

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-164

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Finance Committee

Date of Introduction: February 27, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: February 29, 2024

Type of Action: Adoption of City Council Strategic Plan; request to Mayor; Ordinance Code waiver

Bill Summary: The bill adopts the City Council’s strategic plan budget priorities for FY24-25 and encourages the Mayor to incorporate those priorities into her proposed budget for next year. It waives the provision of Ordinance Code Chapter 106 – Budget and Accounting Code – that requires the submittal of the strategic plan priorities to the Mayor no later than February 15th each year.

Background Information: This marks the sixth time the Council has adopted a Strategic Plan and prioritized a funding request for the budget process and is the second time the Council is making its proposals under the auspices of an Ordinance Code amendment passed in November 2022 specifying that the Council may request up to 0.50% of the current year’s General Fund – General Services District budget amount to fund the strategic priorities. The percentage calculation of the current year’s General Fund-GSD equates to approximately \$8.8 million. The proposal includes 25 council member-recommended initiatives totaling \$3,800,000 and a requested allocation of \$5,000,000 to a Strategic Downtown Project Reserve to help build a fund to be applied to major downtown projects currently under consideration (EverBank stadium renovation, pre-trial detention facility replacement, police headquarters relocation, etc.).

Policy Impact Area: City Council strategic priorities

Fiscal Impact: The bill requests the Mayor’s allocation of \$8.8 million in the FY24-25 proposed budget.

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