

Introduced by Council Member White:

ORDINANCE 2025-362

AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND APPROPRIATING \$12,000,000 FROM DEBT MANAGEMENT FUND LOAN PROCEEDS TO THE JACKSONVILLE ZOO IMPROVEMENTS - DM OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CITY-OWNED FACILITY LOCATED AT 370 ZOO PARKWAY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32218; AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2024-505-E TO REFLECT THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED HEREIN TO THE PROJECT ENTITLED "JACKSONVILLE ZOO IMPROVEMENTS" (THE "PROJECT"); AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-504-E, THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET, TO REPLACE THE SECOND REVISED SCHEDULE B4, THE FY 24-25 DEBT MANAGEMENT FUND DETAIL, AND THE REVISED SCHEDULE B4-B, THE FY 24-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED VIA BORROWING, TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING AND/OR ISSUANCE OF FIXED-RATE DEBT FOR THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COST DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE JACKSONVILLE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. (CITY CONTRACT NO. 7182-32) AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City and The Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. (the "Zoological Society") previously entered into that certain Capital Maintenance and Capital Improvements Cost Disbursement Agreement dated May 17, 2019, whereby the City agreed to fund capital improvements to the City-owned land and facilities occupied and managed by the Zoological Society over a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, the City committed to a new five-year capital improvements contribution to the Zoological Society in an amount of \$4,000,000 per year (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, due to increased costs related to construction, the Zoological Society has requested the City revise the schedule of payments to be made toward capital improvements at the Zoo so the certain projects may be completed before further price increases can occur; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to move the payments originally scheduled for fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 for capital improvements at the Zoo to fiscal year 2024-2025 as authorized herein; now therefore

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

Section 1. Findings. It is hereby ascertained, determined, found, and declared as follows:

(a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

(b) The Project will promote and further the public and municipal purposes of the City.

(c) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in the agreement between the City and The Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. is necessary and appropriate to make the Project feasible; and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive,

1 taking into account the extent of the public benefits expected to be
2 derived from the Project, and taking into account all other forms of
3 assistance available.

4 (d) The Zoological Society and its contractors, are qualified
5 to carry out and complete the construction and equipping of the
6 Project.

7 (e) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for
8 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a
9 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of
10 Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
11 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
12 matter of legislative determination.

13 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
14 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
15 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
16 listed in subsection (b):

17 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
18 incorporated herein by this reference)

19 (a) Appropriated from:

20 See **Exhibit 1** \$12,000,000

21 (b) Appropriated to:

22 See **Exhibit 1** \$12,000,000

23 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

24 The funding above represents an appropriation of
25 \$12,000,000 from Debt Management Fund Loan Proceeds to
26 provide funds for the capital project entitled
27 "Jacksonville Zoo Improvements" to The Jacksonville
28 Zoological Society, Inc. for capital improvements to the
29 City-owned facilities located at 370 Zoo Parkway,
30 Jacksonville, Florida 32218.

31 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in

1 Section 2 is to assist the Zoological Society in completing planned
2 capital improvements to the City-owned facilities before further
3 price increases can occur.

4 **Section 4. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance
5 2024-505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
6 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is
7 hereby amended to reflect the reallocation of funds for the project
8 entitled "Jacksonville Zoo Improvements" (the "Project") originally
9 scheduled to be disbursed in fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and
10 2028-2029 to fiscal year 2024-2025 as more fully described in the
11 Project Information Sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
12 incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council finds that
13 the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget
14 and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the
15 community because such deferral will result in unnecessary delay of
16 the Project.

17 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of
18 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
19 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
20 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
21 an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the CIP
22 approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E shall remain unchanged and continue
23 in full force and effect.

24 **Section 5. Amending Ordinance 2024-504-E, the FY 2024-2025**
25 **Budget, to Replace Second Revised Schedule B4 and Revised Schedule**
26 **B4-b to Reflect Allocation of Funding for the Project.** Ordinance
27 2024-504-E, the FY 2024-2025 Budget, is hereby amended to replace
28 Second Revised Schedule B4, entitled "FY 24-25 Debt Management Fund
29 Detail", and Revised Schedule B4-b, entitled "FY 24-25 Capital
30 Improvement Projects Funded via Borrowing", to reflect the allocation
31 of \$12,000,000 for the Project. The Third Revised Schedule B4 and

1 Second Revised Schedule B4-b are attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and
2 **Exhibit 4**, respectively.

3 **Section 6. Authorizing Execution of a Sixth Amendment to**
4 **City Contract No. 7182-32.** The Mayor, or her designee, and the
5 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute a Sixth
6 Amendment to Capital Maintenance and Capital Improvements Cost
7 Disbursement Agreement Between the City of Jacksonville and The
8 Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. (City Contract No. 7182-32) to
9 reflect the appropriation of funds as authorized herein in
10 substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**.

11 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Public Works
12 Department shall have oversight of the agreement and project described
13 herein.

14 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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