

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-352

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Ferraro

Date of Introduction: May 23, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: May 22, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization, *Ordinance Code* waiver, designation of oversight agency, CIP amendment and emergency passage upon introduction

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$500,000 from the Authorized Capital Projects – FY 23 and Forward Fund/Confederate Monument Removal-Relocation-Remaining Renaming per CC Project, for the purchase of real property located at 865 Golfair Boulevard. A purchase and sale agreement between the City of Jacksonville and SBPS 3 Ji, LLC. is authorized, and the purchase price of the property is not to exceed \$500,000 based upon the appraised value of the property. Section 122.411(c)(1) (Fee Purchases), Part 4 (Real Property), Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow purchase of the property without a written purchase instrument. The Real Estate Division of the Department of Public Works will oversee negotiations and the potential acquisition of the property, and the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department will oversee the community center to be built on the property subject to future approval and appropriation by council. The 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan is amended to provide funding for this project. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested in order to rapidly initiate negotiations to purchase the property.

Background Information: A liquor store has recently opened on Golfair Blvd, 430 feet from a charter school – the KIPP Voice Academy. In 2020, the liquor store property owner applied for a zoning exception to allow for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. The Planning and Development Department recommended denial, finding that an additional establishment for alcohol sales would not compliment the commercial area and neighborhood considering that there is already a liquor store approximately 1000 feet to the east of 865 Golfair Blvd. At the time of the zoning exception application, the KIPP Voice Academy had not yet been built, but the property was identified as the future location of the school. Against the recommendation of the Planning Department, the Planning Commission issued an order approving the application. Numerous members of the Brentwood community have expressed opposition to the liquor store conducting business adjacent to the KIPP Voice Academy where approximately 800 students attend school daily.

In the City's FY 22-23 budget, Mayor Curry included \$500,000 in the CIP to remove the "Monument to the Women of the Confederacy" in Springfield Park, but the monument remains, and those funds are to date unspent. The purpose of this legislation is to utilize the monument removal funds for the purchase of the liquor store property in the Brentwood neighborhood, with the intent to construct a community center at a later date.

Policy Impact Area: Brentwood neighborhood

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$500,000

Analyst: Hampsey