

# City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St  
Jacksonville, FL 32202



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

### Finance Committee

*Aaron Bowman, Chair*

*LeAnna Cumber, Vice Chair*

*Randy DeFoor*

*Terrance Freeman*

*Tommy Hazouri*

*Ju'Coby Pittman*

*Ron Salem, Pharm. D.*

*Legislative Assistant: Crystal Shemwell*

*Legislative Assistant: Juliette Williams*

*Council Auditor: Kyle Billy*

*Chief of Research: Jeff Clements*

*Deputy General Counsel: Peggy Sidman*

*Administration: Rachel Zimmer*

*Asst. Council Auditor: Kim Taylor*

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**Meeting Convened: 9:31 AM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:05 AM**

Council Auditor Kyle Billy to discuss Report #829: Quarterly Summary for the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2019

Mr. Billy said the report showed a positive variance in General Fund revenue of \$19.6 million, largely the result of a positive variance of \$7.1 million in ad valorem tax collections, \$5.1 million of interest income and \$3.4 million of public safety ambulance transport revenues. The report also showed a positive variance in expenditures of \$12.6 million, primarily due to \$4.7 million in commercial paper interest savings, \$1.5 million in the Public Works budget, \$1.2 million in the Finance and Administration budget, and \$1 million in the Office of the Sheriff. The total favorable balance is \$32.2 million. In response to a question from Chairman Bowman, Mr. Billy noted that \$32.2 million is a fairly large positive variance and said he would bring the committee a 10-year report on past year-end variances. In response to a question from Council Member Salem, Mr. Billy said that these funds are available to fill deficit accounts from last year's budget and the remainder is placed in a reserve fund for reallocation. Council Member DeFoor suggested that some of the available balance be allocated on a council district basis to address local problems. Council Member Hazouri asked about the percentage increase in the local option half cent sales tax revenues over budget; Mr. Billy will research that number. Mr. Hazouri also asked for a figure on collections of property taxes previously in arrears. Mr. Billy also clarified that the positive variances are in operating funds, not related to capital projects.

Mr. Billy reviewed the City's progress on receiving reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for damages sustained in Hurricanes Irma and Matthew. For Irma the City has appropriated \$8.8 million to deal with Irma damages, \$5 million over its anticipated final responsibility. Hurricane expenditures are segregated into separate funds for tracking purposes and city expenditures are reimbursed as FEMA funding is received. City officials will be meeting this Thursday with state officials about the timing of reimbursements for the hurricane damages. CFO Joey Greive said that a majority of the \$8 million still pending from Hurricane Irma is for Jax Beach pier repairs, which are ongoing. Council Member Cumber asked about the time lag between FEMA certification and state reimbursement of costs and about how Jacksonville's experience stacks up with other cities and counties in the state. Mr. Greive said that Jacksonville's experience is similar to other Florida jurisdictions; every jurisdiction is awaiting reimbursement from the state. A large part of the delay is due to the fact that Florida's state government requires a 100% review of all reimbursement documentation after it has already been 100% reviewed by FEMA. Other states do not have that level of state review of documentation after FEMA has completed its review. Also, the tremendous damage caused in the Florida panhandle by Hurricane Michael has diverted time and attention from review of reimbursement documentation to dealing with that later disaster.

In response to a question from Council Member Salem, Mr. Billy said that Jacksonville has very healthy reserve funds, which have been increased substantially over the past few years, to provide a buffer in the event of future storm-related expenditures. Council Member Hazouri asked about the previous allocation of \$8 million to the pier and whether the City is starting over on that project with new funding from the second hurricane. Mr. Greive said that the original funds are being spent on design and engineering and are available to pay for construction when that starts. Council Member DeFoor asked about the difference between what the City submitted for reimbursement versus what FEMA certifies and questioned if the City is sure we're going to get that back. Mr. Billy said that reimbursement is always considered contingent until the City actually gets the money back. Mr. Greive said that the Hurricane Irma reimbursement is taking longer than for Matthew, in part because of the devastating Hurricane Michael in the Florida panhandle that diverted FEMA and state attention to that crisis. He explained the process of submitting different tranches of documentation for different types of damages. Council Member DeFoor asked about the process of state review and requests for further documentation of what FEMA has already approved. Mr. Greive said Jacksonville would have a big problem if the state refused to certify some amounts and tried to keep the FEMA funds. The City has hired the accounting firm of Ernst and Young to help with good documentation. In response to a question from Council Member Pittman about FEMA reimbursement funds potentially being used for studies of flood-prone areas, Mr. Greive said that FEMA does have funding for protective measures and he and Chief of Emergency Preparedness Steve Woodard can help her explore that opportunity.

### Kids Hope Alliance - Service Provision RFP Presentation

Donnie Horner III, Acting CEO of the KHA, said that the KHA board and staff have heard loud and clear the City Council's and community's sentiment that everyone wants to have more input into the KHA's RFP process for its services contracts. Dr. Saralyn Grass of the KHA described the 2020-21 Out of School Time RFP development process and the task force that led the process. Four focus groups were employed to develop program requirements and consider changes to the previous RFP. The new process will require less paper, will offer more time to respond, and will be more flexible about match requirements. Billing will be simplified, the cost per child will be increased from \$1600 to \$1865, and providers will be reimbursed on an hourly service unit rather than half-hours. Dr. Grass reviewed the minimum requirements for RFP eligibility, the program design requirements, staff training requirements, monthly deliverables for reimbursement, and performance measures.

Council Member Cumber asked about the flexible match and how much is required of the providers versus the City, particularly in the area of in-kind matches. She also asked for a fuller explanation of the full hour vs. less than full hour reimbursements, which Dr. Grass described. In response to a question from Council Member Salem about what percentage of students served at Duval County Public Schools versus charter schools, Dr. Grass said the KHA can't fund the schools directly but the schools partner with other providers (Boys and Girls Club, etc.) to provide programs on their campuses. KHA works with the schools to determine where the real need is, not just Title 1 areas. They know the need is bigger than what is currently being provided. Council Member Freeman asked to meet offline with KHA staff to ask detailed questions and asked to be included in any future discussions held with council members. He asked if the City has staffing in place to fully operate the program so providers aren't left holding non-reimbursable costs and was told they do. In response to a question from Council Members Hazouri about whether KHA has data on how many children from each school are participating in the programs and whether they graduate or not, Ms. Grass said KHA only get aggregate data from DCPS currently, but starting in the fall the KHA will become a research partner with DCPS and will get access to specific student data as long as it's not individually identifiable. Mr. Hazouri wants to see more evidence of what's actually happening with the dollars being provided and that providers are truly performing.

Council's Strategic Plan for FY 20/21 for discussion at the end of the meeting

Attendance: Council Members Aaron Bowman, Tommy Hazouri, Terrance Freeman, LeAnna Cumber, Randy DeFoor, Ron Salem, Ju'Coby Pittman

Also: Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Juliette Williams and Crystal Shemwell – Legislative Services Division; Peggy Sidman – Office of General Counsel; Kyle Billy and Kim Taylor – Council Auditor's Office; John Pappas – Public Works Department; Bill Clement – Sheriff's Office; Stephanie Burch, Jordan Elsbury and Rachel Lockhart – Mayor's Office; Joey Greive and Angela Moyer – Finance and Administration Department; Lillian Graning – Tourist Development Council; Chief Keith Powers – Fire and Rescue Department; Kirk Wendland – Office of Economic Development; Melanie Wilkes – Council Staff Services

**Item/File No.**

**Title History**

1. [2019-0555](#) ORD Auth the Approp of \$1,725,422.19 in funding from the City’s General Fund, General Svc. Dist. Fund Balance, in order to provide funding for the repayment by the City of funds received from the State of FL Dept of Environmental Protection, Pursuant to that certain land & water conservation Fund Agreement No.12-00182 btwn the City & the State of FL (“Grant Agreement”), to allow for the future dev of Metropolitan Park; Apv & Auth Mayor & Corp Sec to Exec any Grant Agreemt termination docs & othr agreemts as req by law.  
 (B.T. 19-112)(Lotzia)(Req of Mayor)  
 8/13/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
 8/19/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 8/19/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 8/20/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer  
 8/27/2019 CO PH Read 2nd and Rerefered; NCSPHS,TEU,F  
 9/5/2019 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled/Defer  
 9/5/2019 TEU Meeting Cancelled/Defer  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 8/27/19

**DEFER**

2. [2019-0693](#) ORD-MC Regarding JEA; Amend Sec 21.07 (Fiscal & Budgetary Functions), Article 21 (JEA), City Charter, to create a New Subsection M to provide for a sharing of dividends to JEA customers based on JEA’s change in net position. (Sidman)(Introduced by CM Dennis)  
 9/24/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R  
 9/30/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/1/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer  
 10/1/2019 R Read 2nd and Rerefer  
 10/8/2019 CO PH Addnl Read 2nd and Rerefered;TEU,F,R  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S.& to Sec. 21.11, City Charter & CR 3.601 – 10/8/19 & 11/12/19

**DEFER**

3. [2019-0725](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 120.203 (Contributions: Refund of Contributions), Pt.2(Gen Employees Retirement Plan), Chapt. 120 (Gen Employees & Corrections Officers Pension Plans & all Employees Defined Contribution Retirement Plans), Ord Code, to provide for payment of JEA's unfunded actuarial accrued liability upon JEA recapitalization event; Making amendment contingent upon recapitalization event for a sunset date . (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Carlucci)  
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R  
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/2019 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd and Rerefered;TEU,F,R  
1/7/2020 R Withdraw 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

**DEFER**

4. [2019-0847](#) ORD Auth Interlocal Agreemt btw Duval County 1st Responder Agencies JSO & JFRD, as required by Sec. 365.179, F.S., in order to Facilitate Direct Radio Communications btw 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points & 1st Responders; Oversight by JSO. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)  
11/26/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,F  
12/02/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS, F  
1/06/2020 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
1/07/2020 F Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

Fire Chief Keith Powers gave an overview of the state requirement for intercommunication ability.

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

- 5. [2019-0848](#) ORD Approp \$1,600,000.00 from 2 Countywide Projs., Roadway Sign Stripe & Signal Proj & Countywide Intersec. Imprvmts Proj, to 2 new specific projs., the Pearl St. & 44th St Intersec. Imprvmnt. Proj & University Blvd. & Jack Rd Proj., Amend 2020-2024 5-Yr CIP apvd. by ORD 2019-505-E, to reduce funding for the projs. Entitled "Roadway Sign Stripe & Signal" & "Countywide Intersection IMP & Bridge Rehab-Intersections" & prov. Funding for the projs. Entitled "Pearl St. -44th St. Intersection" & University Blvd.-University Blvd & Jack Rd. Intersection IMP.' (B.T. 20-025) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)  
 11/26/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F  
 12/02/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered; TEU, F  
 1/06/2020 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0  
 1/07/2020 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

**AMEND(TEU)/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. **Correct Explanation of Appropriation to include to and from accounts**
- 2. **Attach Revised CIP Sheets to correct funding sources**

- 6. [2019-0849](#) ORD Approp \$22,500.00 in Grant Funding from U.S. Dept of Transportation by way of Pass-thru from FL Dept of Transportation, w/no local match, to Estab JSO Smart Motorcycle Prog. (B.T. 20-028) (McCain) (Req of Sheriff)  
 11/26/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
 12/02/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/02/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered; NCSPHS, TEU, F  
 1/06/2020 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
 1/06/2020 TEU Approve 7-0  
 1/07/2020 F Approve 7-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

- 7. [2019-0850](#) ORD Approp \$2,990,280.00 (FY 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emerg (Safer) Grant of \$2,242,710.00 from the United States Dept of Homeland Security & 25% match of \$747,570.00 from Fund Bal) to prov salaries & benefits for 40 new firefighter positions for yr 1 of Safer Grant; Apv & Auth to accept & receive the Fed Grant funds through FEMA Grants outcomes (FEMA Go) System; Oversight by Emerg Preparedness Div of JFRD Apv Positions. (B.T. 20-030) (McCain) (Req of Mayor) 11/26/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F 12/02/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered; NCSPHS, F 1/06/2020 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0 1/07/2020 F Amend/Approve 7-0 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

Chief Powers described the City’s future responsibility to pick up the salaries for these new firefighters (25% match first 2 years, 75% third year, 100% thereafter). The National Fire Protection Association recommends 4-person companies on all apparatus, Jacksonville currently staffs at 3; this grant will help get Jacksonville up to the recommended standard. Chief Powers described how the positions would go away via attrition if the City did not pick up full funding in the future. In response to a question from Chairman Bowman about the department’s ability to recruit in the current low unemployment environment, Chief Powers said it’s hard to get enough quality applicants and they’re recruiting hard.

**AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

- This legislation appropriates funding for year 1 of 3
- After the three year grant period ends, the City will cover the full cost of the 40 positions, subject to appropriation by City Council
- Summary of funding:

Year 1:	City share - \$747,570	Federal share - \$2,242,710	Total - \$2,990,280
Year 2:	City share - \$747,570	Federal share - \$2,242,710	Total - \$2,990,280
Year 3:	City share - \$1,943,682	Federal share - \$1,046,598	Total - \$2,990,280

**AMENDMENT**

**Clarify funding source of City match is General Fund – General Services District fund balance**



- 8. [2019-0851](#) ORD Approp \$25,000.00 Grant Award from FL Animal Friend, Inc., w/no local match, to Prov Spay & Neuter Svcs to Feral & Free roaming cats & kittens w/in Community; Apv & Auth Grant Award Agreemt btw COJ & FL Animal Friend, Inc.;Oversight by Animal Care & Protective Svcs. Div.  
 (B.T. 20-021) (McGain) (Req of Mayor)  
 11/26/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 12/02/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F  
 1/06/2020 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
 1/07/2020 F Approve 7-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

**Scrivener's**

**Pg. 2, line 5: correct date to August 31**

- 9. [2019-0853](#) ORD Auth an Option Agreemt btw City of Jax & RP Sports Investments, Inc.& all closing docs., to Prov Option thru 1/31/23 for Purchase by Developer of Propty at A. Philip Randolph Blvd & Georgia St & btwn Albert St & Grant St, Approx 5 Acres Parcel of Unimprovd Real Propty to Develop an Office Bldg w/Min of 25,000 Sq ft,,a Soccer Stadium w/Min Seating Capacity of 2,500 Seats & Surface Parking Lot w/Min of 100 Parking Spaces;Oversight by OED. (Dist 7-Gaffney) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
 11/26/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 12/02/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

**DEFER**

10. [2019-0854](#) ORD Approp \$785,000.00 from Other Constructn to Reserves for Performing Arts-Downtown Visitor Ctr Proj; Prov Duval County TDC Recommendation re Location of Downtown Visitor Ctr. (Hodges) (Req of Duval County TDC)(Co-Sponsored by CM Hazouri)  
 11/26/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 12/02/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F  
 1/06/2020 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
 1/07/2020 F Approve 7-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

Chairman Bowman explained why the TDC decided to delay funding for the visitor center in the Times-Union Center for now because of changing conditions in the area, particularly the demolition of the Jacksonville Landing. This bill puts the funds into reserve for now until an optimal visitor center location can be determined.

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

11. [2019-0855](#) ORD Amend Home Investment Partnership & State Housing Initiative Partnership Loan Mod terms Apvd by City Council Pursuant to Ord 2017-849-E. (Hodges) (Req of Mayor)  
 11/26/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 12/02/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/03/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 12/10/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/10/19

**DEFER**

12. [2019-0880](#) ORD Approp \$2,000,000.00 from Tree Protection & related Exps Trust Fund, Subfund 15F for Level 2 County-wide Prog to Prov Tree Planting on Public Land in Duval County Suggested by Individuals or Groups: Progs to be Administered by City; Apv & Req Dept of Public Works to Cont to Administered Prog in accord w/criteria herein; Prov funds carryover to Subseqnt FYs. (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
 12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
 1/06/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 1/06/2020 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 1/07/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

13. [2019-0881](#) ORD Apv & Auth Mayor, his Designee, & Corp. Secretary to execute & deliver a 1st Amend to Lease Agreement btwn City of Jax & Vision Manufacturing Technologies, Inc. F/K/A FON, Inc. for Lease of (1) 900 Sq ft of addn'l Space within Bldg 907 at 13557 Lake Newman St., Jax, FL in Cecil Commerce Ctr for total of 2,900 Sq ft; mthly rentl rate of \$2,175.00; & (2) 4,134 Sq ft of space within Bldg 993 at 6011 Pow-Mia Memorial Pkwy, Jax, FL Inc. Cecil Commerce Ctr, Mthly rate of \$3,100.50 within common area maint fee of \$200.00/mo, per bldg.; Prov Ext of Initial lease Term to 1/31/21 w/two, 1-Yr Rnwl Options; Oversight by OED (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
1/06/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/07/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

14. [2019-0882](#) ORD Approp \$50,000.00 in fund balance from Environmental Protection Trust Fund (The "FUND") to Prov funding to suppt Addn'l depth dredging & Subseqnt remonal & disposal of contaminated soils from Millers Creek (The "Project"); Prov Waiver of Sec 111.755 (Environmental Protection Fund), Pt 7 (Environment & Conservation, Chapt 111 (Spec Rev & Trust Accts), ORD Code Auth Board to Utilize funds from The Fund for the Proj; Prov Waiver of Sec 360.602 (Uses of Fund), Pt 6 (Environmental Protection Fund), Chapt 360 (Environmental Protection Fund), Chapt 360 (Environmental Regulation), Ord Code, to auth the Board to Utilize funds from The Fund for The Project; Invoking Exception of Sec. 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code to Direct Contract Millers Creek Special Dist for The Project; Apv funding Agreement for Millers Creek Special Dist Eco Restoration btwn City of Jax & Millers Creek Special Dist for The Project; Oversight by Environmental Quality Div; Requiring Reprt. (B.T. 20-032)(McCain) (Req of Mayor)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWW  
1/6/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/6/2020 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

15. [2019-0883](#) ORD Approp \$163,370.00 in Private Contributions to Victim’s Assist Advisory Council (VAAC) Trust Fund by All Elite Wrestling (\$157,370.00) & Farah & Farah (\$6,000.00) to Prov Funding for Progs & Srvcs Benefitting Individuals impacted by Gun Violence & other crimes. (B.T. 20-033) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,F  
1/06/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/07/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

16. [2019-0884](#) ORD Apv & Auth Transfer from Sunshine Recycling, Inc. to WCA of Florida, LLC of its Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchise, Pursuant to Sec 380.609,Ord Code. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: TEU,F  
1/06/2020 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/07/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

17. [2019-0886](#) ORD Approp \$2,000,000.00 to “630-CITY TREE Planting Prog.” also known as “Level 1 Tree Planting Prog.” for Tree Planting by Public Works in Public r/w’s in locations where Adjcnt Propty Owners have made requests thru 630-CITY; Apv & Req Public Works to Cont. to Administer Prog. in accord. w/criteria herein; Prov clarification of name of Prog; Prov funds carryover into Subseqnt FYs (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
1/06/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/06/2020 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/07/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

18. [2019-0887](#) ORD Apv & Auth Purch & Sale Agreemnt btwn City of Jax & Patel Asset Holdings, LLC & Closing Documents relating thereto & otherwise take necessary action to Effectuate Purpose of Agreemnt for Acquisition by the buyer at Negotiated Price of \$250,000.00 of Real Propty;( 1.13± Acre Parcel) for Jax Rowing Ctr; Prov purpose; Prov. Oversight of acquisition transaction of Subj Propty by Real Estate Div. of Public Works Dept ;Oversight of Proj thereafter by Dept of Parks Rec & Comm. Svcs. (Dist 1-Morgan)(McCain)( Req of Mayor)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,TEU, F  
1/06/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/06/2020 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/07/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

19. [2019-0888](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 126.901 (Definitions), Pt 9 (Art in Public Places), Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code to include City-Controlled Bldgs or Propty in Definition for use of Art in Public Places Prog; Approp \$50,000.00 (\$45,000.00 from Dist 14 Autumn Bond Acct to Public Art Acct & \$5,000.00 from Council Operating Contingency to Art in Public Places Trust Fund) to Prov funding for “Roosevelt/Edgewood – Artwork & Lighting” proj; Prov Public Works Dept & Cultural Council of Jax, Inc.,& disbursement of funds upon invoices & accounting/reverter of any unspent funds; Finding Municipal Purpose; Waiving Requiremnts of Autumn Bond, Ord 2004-998-E, as Amend by 2005-1044-E & Sec. 106.315, Ord Code; Auth Agreemnt btwn City of Jax & FDOT. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM DeFoor)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,TEU, F,R  
1/6/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/6/2020 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

20. [2019-0890](#) ORD Approp \$768,000.00 from Isle of Palms Dredging to Isle of Palms Dredge-Special Dist Match to Prov 12% match fund for Isle of Palms Dredging Proj; Prov funds carryover from Yr to Yr until funds are expended or lapse according to Agreemnt; Apv & Auth Fund Agreemnt for Isle of Palms Dredging Proj btwn Isle of Palms Spec. Dist & COJ; Invoking Exceptn to Sec 126.107(G), Ord Code; Oversight by Public Works Dept. (Johnson) (Introduced by CM Diamond)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R, JWW  
1/6/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

21. [2019-0891](#) ORD Auth a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease Renewal (BOT File # 160739059) btwn the City of Jax & the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of FL. for the purpose of securing land for the Southbank Riverwalk & Floating Docks, for a 5-Yr. Term at no cost (McCain) (Req of Mayor)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R, JWW  
1/6/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/7/2020 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/14/20

**READ 2ND AND REREFERRED**

22. [2019-0897](#) ORD Making Certain Findings & Apv & Auth (1) Redev Agreemnt btwn city of Jax & VC Lavilla Townhomes, LTD., affiliate of Vestcor Companies, Inc. (“Developer”) which Agreemnt Provides Constructn by Developer of 88 Townhomes, Improvements to Lift Ev’ry Voice Park (“Park”), & Improvmts to Lavilla Heritage Trail (“Trail”), Segment of Emerald Trail, as well as \$100,000 cash contributions to each of the Park & Trail, within Northbank Downtown Community Redevelpmt area; (2) Quitclaim Deed Conveying (3.45±) Acres of City-owned land at Intersectn of Johnson & Houston Streets, Jax FL to Developer for \$100 w/adjacent 5’ Strip of Johnson Street r/w Proposed closure; (3) Related Agreemnts & closing docs described in Agreemnt & Otherwise to take all necessary action to effectuate purpose of Agreemnt; Designating DIA as Contract Monitor; Oversight by Dept of Public Works. (Dist 7-R. Gaffney) (Sawyer) (Req. of DIA)  
12/10/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
1/06/2020 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/07/2020 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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### Strategic Plan discussion

Chairman Bowman reviewed the development of the strategic plan and last year's \$5 million allocation in the budget for strategic plan priorities, and said that the plan is to do the same thing this year. He distributed a draft resolution and reviewed the draft legislation with 1-, 3- and 5-year goals. The committee will decide what items to request in next year's \$5 million allocation, which don't necessarily have to be from the strategic plan.

Council Member Salem suggested adding the infant mortality issue as a priority. Faye Johnson, CEO of the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition, said her organization is working with Florida Blue and Baptist Medical Center on the social determinants of health that impact on infant mortality in order to create a one-stop shop for pregnant women to get them needed services to improve birth outcomes. Mr. Bowman said he thinks the Finance Committee has the authority to add additional items if it sees fit. The committee agreed to add an item to the 3-year goals to reduce infant mortality by a percentage to be determined later. Deputy General Counsel Peggy Sidman suggested that the goal in this legislation be stated as "reducing" infant mortality, and then fill in a specific percentage goal via the subsequent legislation that appropriates the funds. Council Member DeFoor felt there should be a detailed plan for how the \$5 million will be spent for accountability purposes. Chairman Bowman said he envisions a 2 step process: 1) file this strategic plan adoption legislation, followed by 2) a separate \$5 million appropriation ordinance with specifics of exactly what will be spent on each item. Council Member Cumber expressed concerned with using the word "eliminate" in several of the goals, since that's going to be very hard to achieve; she suggested instead that "reduce" may be a more attainable goal. Mr. Bowman said wants to see what the Charter Revision Commission has to recommend with regard to citywide strategic planning, which they are discussing. He believes this City Council strategic plan process needs to be more robust.

Motion (Hazouri): approve the strategic plan resolution for filing this week, under the sponsorship of the Finance Committee, with the 2 changes made today – adding a reducing infant mortality issue as a 3-year goal and changing "eliminate" to "reduce" throughout the goals – unanimously approved.

Chairman Bowman said he will be organizing a collection from City Council members to purchase candy to be distributed at the upcoming Martin Luther King Day parade.

Regarding pending ordinance 2019-885 that would amend the contract of City Ethics Officer Carla Miller regarding her weekly working hours, Chairman Bowman said that Ms. Miller had asked if Council would convert the part-time position of an employee in her office into a full-time position. He encouraged the members to talk to Ms. Miller individually about the history of the office and its staffing needs. Council Member Salem recommended inviting her to a future committee meeting to address everyone at once, which Mr. Bowman said he would do.

#### Public Comment

Stanley Scott recommended that public commenters be introduced as Mr. or Ms., not just their name, as a matter of courtesy. He advocated for increasing equality of outcomes in Jacksonville. He said the city has a leadership problem, particularly in the African American community, and he wants the Chair and Co-Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Task Force to step down. Downtown is trash-strewn. City docks are not handicapped accessible. The Kids Hope Alliance needs African-American management to be representative of the community.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2020.**

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

#### Rollcall

**Present:** 7 - Chair Aaron Bowman, Vice Chair LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Randy DeFoor, Council Member Terrance Freeman, Council Member Tommy Hazouri, Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman and Council Member Ron Salem

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