

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes-Amended

Monday, March 31, 2025

9:30 AM

**Council Chamber,
1st Floor, City Hall**

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Joe Carlucci, Chair

Chris Miller, Vice Chair

Ken Amaro

Michael Boylan

Tyrone Clark-Murray - Excused Late Arrival 9:39 AM

Jimmy Peluso

Ron Salem

Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor

Council Research: Colleen Hampsey, Chief

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Bill Delaney

Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 11:57 AM

Present: 7 - Chair Joe Carlucci, Vice Chair Chris Miller, Ken Amaro, Michael Boylan, Tyrona Clark-Murray, Jimmy Peluso and Ron Salem

Attendance:

CM Lahnen - 2025-206

CM Arias - Visiting

CM Freeman - 2024-190

Item/File No.	Title History
1. <u>2024-0966</u>	<p>ORD Apv an Agrmt for Settlement of Fines Imposed by the Municipal Code Enforcement Brd/Special Magistrate btwn the City & Live Oak Ancient City Living, LLC, a Delaware LLC, & Directing the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver the Agrmt on Behalf of the City or Auth the Agrmt to Become Effective without the Mayor's Signature; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Agrmt & Auth Tech Changes as Herein Defined; Prov for Oversight of the Agrmt by the Municipal Code Compliance Div of the Neighborhoods Dept; Req Emergency Passage Upon Intro (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico)</p> <p>11/26/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F 12/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/10/24</p>
DEFER	
2. <u>2025-0090</u>	<p>ORD Adopting Amendmnts to the 2045 Comp Plan of the COJ; Amend the Housing Element, the Future Land Use Element, the Public Schools Facilities Element, the Infrastructure Element, the Sanitary Sewer Svc Feasibility Analysis & Definitions, to Incorporate Recommendations from the Evaluation & Appraisal Report as Appvd by Ord 2023-670-E (Parola) (LUZ) (PD & PC Apv)</p> <p>2/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, LUZ 2/18/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 2/19/25 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer 2/25/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer 3/11/25 CO PH Addnt'l 3/25/25 3/25/25 CO PH Cont'd 4/8/25 4/1/25 LUZ PH Amend/Approve 7-0 LUZ PH - 3/18/25, 4/1/25 Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Ch 650, Pt 4, Ord Code - 3/11/25 & 3/25/25, 4/8/25</p>

DEFER

3. [2025-0102](#) ORD-MC Concerning Landscape & Tree Protection Regulations; Amend Sec 656.1206 (Permit Procedure & Criteria for Tree Removal, Relocation & Replacement of Protected Trees) & 656.1208 (Enforcement of this Subpart B; Violations & Penalties; Stopping Work, Correction of Violation, Settlement & Reduction of Fines Pursuant to Policy Criteria; Procedures), Subpt B (Tree Protection), Pt 12 (Landscape & Tree Protection Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Address Calculation of Tree Mitigation Contributions to the Tree Protection & Related Expenses Trust Fund & Minimum Caliper-Inch Requirements for Replacement Trees in Keeping with Provisions of Article 25 of the City Charter, & to Prov for an Automatic Increase in Contribution Calculations when the Combined Total of Unallocated Funds within the Tree Protection & Related Expenses Trust Funds is Below \$5,000,000, or After 9/30/30, whichever Occurs Sooner; Prov for Codification Instructions (MacGillis) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci) (PD Deny) (PC Apv) (Co-Sponsor CM Carlucci)
- 2/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, LUZ
2/18/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/18/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/19/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/19/25 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/25/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/11/25 CO PH Only
3/31/25 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 7-0
3/31/25 R Substitute/Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Substitute/Approve 8-0
4/1/25 LUZ PH Substitute/Approve 7-0
LUZ PH - 3/18/25, 4/1/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/11/25

SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

Council Member J. Carlucci explained the purpose for this legislation and the need for additional arborists and related staff to implement tree planting plans utilizing the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund. He explained the 2 different tree funds, one required by Charter and one by Ordinance Code, which together include roughly \$20 million.

Council Member J. Carlucci passed the gavel to the Vice Chair and offered a substitute for this bill. The substitute was approved unanimously.

Council Member Salem asked how the Tree Commission feels about the bill. Council Member J. Carlucci explained the high level of collaboration that went into formulating the bill, including meetings with various members of the Tree community and other experts.

There was discussion about the portion of the bill that permits waiving contributions to the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund for developers of affordable housing or workforce housing. Council Member Peluso offered a floor amendment to specify percentages of AMI for the affordable and workforce housing categories. Failed 1-5 (Peluso in the affirmative)

SUBSTITUTE

As substituted:

1. Amends Sec. 111.760 (Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund) to:

a. Allow Ordinance Code funds to be used for the salary and benefits of City landscape architects, arborists, and urban foresters who work exclusively on funded projects (Ordinance or Charter funding), with such positions being reviewed for necessity by the Tree Commission prior to forwarding a recommendation memo to the Mayor and City Council

b. Allow Ordinance Code funds to be used for equipment necessary for the above listed positions to perform assigned duties related to tree planting projects and activities that utilize Ordinance or Charter funding, with equipment expenditures over \$75,000 being reviewed for necessity by the Tree Commission prior to forwarding a recommendation memo to the Mayor and City Council

2. Amends Sec. 656.1206 (Permit procedure and criteria for tree removal, relocation and replacement of protected trees) to:

a. Reduce the minimum size requirement for trees used to replace removed exceptional specimen trees or protected live oaks from 4 inch caliper to 2 inch caliper

b. Allow for the grouping of smaller caliper-inch trees upon certification from the City Arborist or Urban Forester satisfactory to the Chief that each tree within the less-than ten foot spacing has a reasonably good chance of survival

c. Provide for a waiver of Ordinance Code tree mitigation fees as an incentive for the development or redevelopment of affordable housing and/or workforce housing

3. Amends Sec. 656.1208 (Enforcement of this Subpart B; violations and penalties; stopping work, correction of violation, settlement and reduction of fines pursuant to Policy criteria; procedures) to strike the requirement that replacement trees for illegally removed trees must be at least 4 caliper inches

4. [2025-0136](#) ORD-MC Estab Braddock Lakes Community Dev Dist (Braddock Lakes CDD), Pursuant to Sec 190.005, F.S., & Ch 92, Ord Code; Naming the Braddock Lakes CDD; Describing the External Boundaries of the Braddock Lakes CDD; Naming the Initial Braddock Lakes CDD Brd of Supervisors; Including the Grant of Special Powers; Amend Sec 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts), Ch 92 (Uniform Community Development Districts), Ord Code, to Include the Braddock Lakes CDD; Prov Codification Instructions; Prov for Conflict & Severability (MacGillis) (Introduced by the TEU Committee Pursuant to Sec 92.09, Ord Code)
2/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU
3/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/3/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/4/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/11/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
3/31/25 R Approve 6-0
4/1/25 TEU Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 & Sec 190.005, F.S. & Sec 92.11 Ord Code - 4/8/25

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

- **The proposed CDD is approximately 278.27 acres and is anticipated to consist of 432 residential units located west of Braddock Rd. and east of New Kings Rd. in Council District 8**

5. [2025-0137](#) ORD-MC Estab Bridle Creek Community Dev Dist (Bridle Creek CDD), Pursuant to Sec 190.005, F.S., & Ch 92, Ord Code; Naming the Bridle Creek CDD; Describing the External Boundaries of the Bridle Creek CDD; Naming the Initial Bridle Creek CDD Brd of Supervisors; Including the Grant of Special Powers; Amend Sec 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts), Ch 92 (Uniform Community Development Districts), Ord Code, to Include the Bridle Creek CDD; Prov Codification Instructions; Prov for Conflict & Severability (MacGillis) (Introduced by the TEU Committee Pursuant to Sec 92.09, Ord Code)
2/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU
3/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/3/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/4/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/11/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
3/31/25 R Approve 6-0
4/1/25 TEU Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 & Sec 190.005, F.S. & Sec 92.11 Ord Code - 4/8/25

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

- **The proposed CDD is approximately 427.81 acres and is anticipated to consist of 1,222 residential units located north of Normandy Blvd. and west of Taye' Brown Regional Park in Council District 12**

6. [2025-0138](#) ORD-MC re Unauthorized Aliens in Duval County; Requiring a Report by the Mayor, or Her Desig, Pertaining to: (1) Federal Grants, (2) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Practices & Policies, & (3) Housing of Unauthorized Aliens; Amend Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Require a Provision Prohibiting the Use of City Funds for the Provision of Svcs to Unauthorized Aliens to Be Included in All Provider, Small Provider, Inter-Agency & Related Contracts; Amend Sec 118.201 (Release of Appropriations), Pt 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Prov that Any Appropriations Made Pursuant to Ch 118 Shall Be Released & Disbursed with a Condition that Any Recipient Shall Be Prohibited from Using Such Funds for the Provision of Svcs to Unauthorized Aliens; Amend Sec 118.609 (Restrictions for Use of Cultural Service Grants), Subpt A (Cultural Service Grant Program), Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grants & Art in Public Places), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Prohibit Use of Cultural Svc Grant Funds for the Provision of Svcs to Unauthorized Aliens; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)
2/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
3/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/3/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/11/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/11/25

DEFER

7. [2025-0181](#) ORD Approp \$24,200.00 from the Contribution from Independent Agencies Acct to the Other Professional Svcs Acct within the Art in Public Places Trust Fund to Prov Funding for the Maintenance of Artwork Located in the Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park; Prov for Oversight by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Inc (B.T. 25-056) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Amend/Approve 8-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

Phillip Peterson, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment. Approved unanimously.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct accounts and set aside funding for its specified use**
- 2. Clarify appropriation language for revenue source**
- 3. Strike references to Chapter 118 and clarify that funds shall be disbursed at the request of the Cultural Council**

- Funds will be used for future maintenance of the “Calling it Done” art installation**
- Contribution provided by Placemaking and Equity Fund, Inc. pursuant to contract with Cultural Council**

- 8. [2025-0182](#)** ORD Etab the FY 25-26 Allocation of Funding Percentages for the Opioid Settlement Proceeds Funded Categories, & Etab the FY 25-26 Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant Appl Process, in Accordance with Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code (Smith) (Req of the Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Approve 7-0-1 (Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

Scrivener’s

Pg. 3, line 7: strike “Section 3” and insert “Section 4”

- Establishes the following allocation of funding percentages for the FY 25/26 Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants:**
 - Prevention - 34%**
 - Treatment - 33%**
 - Recovery Support - 33%**
- Selects the grant application process outlined in Ch. 84 as the method for awarding grants in FY 25/26**

9. [2025-0183](#) ORD Apv & Auth the CEO of DIA, or Her Desig, to Execute a Redev Agrmt btwn DIA & Juliette Balcony, LLC, to Support the Renovation & Rehab by Developer of a Historic Bldg Located at 225 N Laura St; Auth 3 Downtown Preservation & Revitalization Prog (DPRP) Loans, in an Aggregate Amt Not to Exceed \$2,560,000.00, to the Developer in Connection with the Proj, to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Desig DIA as Contract Monitor for the Agrmt; Prov for Oversight of the Proj by DIA; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs; Timeline for Execution of Agrmt by the Developer (Sawyer) (Req of the DIA)
- 3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 4-2 (Boylan, Salem)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

APPROVE

Aye: 4 - Carlucci, Amaro, Clark-Murray and Peluso

Nay: 2 - Boylan and Salem

Council Member Boylan asked for more details about the funding for this project. Steve Kelley, DIA, explained the funding from the developer and City incentives. There was discussion about whether the proportions were beneficial to the City. Council Member Salem expressed opposition to the project. Council Member Peluso commented on the need for retail in this critical corridor downtown, and he talked about the cost for the adaptive re-use of historic buildings.

Mr. Delaney, Mayor's Office, said this serves as a cluster project intended to activate the surrounding area. Ms. Boyer, DIA, mentioned the successful track record this developer has with historic re-use projects.

- **Authorizes Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program (DPRP) Loans of \$2,560,000 (of the total, \$2,048,000 can be forgiven and \$512,000 will be repaid with interest), subject to future appropriation by Council**
- **DPRP funding will be used to renovate and rehabilitate the building located at 225 N Laura Street into a minimum of 1,750 sq. ft. of leasable commercial retail/restaurant space on the first floor and a total of 4 one-bedroom and 4 studio apartments located on the second and third floors**
- **Construction must commence within 6 months of the effective date of the agreement and be completed within 18 months of the commencement date**
- **DIA has calculated an ROI of 0.50 based on a 20-year valuation**

10. [2025-0185](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Amdt to the Amended & Restated Agrmt btwn the City & Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc., to Adjust the Eligibility for Coverage Process, Have Financial Evaluations Conducted on an Annual Basis & to Revise the Schedule D to the Agrmt; Prov for Continued Oversight by the Finance Dept (Reingold) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Amend/Approve 8-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. Approved unanimously.
Dr. Joshi, Chief Health Officer, spoke on behalf of the bill.

AMENDMENT

1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (Amendment to Agreement) to:

- a. Clarify patient 90-day grace period for the Medicaid application process will be limited to once in a 12-month period**
- b. Clarify patient under 90-day grace period who fails to provide the Medicaid denial letter or is denied Medicaid because of noncompliance with the Medicaid application process, services provided will be charged to Shands' Financial Assistance Policy (i.e. not the City charity account)**

11. [2025-0186](#) ORD Approp \$10,882 from the Special Council Contingency to the Gen Capital Projs Council Dist 5 - Other Construction Costs Acct to Prov Add'l Funds for Traffic Calming &/or Traffic Safety Improvements in Council Dist 5 in Accordance with the Provisions Outlined in Sec 11.13 of Ord 2023-504-E (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Approve 8-0
4/1/25 TEU Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

12. [2025-0187](#) ORD Approp \$108,886 from the Renew Arlington CRA Trust Fund - Property Taxes Acct to the CRAOED Annual Administrative Expenses Activity to Prov \$63,595 to Pay the Salary & Related Costs to Hire 1 PT Professional Landscape Designer & to Allocate \$45,291 to the Unallocated Plan Auth Expenditures Acct for Future Allocation by the Renew Arlington Community CRA Brd; Apv PT Hrs (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Amaro)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Approve 8-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

- **Part-time position will support the Mandatory Compliance Grant Program**
- **Appropriations will not carry over to FY 24/25**

13. [2025-0189](#) ORD Renaming the Public Park Currently Known as “Oakland Park,” Located at 657 E Union St, Jax, FL 32206, in Council Dist 7, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, to Be Known as “Eartha M. M. White Historical Park” (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (JHPC Apv)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 4/15/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/22/25 & 5/13/25

DEFER

14. [2025-0190](#) ORD Approp \$10,000,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the UF Health Capital Improvements - Other Construction Costs Acct to Prov Funding for the Contribution to Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc. to Support the Construction of the UF Health Jacksonville Leon L. Haley, Jr., MD, Emergency Department & Trauma Center (the “Haley Center”), as Authd by Ord 2023-147-E; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the UF Health Capital Improvements Proj for the Haley Center; Prov for Oversight by the Public Works Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Freeman)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
3/31/25 R Amend/Approve 6-0
4/1/25 F Amend/Approve 8-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Carlucci, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. Approved unanimously.

Council Member Freeman spoke on behalf the bill. Council Member Salem asked why this funding was not included in last year's budget. The expenditure was authorized through 2023-147-E, with the specification that the funding was subject to future appropriation. Council Member Freeman emphasized the importance of the UF Trauma Center. Council Member Peluso noted that UF Health provides care to the whole city.

Council Member Peluso asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP Sheet) to correct prior year funding

- \$140,000,000 was previously appropriated to UF Health for capital improvements over the six-year period ending 9/30/24
- \$38,000,000 was appropriated in the FY 24/25 CIP for UF Health capital improvements with an additional \$96,000,000 planned over the following four years, for a total of \$134,000,000 over a five-year period
- The \$10,000,000 being appropriated through this bill is in addition to the \$134,000,000 and will be used for capital improvements for the Leon L. Haley, Jr. MD Emergency Department and Trauma Center and will be provided on a reimbursement basis after \$80,000,000 in third-party funding has been exhausted
- It is the intent that the funds appropriated through this bill will be replenished through an appropriation of funds in fiscal year 25/26 from the annual JEA contribution

15. [2025-0192](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a License Agrmt btwn the City & EJPC, LLC for Parking Lot Use by JFRD of the Following Contiguous Properties, All Located in Jax, FL 32202: 124, 225 & 241 W Ashley St, for a 5 Yr Initial Term Commencing as of 10/1/24, with a 5 Yr Renewal Term; Prov for Oversight by JFRD (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

- Authorizes a parking license agreement for use of 241 W. Ashley St., 225 W. Ashley St., and 124 W. Ashley St. by JFRD for an initial term of five years (beginning 10/1/24) with one five-year renewal term at an initial rate of \$2,300/month to increase 4% annually
- Funding for the license fee was included in JFRD's FY 24/25 approved budget

16. [2025-0193](#) ORD Apv the Issuance by the Capital Projects Finance Authority of Its Utility System Revenue Bonds (First Coast Regional Utilities Project), in 1 or More Series, in an Aggregate Principal Amt Not to Exceed \$47,500,000, the Proceeds from the Sale of Which Will Be Used Principally to Finance & Refinance the Cost of Acquisition of Certain Utility System Improvements to Prov Svcs to “301 Villages” to Be Owned & Operated by First Coast Utilities, Inc.; Limited Appvls; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged; Acknowledging Receipt of the Indemnification Recipient of the Borrower; Apv & Auth the Execution & Delivery of an Interlocal Agrmt btwn the City & the Authority (Bryant, Miller, Olive, P.A. & Sawyer) (Req of the Capital Projects Finance Authority)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
3/31/25 R Approve 6-0
4/1/25 F Approve 8-0
4/1/25 TEU Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

Paul Harden spoke on behalf of the developer.

Council Member Boylan asked if the private utilities will eventually merge with JEA services. Mr. Harden said the plan is for First Coast Regional Utilities to remain separate and independent.

Scrivener’s

1. Pg. 1, line 21: strike “RECIPIENT” and insert “CERTIFICATE”
2. Pg. 1, line 31: strike period after “Utilities”
3. Pg. 3, line 5: insert “Internal Revenue” before “Code”
4. Pg. 4, line 9: strike “I” and insert “i”

17. [2025-0206](#) ORD Approp \$7,980,286 (Recaptured in FY 23-24 to the General Fund/General Service District) of Gen Fund/General Service District Fund Balance to Cure the Negative Cash Balances in Subfunds & Prov \$3,000,000 to UNF for Esports Prog Arena & \$2,000,000 Each for Renovation of 2 Fire Stations & \$692,823 for the Construction of a Firefighter PPE Wash Facility, Pursuant to Sec 11.7 of Ord 2023-504-E; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds for Fire Station Renovations & Wash Facility; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 16 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with UNF for the Esports Prog Arena; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & UNF for the Esports Prog Arena; Prov for Carryover of Funds to FY 25-26; Prov for Oversight of UNF Agrmt by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Reingold) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Lahnen, Johnson, White, Freeman & Arias)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-1 (Salem)
3/31/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
4/1/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0-1 (Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray and Peluso

Nay: 1 - Salem

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. Approved unanimously.

Council Member Lahnen spoke on behalf of the bill.

Council Member Clark-Murray asked about the workforce development component.

Brian Verkamp, UNF Vice President and Chief Information Officer, explained UNF's goal to increase enrollment to 25,000 students, and how the Esports Arena and subsequent programs will serve as a recruitment asset.

Council Member Miller shared opposition to bundling unrelated items in legislation (the arena with JFRD funding).

Council Member Boylan asked about certifications.

Council Member Salem cautioned to use fund balance sparingly.

Council Member Arias talked about how Esports connect to STEM programs, the summer camps offered at UNF, and the public benefit through the City's investment in UNF.

Council Member Freeman suggested finding another funding source, like the JEA contribution.

There was discussion about the future JEA funds, what the Mayor intends to do with those funds, and other items for which council may use the funds.

Council Member J. Carlucci said the use of these recaptured funds did not follow the usual process.

Council Member Salem said that this funding should be included in the next budget instead.

Council Member Amaro noted that UNF is using other funds besides City funds for this project.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct fiscal year of appropriation to 2024-2025**
- 2. Clarify the appropriation addresses negative cash balances as of 9/30/24**
- 3. Attach term sheet and budget for UNF appropriation as a new exhibit**
- 4. Clarify funding for the esports arena will also pay for operational costs of the esports program**
- 5. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to include signed version of the BT**
- 6. Correct scrivener's errors**

• **Appropriates \$7,980,286 from General Fund Operating Reserves, which represents the amount of funding that was recaptured to the General Fund for fiscal year 2023/24, to:**

- Cure the negative cash balances existing as of 9/30/24 in the Special Events Fund (\$106,825) and Cecil Field Commerce Center Fund (\$180,638)**
- Appropriate \$3,000,000 to the University of North Florida (UNF) for construction and operation of an esports program arena**
- Appropriate \$2,000,000 each for renovations to Fire Station 45 and 53**
- Appropriate \$692,823 for construction of a personal protective equipment wash facility for JFRD**

• **Authorizes carryover of funding through 9/30/26**

• **Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process to allow a direct contract with UNF**

18. [2025-0216](#) ORD Approp \$135,479.45 in Grant Funds from the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Svcs HIV Emergency Relief Proj Grant, Originally Approp Pursuant to Ord 2024-504-E for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Pt a Prog, to Fund 2 New Full-Time Positions within the Social Svcs Div of the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept, with No Local Match Required, to Support the Prog; Purpose of Approp; Auth the Addition of 2 Full-Time Positions (R.C. 25-091) (B.T. 25-059) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2025-0217](#) ORD Approp \$143,617.00 in Grant Funding from the Chartrand Family Fund for the Peace Officer Wellness Empathy & Resilience (POWER) Prog; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 25-057) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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20. [2025-0218](#) ORD Approp \$3,570,482.74, Including \$1,406,109.86 from the Countywide Traffic Signalization Proj & \$2,164,372.88 from the Countywide Intersection Improvements Proj, to Various Projs Including: (1) \$509,650.82 to the Adams & Lee Traffic Signal Rebuild Proj; (2) \$501,041.61 to the Lonestar & Townsend Mast Arm Replacement Proj; (3) \$233,353.55 to the Arlington & Oakwood Mast Arm Replacement Proj; (4) \$945,543.97 to the Fort Caroline & University Traffic Signal Rebuild Proj; (5) \$1,217,763 to the Monument & Regency Traffic Signal Rebuild Proj; & (6) \$163,129.79 to the St. Johns Bluff & Lost Pine Dr Signalized U-Turn Proj; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj (B.T. 25-054) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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21. [2025-0219](#) ORD Approp \$2,440,000.00, Including \$1,990,000.00 from the Countywide Drainage System Rehab Proj & \$450,000.00 from the Countywide Underdrain Replacements Proj, to Various Projs Including: (1) \$200,000 to the Ingleside Ave (DSR) - Capital Improvement Proj; (2) \$146,000 to the Broward Rd Improvements Proj; (3) \$619,000 to the Golden Spike Ct Embankment Repair Proj; (4) \$525,000 to the Heritage Hills Embankment Repair Proj; (5) \$500,000 to the Belvedere Ave Drainage Improvements Proj; & (6) \$450,000 to the Crosby Ln Underdrain Proj; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj (B.T. 25-055) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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22. [2025-0221](#) ORD Apv the Baymeadows Community Improvement Dist Dependent Special Dist Proposed FY 25-26 Budget Pursuant to Ord 2021-838-E, as Amended by Ord 2024-69-E, & Sec 189.02, F.S. (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP pursuant to Ord 2021-838-E)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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23. [2025-0222](#) ORD Concerning Ord 2024-634-E to Address Requirements of Sec 121.104 (Review of Proposed Legislation), Pt 1 (Police & Fire Pension Fund Administration), Ch 121 (Police & Firefighters Pension Plan), Ord Code; Prov Direction to the LSD; Prov for Retroactive Applicability (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Howland)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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24. [2025-0223](#) ORD-MC re the Homelessness Initiatives Commission; Amend Sec 86.104 (Functions, Powers & Duties), Ch 86 (Homelessness Initiatives Commission), Ord Code, to Extend the Deadline to Create an Initial Annual Action Plan; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage; Prov for Codification Instructions (MacGillis) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
3/31/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 7-0
3/31/25 R Emergency/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Salem

Mr. Peterson explained the emergency. Approved unanimously.

- **Extends the deadline for the Homelessness Initiatives Commission to present its annual action plan to Council from March 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested in order for Council to act upon the extension request as soon as possible**

25. [2025-0225](#) ORD Etab the FY 25-26 Categories of Most Vulnerable Persons & Needs for Public Svc Grant Approp in Accordance with Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code (Staffopoulos) (Req of the Public Service Grant Council)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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26. [2025-0226](#) ORD Approp \$5,000 from a Gen Fund Operating Special Council Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funding to Rakad Dance Camp Inc., for the Leadership Empowered Arts Prog (L.E.A.P.) as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with Rakad Dance Camp Inc.; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the COJ & Rakad Dance Camp Inc. for L.E.A.P.; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/31/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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27. [2025-0237](#) ORD Approp \$855,053.32 in Gen Fund Operating - Contributions for Fire & Rescue Svcs Funds, for the Mobile Stroke Training Unit (MSTU), & to Fund 7 New Positions within the JFRD, Mobile Stroke Training Unit; Auth Said Positions; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, the Collaboration Agrmt btwn the COJ & Shands Jax Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a UF Health Jax; Prov for City Oversight by the JFRD (R.C. 25-094) (B.T. 25-061) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
3/25/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/31/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/8/25

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NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 14, 2025.

*******Note: Items may be added at the discretion of the Chair.*******

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Public Comment: Mr. Nooney talked about public participation.

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