be Administered by the Housing & Community Dev Div of the Neighborhoods Dept in Accord With the Emergency Rental Assistance Prog Estab by Sec 501, Div N, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; Prov for Oversight (B.T. 23-102) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/8/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

DEFER

Chiquita Moore of the Neighborhoods Department explained that the administration needed more conversation about how the funds from this appropriation would be used. She clarified that some funds would go to the Jacksonville Housing Authority, Ability Housing, and the Jacksonville Community Land Trust.

4. [2023-0610](#) ORD Approp \$200,000 From the General Fund - GSD Fund Balance to the Historic Stanton Rehab Activity; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver an Amendment to the Grant Agrmt for the Historic Stanton School Bldg btwn the City & Historic Stanton, Inc. to Extend the Term of the Agrmt to Exp on 9/30/24; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson & Peluso) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Lahnen, Pittman & Salem)
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/26/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/2/23 NCSPHS Substitute/Rerefer 6-0
10/3/23 F Substitute/Rerefer 7-0
10/10/23 CO Substitute/Rerefer 17-0
10/16/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
10/17/23 F Approve 8-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/26/23 & 10/24/23

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay and Peluso

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

- **Appropriates General Fund – GSD operating reserves of \$200,000 to the contingency account (\$143,710) and subsidies and contributions to private organizations account (\$56,290) within the Historic Stanton Rehab activity**
- **These amounts represent the unspent balances remaining in the accounts on September 30, 2023 which fell to General Fund – GSD fund balance at the close of the fiscal year**
- **Approves an amendment to the grant agreement with Historic Stanton to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2024, retroactive to October 1, 2023**

Allan DeVault, executive director of Build Up Downtown, clarified some details about the project. He said that vandals had destroyed the 1st floor of the building during the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that initial improvements to the roof have already been completed, and additional grants will go toward fixing windows, doors, and further roof improvements. The window repairs should be completed before winter to improve security of the building, and in the future, the building could be developed into a museum with the 3rd floor rented out as office space.

5. [2023-0611](#) ORD Naming the City-Owned Bldg Located at 711 N Liberty St, Jax, FL 32202, in Council Dist 7, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, To Be Known As the “Joseph A. Carlucci Building” (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci) (Co-Sponsor CMs Clark-Murray, Pittman, Miller, Carlucci & Lahnen) (JHPC Apv)
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/26/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 10/17/23
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23
Public Hearing Add. Per Sec. 122.105 - 11/14/23

DEFER

6. [2023-0615](#) ORD-MC Amend Various Secs of Ch 652 (Floodplain Management), Ord Code, to Incorporate the FL State Floodplain Management Office's Recommendations for the City to Maintain Current Ratings with the National Flood Insurance Prog Community Rating System; Directing that the Local Technical Amends to the FL Bldg Code Previously Accomplished in Sec 321.109 (Elevation Requirements), Ch 321 (Adoption of Bldg Code), Ord Code, Now be Prov in the Land Dev Procedures Manual by the Dev Svcs Div of the Planning & Dev Dept to Enable the Public to Have Easy Access to Those Amends; Repealing Sec 321.109 (Elevation Requirements), Ch 321 (Adoption of Bldg Code), Ord Code, in its Entirety; Creating a New Sec 321.109 (Elevation Requirements), Ch 321 (Adoption of Bldg Code), Ord Code, So That the Local Tech Amends Made to the FL Bldg Code Read Correctly Both On-Line & In Printed Form... (Grandin & Sample) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) (PD & PC Apv)
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU, LUZ, JWC
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/18/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/26/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
10/16/23 R Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/26/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay and Peluso

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

AMENDMENT

1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (Municipal Code) to correctly present existing language in the Code
2. Correct Scrivener's

• Amends Chapters 321 (Adoption of Building Code), 652 (Floodplain Management), and 654 (Code of Subdivision Regulations) to:

- Direct that the local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code will now be provided in the Planning and Development Department's Land Development Procedures Manual,
- Update the effective date of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps,
- Provide for variances for certain non-elevated accessory structures in a Special Flood Hazard Area, and
- Modify the finished floor elevation requirements in flood areas

• Approved by the Planning Commission on 10/5/23

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment and stated that whenever whole sections are deleted from the Ordinance Code, those deleted sections are required to be attached to the legislation as an Exhibit.

Geoffrey Sample, Community Rating System Administration Manager, explained the amendments to the sections of the Ordinance Code pertaining to Floodplain Management. CM Clark-Murray asked for clarification as to which properties would be affected, and Mr. Sample responded that any property that has flood insurance would benefit.

7. [2023-0616](#) ORD Naming a New Marina Located at 330 E Bay St, Jax, FL 32202, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, In Council Dist 7, to be Known as the “Hans G. Tanzler, Jr. Marina” (Lopera) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsor CM Gay) (JHPC Apv)
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/26/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 10/17/23
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23
Public Hearing Add. Per Sec. 122.105 - 11/14/23

DEFER

8. [2023-0621](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, an Amendment 2 to Redev Agrmt By & Among the City, DIA, Fuqua BCDC One Riverside Project Owner, LLC (Developer), Assignee of Fuqua Acquisitions II, LLC, & TBR One Riverside Owner, LLC, as Partial Assignee of Developer, Amend the Redev Agrmt Dated 12/20/21 Previously Auth by Ord 2021-796-E, as Previously Amended by Amendment 1 to Redev Agrmt Dated 10/12/22, as Auth by Ord 2022-493-E, (Collectively, the “Agreement”), to Modify the Performance Schedule & Associated Terms of the Agrmt; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmts & Transactions, & Auth Tech Changes to the Docs (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/26/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/26/23

DEFER

9. [2023-0669](#) ORD Approp \$585,760 from the Gen Fund - GSD Fund Bal to Downtown Economic Dev Fund to Fund Downtown Preservation & Revitalization Prog Loans to Regions Bank, as Previously Auth by Ord 2021-210-E & Ord 2023-150-E, & Auth an Intrafund Transfer of \$200,000, Representing Both Budget & Actual Prior Expense, btwn Centers Within the Downtown Economic Dev Fund; Prov for Reverter of Funds (B.T. 23-055) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) 9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 10/10/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay and Peluso

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Strike transfer language and reflect a total appropriation amount of \$785,760**
- 2. Revise fiscal year of appropriation to 2023-2024**
- 3. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to correct BT**

- Appropriates \$585,760 from General Fund operating reserves for previously approved Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program (DPRP) forgivable loans to Regions Bank**
- Regions Bank can request an additional \$314,240 in DPRP forgivable loans (subject to future appropriation) pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement**

Steve Kelley of the Downtown Investment Authority explained the project and its funding. Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office referenced a DIA handout which showed future financial commitments on behalf of the DIA.

CM Boylan asked about the ROI of the Regions Bank project, which was listed at 0.5, and Mr. Peterson explained that historical rehabilitation projects most often have a ROI below 1.0 and at a minimum must have an ROI of 0.5.

CM Peluso referenced previous work done by Regions Bank in partnership with the DIA.

10. [2023-0671](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 111.270 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 2 (Health & Human Services), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Estab a Permanent Homelessness Initiatives Special Rev Fund For the Purposes Described Herein; Prov For Codification Instructions; Approp \$1,000,000 to the Homelessness Initiatives Special Rev Fund, Including \$500,000 From the Council President’s Designated Contingency Acct & \$500,000 From the Mayor’s Task Force Contingency Acct; Prov For Oversight By the Social Svcs Div of the Dept of Parks, Rec & Community Svcs (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Clark-Murray, Carrico, Pittman, Gaffney, Jr., Arias, Lahnen, White, Howland & Miller)
9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/2/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
10/16/23 R Amend/Approve 7-0
10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 8-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay, Peluso and Salem

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Clarify funding is limited to individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless and not those already homeless**
- 2. Clarify that maximum payment of up to \$1,500 is on a per calendar year basis**
- 3. Revise annual appropriation calculation from an amount not to exceed 15% to 20% of the available balance in the fund as of the prior fiscal year end**
- 4. Add provision specifying that the appropriation for FY 24/25 will be based on the available balance in the fund as of 12/31/23**
- 5. Change oversight department to the Grants and Contract Compliance Division**
- 6. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to correct BT**

- Establishes a new Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to provide financial assistance to individuals at risk of becoming homeless (maximum one-time payment of up to \$1,500)
- Funds will be appropriated at a minimum on an annual basis in conjunction with the annual budget in an amount not to exceed 15% of the available balance within the Fund as of the immediately preceding fiscal year end
- Requires annual report to Council on the expenditures from the Fund
- Appropriates \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 from the Council President’s contingency account and \$500,000 from the Mayor’s Task Force contingency account) to the new Fund

CP Salem explained that this proposed fund is for diversionary services, meaning services that go toward people who are at high-risk of becoming homeless, not for the chronically homeless. He explained that half of the \$1,000,000 being appropriated to the fund comes from the Council President’s Contingency Fund and half comes from the Mayoral Administration. CM Boylan expressed that he looks forward to working with the administration on this issue.

Phillip Peterson explained the Auditor's amendment.

Mary Staffopoulos of the General Counsel’s Office explained the Salem amendment.

The Committee approved rolling the amendments together into one NCSPHS Committee amendment.

11. [2023-0677](#) ORD Approp \$137,000 From the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to Fund the Various Crime Prevention & Law Enforcement Expenditures & Activities Including: (1) Prov \$37,000 to Procure 2 UTV Vehicles for JSO Patrol Units; (2) Prov \$30,000 to Procure a Real Time Crime Ctr Workstation for JSO; (3) Transferring \$12,5000 From the Fund to the Teen Driver Special Rev Fund in Accordance With Sec 111.365, Ord Code, to Fund the Teen Driver Challenge Prog; (4) Transferring \$12,500 From the Fund to the Police Explorers Trust Fund in Accordance With Sec 111.340, Ord Code, to Fund JSO Police Explorer Post; (5) Transferring \$25,000 From the Fund to the First Coast Crime Stoppers; & (6) \$20,000 to be Used For the Homeward Bound Prog (B.T. 24-007) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff)
- 9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay and Peluso

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach executed certification of compliance with F.S. 932.7055 as new Exhibit**
- 2. Authorize execution of Agreement between City and First Coast Crime Stoppers related to the \$25,000 contribution and attach Agreement as new Exhibit**
- 3. Reflect that the revenue being appropriated is Contributions from Private Sources**
- 4. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account codes**
- 5. Pg. 1, line 23, after “PROGRAM”, insert “, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-007”**
- 6. Correct Scrivener’s**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor’s Office explained the amendments.

Bill Clement of the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office explained the amendment and funding source of the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund. CM Boylan clarified that this money is not coming directly from the City but instead is coming from forfeitures.

- 12. [2023-0678](#)** ORD Approp \$202,335.05 From the Federal Forfeitures Trust Fund to Estab the FY 23-24 Operating Budget For the Federal Forfeitures Trust Fund (B.T. 24-005) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff)
9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
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AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay and Peluso

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Pg.1, line 31, strike “fund balance” and insert “federal forfeitures”**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account code and fund title**

• Funds will be used for security equipment (\$80,842), hardware/software maintenance & licenses (\$40,750), specialized equipment (\$26,899) and cleanup of prior year's expenses (\$53,844)

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor’s Office explained the amendments.

13. [2023-0679](#) ORD Approp \$2,407,004.95 From the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to Estab the FY 23-24 Operating Budget For the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; Auth a Position Within the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund (R.C. 24-004) (B.T. 24-006) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff)
9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/16/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
10/17/23 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gay and Peluso

Excused: 2 - Carlucci and Freeman

- **Funds will be used for salary and benefits of employees whose duties directly relate to the Trust Fund (\$135,998), supplies and equipment (\$816,204), computer equipment (\$905,407) and specialized equipment at the various facilities (\$549,396)**

Bill Clement of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office explained that this ordinance establishes the operating budget for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund for FY 23-24.

14. [2023-0717](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark Desig by Ord 2021-377-E at 510 Julia St, Owned by 510 N Julia LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

15. [2023-0718](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark & Landmark Site Desig by Ord 2006-859-E at 424 N Hogan St, Owned by 218 W Church LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

16. [2023-0719](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark Site Desig by Ord 2003-1410-E at 218 W Church St, Owned by 218 W Church LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

17. [2023-0722](#) ORD Approp \$162,000 from the Jax Rec & Environmental Land Acquisition Capital Projs Fund to the New Town Success Zone Park at Edward Waters University Proj; Prov for Oversight by Parks, Rec & Community Svcs (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

18. [2023-0739](#) RESO Desig 7893 Hogan Settlement Rd, Jax, FL, as a Brownfield Area for Environmental Rehab & Economic Development; Prov for Notification of Brownfield Site Rehab Agrmt (R.E. # 007618-0000) (Dist. 12-White) (Teal) (Req of Mayor)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearings Pursuant to Sec 376.80, F.S.& Ch 166, F.S. - 10/24/23 & 11/14/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2023-0740](#) RESO Desig 1959 Kings Ave & 0 Kings Ave, Jax, FL, as a Brownfield Area for Environmental Rehab & Economic Development; Prov for Notification of Brownfield Site Rehab Agrmt (R.E. # 082062-000 & 082112-0000) (Dist. 5-J. Carlucci) (Teal) (Req of Mayor)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearings Pursuant to Sec 376.80, F.S.& Ch 166, F.S. - 10/24/23 & 11/14/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2023-0741](#) RESO Upon an Acknowledgement of Due Auth & the Making of Findings, Apv the Issuance by the JHFA of Its Homeowner Mortgage Revenue Bonds, in 1 or More Series, in an Aggregate Face Amt not to Exceed \$100,000,000 for the Purpose of Purchasing Mortgage Loans Originated by Participating Local Lending Institutions to Finance the Purchase or Rehab of New or Existing Owner-Occupied Residences Situated in Duval County, FL, or Purchasing Securities Guaranteed by the Federal Govt or Agencies Thereof or for the Purpose of Refunding Outstanding Bonds of the JHFA Previously Issued for Such Purpose; Req the Intro of a Reso of the Council of the City of Jax, FL, Apv the Issuance of the Bonds; Auth the Submission of a Request for a Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Allocation; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Hodges) (Req of JHFA)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 6, 2023.

Public Comment:

Carnell Oliver spoke in opposition to 2023-0020. He would rather the government put money directly into citizens' hands than be targeted to specific individuals. He believes that poor voter turnout in local elections is a result of a lack of public trust in government officials and expressed his support for the banning of City funding going toward non-profits in which Councilmembers are involved.

John Nooney spoke in opposition to 2023-0615, as he did not believe that the recommended amendments to the Building Management Code from the Floodplain Management Office represented resiliency. He expressed a desire to see specific reports on how these changes would benefit resiliency.

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

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