

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-54

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Howland

Date of Introduction: January 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Date of Analysis: January 26, 2023

Type of Action: Authorization to execute contract extension; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the execution of a fourth amendment to the contract between the City and Jacksonville University for continuation of the manatee protection study for an additional year, subject to appropriation of funds by the Council. It designates the Planning and Development Department as the City's oversight agency for the contract.

Background Information: Jacksonville University has been compiling data related to manatee protection and boating activity for 24 years to supply the information needed to support the City's manatee protection plan. In 2018 the City waived the competitive solicitation provisions of the Procurement Code and entered into a 1-year contract with four 1-year renewal options with JU to continue its manatee consulting work. Three of the four renewal options have been exercised and this bill exercises the fourth year renewal option at a cost of \$90,000 and adopts a revised Scope of Services which includes the collection and analysis of data relevant to the Manatee Protection Plan, including staff support to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, manatee population aerial surveys, manatee signage monitoring and reporting, community education efforts, a marine facilities inventory, and other functions.

Policy Impact Area: Manatee protection

Fiscal Impact: \$90,000 for the 1-year renewal period.

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