

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Clark-Murray and Morgan:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2023-54-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
7 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A FOURTH  
8 AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE  
9 UNIVERSITY TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A FOURTH  
10 ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR THE CONTINUING MANATEE  
11 PROTECTION STUDIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023,  
12 SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY CITY COUNCIL;  
13 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE PLANNING AND  
14 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
15 DATE.

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17 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has engaged Jacksonville  
18 University to provide marine science support, particularly in  
19 developing and refining the City's Manatee Protection Plan; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the University's A. Quinton White, Ph.D., a highly  
21 regarded expert on marine mammals, especially manatees, has been the  
22 principal scientist under the contract with Jacksonville University;  
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, conflict, such as the differing regulatory approaches  
25 to manatee protection and the debate over the status of the manatee,  
26 indicates the continuing need for marine science support; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City Council authorized the contract with Dr. White  
28 through Ordinance 2018-540-E, which invoked Section 126.107(g),  
29 *Ordinance Code*, to waive competitive solicitation and bidding due to  
30 Dr. White's expertise; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2018-540-E provided for four (4) one-year

1 renewals to the contract; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the City has exercised renewal options in Ordinances  
3 2019-645-E, 2020-588-E, and 2021-718-E and now desires to enter into  
4 a fourth and final renewal; and

5       **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville University has compiled a comprehensive  
6 database for the Duval County Manatee Protection Plan over the last  
7 24 years; and

8       **WHEREAS**; the City of Jacksonville desires to continue the study  
9 of manatees and boaters in the most cost effective manner without  
10 interruption; and

11       **WHEREAS**, at its January 11, 2023 meeting, the Waterways  
12 Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed contract  
13 renewal; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the Council would like to exercise the fourth extension  
15 to renew the contract for an additional one-year renewal to September  
16 30, 2023; now therefore

17       **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18       **Section 1.       Authorizing the Mayor and Corporation Secretary**  
19 **to Execute a Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Continuing Manatee**  
20 **Protection Studies, dated October 4, 2018.** Subject to appropriation  
21 by the City Council, the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation  
22 Secretary are authorized to execute a Fourth Amendment to the contract  
23 with Jacksonville University to exercise the fourth one (1) year  
24 renewal of the contract term for the services of Dr. A. Quinton White  
25 and Dr. Gerard Pinto for continuing manatee protection studies in  
26 substantially the same form as contained in the document attached  
27 hereto as **Exhibit 1.**

28       **Section 2.       Oversight.** The Planning and Development  
29 Department shall oversee the Study described herein.

30       **Section 3.       Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5           /s/  Mary E. Staffopoulos          

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By:  Susan C. Grandin

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