

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2025

2:00 PM

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

Rules Committee

Nick Howland, Chair

Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair

Michael Boylan

Matt Carlucci

Mike Gay

Rahman Johnson

Chris Miller

Legislative Assistant: Vanessa Galan

Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher

Council Research: Nayeli Jimenez

Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Administration: Garrett Dennis

Meeting Convened: 2:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 PM

Present: 7 - Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Terrance Freeman, Michael Boylan, Matt Carlucci, Mike Gay, Rahman Johnson and Chris Miller

Attendance:

CP White - Visiting

CVP Carrico - Visiting

CM Clark-Murray - Visiting

CM J. Carlucci - Visiting

CM Peluso - Visiting

CM Salem - Visiting

Presentation by the Mayor's Office, Public Works, Public Buildings, and the Office of General Counsel regarding the City's policy for keeping a firearm log at public buildings

Chair Howland opened the meeting by introducing a presentation regarding the City of Jacksonville's policy on logging individuals carrying firearms into public buildings, including City Hall and the Yates Building. He noted that Florida is a no-registry state and that this practice may violate Florida Statute 790.335. The Mayor's Office and Public Works declined to attend the meeting. General Counsel Michael Fackler was present to answer questions.

Mr. Fackler stated that the Office of General Counsel (OGC) became aware of the issue on April 21. Subpoenas were served the next day to outside counsel at the Bedell Law Firm, which had already been retained by the city. He explained that OGC advises all to use discretion in making public comments due to potential civil and criminal liability. The subpoenas requested documents related to a complaint alleging a statutory violation.

Council Members posed several questions.

Council Member Carlucci emphasized the need for due process and expressed concern over the perception that guilt had been assigned to the Mayor without evidence. He noted that he does not believe the registry originated with the current administration.

Council Member Salem commended Chair Howland for raising the issue and confirmed that the Council has investigatory authority under the City Charter. He questioned why outside counsel was retained prior to reviewing the subpoenas and stated the Council should proceed with its investigation if not instructed otherwise by state or federal authorities. He also confirmed with Mr. Fackler that the registry practice had stopped.

Council Member Gay expressed support for due process and the need to clarify what occurred. He asked why Council was not informed earlier. Mr. Fackler responded that a shade meeting was not permissible due to the absence of litigation but confirmed he had briefed Council President White on April 22.

Council Member Peluso expressed frustration that the issue was raised publicly before being discussed among council members. He recalled a 2023 meeting on building security, which he said included discussion of applicable laws. He disagreed with framing the issue as a "gun registry" and called the current controversy disingenuous.

Council Member Carrico clarified that the 2023 meeting was a closed training session, not a formal shade meeting, and stated that to his knowledge, there was no discussion of a firearm registry at that time.

Council Member Freeman commended Chair Howland for seeking transparency. He acknowledged due process and expressed hope that the city would be cleared of wrongdoing.

Dr. Johnson asked who reviewed the subpoena prior to the hiring of outside counsel. Mr. Fackler responded that the decision to retain counsel preceded the subpoena. Dr. Johnson emphasized the importance of truth and cautioned against politicizing the matter. He distinguished between documenting incidents for safety versus maintaining a prohibited registry.

Council Member Boylan noted that the registry practice had ceased and suggested the Council may want to adopt an ordinance reaffirming compliance with state law.

Council Member Matt Carlucci questioned why the full Council had not been informed earlier. Chair Howland explained that he confirmed the allegations through research and discussions with multiple offices before making them public.

Council Member Salem later raised concerns about how subpoenas were routed to outside counsel. Mr. Fackler confirmed that Bedell, as the city's authorized representative, received them. He stated the arrangement was made for expediency and involved OGC deputies.

Council Member Gay asked for more detail on the selection of outside counsel. Mr. Fackler explained the selection was based on the firm's qualifications, noting a family connection that did not influence the decision.

Dr. Johnson reiterated the need to avoid premature conclusions. He stressed the need for factual inquiry rather than speculation.

Chair Howland thanked Mr. Fackler for participating and stated that the Rules Committee would consider next steps, including whether to form a Special Investigatory Committee. He emphasized the seriousness of the matter due to the ongoing investigation and potential liability to the city.

Item/File No.	Title History
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| 1. | <u>2024-0627</u> ORD-MC Concerning the Mayor's Transfer Authority; Amend Secs 106.304 (Mayor's Transfer Power) & 106.308 (Capital Improvement Transfers, Appropriation Amendments & Change Orders), Subpt A (General Provisions), Pt 3 (Appropriations), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Limit the Mayor's Transfer Authority to \$100,000 Among the Capital Improvement Projs Listed in the CIP Appvd by the Council & to \$100,000 During Any FY into or Out of Any Agency, Nondept or Dept Existing Line Item; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)
8/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
8/19/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/20/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/27/24 |
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| 2. | <u>2024-0966</u> 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)
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 |
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DEFER

3. [2025-0011](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 108.102 (Scope of Central Services; Limitations), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 108 (Central Services), Ord Code to Clarify the Utilization of Central Svcs of the Consolidated Govt as Required Under Sec 24.04 of the Charter; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)
1/14/25 CO Introduced: R, F
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

DEFER

4. [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

5. [2025-0188](#) ORD-MC Relating to JEA & Article 21 (JEA), Charter of the City of Jacksonville; Amend Sec 21.07 (Fiscal & Budgetary Functions) of Article 21 (JEA), Charter of the City of Jacksonville; Prov for Codification Instructions; Apv an Amended & Restated Interagency Agrmt; Prov for Continued Oversight by the Finance Dept (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Boylan)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
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/Addnt'l 4/22/25
4/22/25 CO PH Only
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 21.13, City Charter - 4/22/25

DEFER

6. [2025-0250](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Elizabeth Anderson, a Duval County Resident, to the Brd of Library Trustees, Representing At-Large Group 3, Pursuant to Sec 90.101 (Establishment; Composition; Member Qualifications; Terms; Annual Training Requirement; Responsibilities) Ch 90 (Board of Library Trustees), Ord Code, Replacing Mario J. Payne, for a 1st Full Term to Exp 9/30/28 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Johnson)
4/8/25 CO Introduced: R
4/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer

DEFER

7. [2025-0251](#) ORD-MC re the Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Settlement Proceeds Grant Procedures; Amend Sec 84.307 (Funding Allocations by OSUD Grants Committee; Grant Award Limitations), Pt 3 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant Awards Procedures), Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code, to Prov that Req Agencies May Submit More Than 1 Grant Appl Per Opioid Settlement Proceeds Funded Category but Shall Be Eligible to Receive Only 1 Grant Per Funded Category; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Lahnen, Freeman & Diamond)
4/8/25 CO Introduced: R, F
4/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Approve 8-0
5/6/25 F Approve 7-0-1 (Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/22/25

APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and White

8. [2025-0253](#) ORD Approp \$485,000 Consisting of \$400,000 in Grant Funds from the FL DCF, Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health & KHA Cash Match in the Amt of \$85,000 from the KHA Fund, for Implementation of a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Prog (CJMHSa Program), for the 1st Yr of the 3 Yr Grant Term Beginning 4/1/25 Thru 3/31/28; Amend the 3rd Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g), (Exemptions From Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. for the CJMHSa Prog; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA, to Execute & Deliver a Contract with Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. for the Provision of Professional Svcs for the CJMHSa Prog; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts), Ch 77 (KHA), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provd by Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. from Competitive Procurement; Prov for Oversight by KHA (B.T. 25-063) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Johnson & Freeman)
4/8/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
4/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
5/5/25 R Amend/Approve 8-0
5/6/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0-1 (Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/22/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and White

Trista Carraher, Council Auditor's Office, explained the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously via a voice vote. Dr. Johnson sought clarification on a discrepancy in the figures listed in the bill, noting he saw \$485,000 but heard \$462,000 referenced. Ms. Carraher responded that the original filed bill did not include the in-kind match amount. The amendment clarifies that the total includes a \$400,000 grant and an \$85,000 in-kind match, totaling \$485,000, with \$462,000 being the amended amount for the in-kind portion. Council Member Freeman asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Increase appropriation to include the in-kind match of \$462,000**
- 2. Reflect correct Schedule M (KHA budget) references**
- 3. Correct scrivener's**
- 4. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 to attach corrected Fifth Revised Schedule M to include recent appropriation by Ord. 2025-264-E**

- **Appropriates \$947,000 (grant funding of \$400,000 and City match of \$547,000) for the first year of a 3-year Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment grant**
- **City match of \$547,000 consists of a \$85,000 cash match and \$462,000 in-kind match**
- **Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with Managed Access for Child Health, Inc. to provide program services under the grant**

9. [2025-0257](#) ORD-MC re the Reporting of Certain Matters to the Inspector General; Amend Sec 602.303 (Duties and Functions), Pt 3 (Inspector General), Ch 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Ord Code, to Expand the List of Those Required to Notify the Inspector General of Possible Mismgmt of a Contract, Fraud, Theft, Bribery, or Certain Other Violations of Law, & Prov an Exemption for Employees of the JSO; Prov for Severability; Prov Codification Instructions (Granat) (Introduced by CM Miller) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Boylan & Howland)
4/8/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
4/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
5/5/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/22/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Ms. Carraher explained the NCSPHS amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote. Council Member Miller explained the bill at the request of the Inspector General to expand whistleblower protections to all city employees, not just elected officials. He emphasized the importance of educating employees on what qualifies as reportable misconduct, such as fraud, theft, or contract mismanagement and ensuring they feel safe coming forward. Council Member Miller noted this change aligns with best practices in other organizations and would have helped prevent issues uncovered in past investigations. Council Member Freeman praised Council Member Miller's leadership and asked to be added as a co-sponsor, crediting his responses during the NCSPHS Committee with changing a colleague's vote. Council Member Boylan, initially skeptical, acknowledged that Council Member Miller and the IG staff helped him better understand the bill's necessity. He also requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Howland asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

Include language providing a reporting allowance for employees of the Council Auditor's Office performing work during the course of an audit

- **Amends Code Sec. 602.303 (Duties and Functions) to:**
 - **Require that employees of any office, agency, department, or part of the entire Consolidated Government (in addition to the Mayor and all Officials) promptly notify the Inspector General of possible mismanagement of a contract (misuse or loss exceeding \$5,000 in public funds), fraud, theft, bribery, or other violation of law which appears to fall within the jurisdiction of the Inspector General**
 - **Exempt employees of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office from the requirement above**

10. [2025-0259](#) RESO Expressing the City Council's Support of Governor Desantis's Exec Order No. 25-44 & Voluntarily Req a Financial Audit of the COJ/Duval County's Budget & Expenditures by the FL DOGE (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Freeman) (Co-Sponsors CMs Diamond, Salem, Arias & Howland)
4/8/25 CO Introduced: R, F
4/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Amend/Approve 5-2 (Carlucci & Johnson)
5/6/25 F Amend/Approve 7-1 (Pittman)

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Gay and Miller
Nay: 2 - Carlucci and Johnson

Ms. Carraher explained the amendment. Council Member Matt Carlucci expressed skepticism about the resolution, stating he does not support it unless convinced otherwise. He emphasized his confidence in the City Council's auditors and cautioned against involving additional oversight entities.

Council Member Freeman clarified that the resolution is unrelated to the Duval DOGE initiative, which is being led by Council Member Salem. He stated that this is a separate proposal and offered to elaborate further during discussion.

Vice President Carrico inquired whether he could vote in committee now that President White had left the dais, referencing recent legislation that allows the Council Vice President to participate. Ms. Lopera responded that such authorization likely needs to be in writing but would double-check. Council Member Carrico opted to offer verbal support rather than press the issue.

The amendment passed, with Council Member Carlucci opposing.

Council Member Freeman introduced the resolution requesting a voluntary audit of the City of Jacksonville by the Florida Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), emphasizing transparency and the opportunity to identify waste, as encouraged by a statewide invitation from the Governor's office.

Council Member Boylan expressed concern about redundancy, questioning the need for state involvement when local audits already exist. He asked if this could be perceived as overreach.

Ms. Carraher stated that her office takes no position and that this is a policy matter for the Council.

Council Member Freeman clarified that the resolution is non-binding and would provide recommendations only. He cited \$17 million in potential unspent funds recently identified by the local DOGE effort.

Council Member Boylan noted those were likely allocated but unused funds, not true savings. He agreed to support the resolution but remained concerned about its implications for local oversight bodies.

Dr. Johnson and Council Auditor, Phillip Peterson discussed whether unspent allocations constitute savings. Mr. Peterson clarified that debt-funded projects don't represent savings unless funded with PAYGO dollars. Johnson opposed the resolution, calling it duplicative.

Council Member Carlucci raised concerns about home rule erosion and defended the independence of city auditors and general counsel.

Council Member Gay, who serves on the DOGE committee, stated that the group only identifies idle funds and improves transparency. He noted \$91 million in such funds had been flagged.

Council Member Freeman closed by emphasizing the resolution does not bind the city and simply promotes fiscal responsibility.

Ms. Lopera clarified that during this meeting Vice President Carrico could not vote in an ex-officio capacity under Council Rule 2.211, due to the lack of prior written authorization, among other reasons.

Council Member Miller supported the resolution, stating that additional oversight could enhance efficiency without undermining the Council Auditor's role.

AMENDMENT

Include directive for the Chief of Legislative Services to forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive Office of the Governor Department of Government Efficiency Team upon its adoption

11. [2025-0262](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Willie S. King as Deputy Chief of the Fire & Rescue Dept, Pursuant to Sec 31.102 (Deputy Fire Chief), Pt 1 (Office of Director), Ch 31 (Fire & Rescue Department), Ord Code (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Gaffney, Jr., Pittman, Carrico, Miller, Carlucci, Gay, Freeman, Boylan, Howland & White)
4/8/25 CO Introduced: R
4/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Approve 8-0

APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and White

Mr. King explained his background and qualifications for his appointment.

Dr. Johnson raised concerns about the long delay in King's official confirmation, noting that King had served in the role for approximately 15 months. He inquired about the procedural breakdown that caused the delay and questioned the process by which such appointments move from the fire department to the administration and ultimately to Council. Mr. Dennis responded that the delay was an administrative oversight and emphasized that the mayor supports Mr. King's appointment. Council President White clarified that the Deputy Fire Chief role is a mayoral appointment requiring Council confirmation and acknowledged surprise that it had not already been voted on. Dr. Johnson expressed ongoing confusion about the delay and indicated he would follow up with further questions. He commended King's professionalism, military service, and leadership.

Council Member Carrico requested to be added as a co-sponsor and echoed concern about the 15-month delay in confirmation.

Council Member Miller also asked to be added as a co-sponsor and commended Deputy Chief King for his service, calm demeanor, professionalism, and continued dedication to public and military service.

Council Members Matt Carlucci, Gay, and Freeman asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Council Member Freeman thanked Deputy Chief King for his service and praised the thoughtful response Mr. King gave to a pre-submitted question regarding challenges in the role.

Chair Howland and Council Member Boylan asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Mr. Dennis stated that the administration would support an amendment to make Deputy Chief King's appointment retroactive to when he began serving, in response to concerns about the delay in his official confirmation. Carla Lopera, Office of General Counsel clarified that the committee cannot amend the legislation to make the appointment retroactive.

Council President White asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

APPOINTMENT

12. [2025-0263](#) RESO Conf the Chief Judge for the 4th Judicial Circuit's Appt of Bernie De La Rionda, a Duval County Resident, as a Member of the Jax Journey Forward Brd, Pursuant to Sec 85.105, Ord Code, for an Initial 3-Yr Term Exp 9/30/27 (Wilson) (Req of Chief Judge for the 4th Judicial Circuit) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Carlucci, Boylan, Carrico, White, Freeman, Howland, Johnson & Pittman)
4/8/25 CO Introduced: R
4/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Approve 8-0

APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and White

Mr. De La Rionda explained his background and qualifications for his appointment.

Council members Matt Carlucci, Boylan, Carrico, White, Freeman, and Howland asked to be added as co-sponsors.

APPOINTMENT

13. [2025-0266](#) ORD Stating the Gen Description of Residential Solid Waste Svcs; Prov for Svc Cost; Prov for Assessment Rate; Repealing Max Assessment Rate; Apv Annual Rate Ord & Assessment Roll; Prov for a Phased Increase of the Solid Waste Assessment; Effect of Final Assessment Ord; Lien of Assessments; Procedural Irregularities; Correction of Errors & Omissions (Reingold) (Introduced by CP White per Sec 715.208, Ord Code, & Co-Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsor CM Lahnen)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601- 5/13/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 197.3632, F.S. & Sec 715.208, Ord Code- 5/27/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

14. [2025-0275](#) ORD Approp \$50,000 from a Gen Fund Operating Desigd Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funds to 5 Points Merchants Association, Inc. (FPMA) for the 5 Points Clean & Revitalize Prog 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 FPMA; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & FPMA for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/13/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

15. [2025-0276](#) ORD Relating to the Council Rules; Amend Council Rule 1.101 (Officers), Pt 1 (Officers & Employees), Ch 1 (Organization of the Council), Council Rules, to Prov that Beginning in May 2031, Only At-Large Council Members Shall Be Eligible to Serve as President & Vice President of the Council, Subj to Certain Conditions, & to Prov that Eligible At-Large Council Members Shall Serve on a Rotational Basis (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Boylan)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/13/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

16. [2025-0277](#) ORD Codifying the Name of the Public Park Located at 2874 Park St, Jax, FL, 32205, in Council Dist 7, to Be Known as “Peace Memorial Park”; Waiving Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Pt 1 (Municipal Buildings & Offices), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Allow for Naming of Park, Alternately Known as “Peace Memorial Park” & “Peace Memorial Rose Garden Park”; Approp \$965,000, Including \$735,000 from a Grant from the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Inc. (Community Foundation), \$100,000 from the Countywide Parks & Recreation Projs Proj, & \$130,000 from the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Trust Fund, for the Construction of Improvements at Peace Memorial Park; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr Capital Improvement Plan Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Peace Memorial Park Proj; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver All Grant Agrmts btwn the City & Community Foundation, as Well as All Docs Related to Such Grants; Prov for Carryover of Funds to FY 25/26; Prov for City Oversight by the Dept of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs (Reingold) (Introduced by CMs Carlucci & Peluso
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/13/25

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17. [2025-0282](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations), Ord Code; Renaming a Portion of Roadway Currently Identified as “Swooping Willow Court” to “Swooping Willow Court West” in Council Dist 6; Waiving the Requirement of Sec 745.105 (Public Street Name Changes), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations), Ord Code, that the PDD Send Written Notifications re the Proposed St Name Change to Affected Propty Owners; Directing the Chief of the LSD to Forward a Copy of this Ord, Once Enacted, to the PWD, Dev Svcs & Traffic Engineering Divs, for Processing & Coordination with 911 Emergency, the JFRD, the USPS, & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Pollock) (Introduced by TEU)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 5/20/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/13/25

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18. [2025-0284](#) ORD Approp \$26,850.63 in Funds to Be Received from the Sale of that Certain 2023 Ford Transit 350 Cargo Van (Property No. 2030296, Vin 1FTBW3X8XPKA22994) & 2 MacBook Computers (Property No. 2030294, Serial No. F45X96VHHK, & Property No. 2030295, Serial No. F93R4YC6YM) to the Opioid Settlement Fund for Future Awards; Declaring the Property to Be Surplus to the Needs of the City, & Auth the Approp Officials of the City to Transfer Title of Said Property to Ace Medical, LLC, Located at 6428 Beach Blvd, Jax, FL 32216, at a Cost of \$26,850.63; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 122.812(c) (Surplus, Obsolete & Waste Supplies & Other Tangible Personal Property), Pt 8 (Tangible Personal Property), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Allow for the Sale of the Property to the Company (B.T. 25-069) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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19. [2025-0285](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process; Waiver & Disclosures), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Estab Waiver & Disclosure Requirements; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci, Pittman & Johnson)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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20. [2025-0287](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Community Development, Inc. (FCHCC) for the Succeed Now (Hola Emprende) Prog; 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 FCHCC; Waiving Sec 118.201(f)(7) (Release of Appropriations), Pt 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for an Advance Payment of \$25,000 to FCHCC & to Auth Quarterly Installments of \$25,000 Thereafter as Described Herein; Waiving Sec 118.301(a)(3)(IV) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Auth Expenditure of a Max of \$10,000 for the Costs of Amusements, Social Activities & Incidental Costs Relating Thereto as More Specifically Described Herein; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Sports & Entertainment (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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21. [2025-0288](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 116.706 (Disposition of Sheriff's Office Employees' Badges & Service Sidearm Upon Retirement or Death), Pt 7 (Miscellaneous Employee Benefit Regulations), Ch 116 (Employees & Employee Benefits), Ord Code, to Allow Judicial Officers to Retain Their Assigned Sheriff's Office Badge(s) & Svc Sidearm Subj to Certain Conditions; Prov for Codification Instructions (Young) (Req of Sheriff)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
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22. [2025-0290](#) RESO Commending & Thanking William H. “Bill” Jeter, Jr. for His More Than 3 Decades of Svc as the City’s VAB Attorney (Clements) (Introduced by CM Lahnen) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson & Carlucci)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

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

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23. [2025-0292](#) RESO Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the 1st Conservative Baptist Church; Recognizing Its Legacy of Faith, Service, & Community Impact (Jimenez) (Introduced by CM Boylan) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Miller & Pittman)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

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

24. [2025-0293](#) RESO Encouraging the Mayor to Estab a Landlord Registry Prog for the City (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

25. [2025-0294](#) RESO Commending JEA Lineworkers for Earning Top Honors at the 2025 National Lineworkers Rodeo (Hampsey) (Introduced by CMs Boylan & White) (Co-Sponsors CMs Gay, Miller, Freeman, Howland, Johnson & Pittman)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Council Members Gay, Miller, Howland and Freeman asked to be added as co-sponsors.

26. [2025-0295](#) RESO Recognizing the Month of May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Jacksonville (Russell) (Introduced by CM Miller) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Freeman, Boylan, Howland & Pittman)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Council Members Freeman, Boylan, and Howland asked to be added as co-sponsors.

27. [2025-0296](#) RESO Recognizing the Month of May 2025 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in Jacksonville (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Miller) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Freeman, Boylan, Howland & Pittman)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Council Members Boylan and Howland asked to be added as co-sponsors.

28. [2025-0297](#) RESO Honoring the Life & Mourning the Passing of Alaysha Williams (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Freeman, Carlucci, Carrico, Miller, White, Boylan, Howland & Pittman)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Approve 8-0

APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and White

Council Member Clark-Murray explained a resolution to honor the life and legacy of Alaysha Williams, an Ed White High School senior who passed away due to injuries sustained in a hit-and-run incident earlier in the school year. Council Member Clark-Murray emphasized that Alaysha should be remembered not just for the tragedy but for her contributions as a student-athlete. She stated that the resolution aims to commemorate her memory ahead of what would have been her graduation.

Council Member Freeman expressed his support, noting that Alaysha's influence extended beyond Ed White, touching students across the city. He confirmed with Council Member Clark-Murray that the resolution is on track and will be adopted before Ed White's graduation date.

Council Member Matt Carlucci asked to be added as co-sponsor.

Council Member Carrico thanked Council Member Clark-Murray for bringing the resolution forward to honor Alaysha Williams and noted that students at the Boys and Girls Club on the Ed White campus were deeply impacted. He expressed interest in addressing student safety more broadly and called for future joint meetings with the school board to develop solutions. He asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Council Member Miller also thanked Clark-Murray, emphasizing the importance of turning tragedy into meaningful remembrance and called for broader acknowledgment of students impacted by tragedies. He also requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Council President White asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Dr. Johnson shared that he attended Alaysha's funeral and worked with the local school board member on student safety initiatives. He mentioned efforts to launch a public awareness campaign involving students to promote safe driving and honor Alaysha's legacy.

Council Member Boylan added that he and Melody Bolduc held a meeting with school principals, traffic engineering, JSO, and others to review traffic safety concerns near schools. Actionable items emerged from the meeting, and he encouraged continued collaboration and shared best practices going forward. He also asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

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

- 29. [2025-0298](#)** RESO Celebrating the University of Florida's Victory in the 2025 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship & Recognizing the Gators Historic Achievement, Athletic Excellence, & Enduring Impact on Jacksonville (Jimenez) (Introduced by CMs Johnson, Howland, Amaro, Lahnen, Salem, Pittman, Gay, Miller & Freeman) (Co-Sponsor CM Arias)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Dr. Johnson expressed enthusiasm for the resolution honoring the University of Florida's Basketball Team for their national championship win. He noted that he was the first to submit the request for the resolution but acknowledged that many colleagues had also reached out to support the effort. Dr. Johnson emphasized the pride this victory brings to the state of Florida and celebrated the positive attention it brings to Jacksonville.

Chair Howland echoed the excitement, noting the growing strategic relationship between Jacksonville and the University of Florida. He highlighted that the Gators' historic season began with their opener against the University of South Florida in Jacksonville, and described their championship run as one of the best he had witnessed as a college basketball fan.

30. [2025-0299](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Trevor S. Lee, a Duval County Resident, as a Member of the DIA Brd, as an Architect, Pursuant to Ch 55, Ord Code, Replacing Carol Worsham, for a Partial Term Exp 6/30/26 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP White)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

31. [2025-0300](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Bernadette D. Smith as Chief of the City Council Legislative Services Division, Pursuant to Sec 11.104, Ord Code; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage; Prov for a Prospective Appt Effective Date (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by the Personnel Committee (CMs White, Carrico, Howland, Johnson & Salem)) (Co-Sponsors CMs Pittman, Freeman & Carlucci)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Emergency/Approve 8-0

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and White

Trista Carraher, Council Auditor's Office, explained the emergency. The emergency passed via a voice vote.

Ms. Smith introduced herself explained her background and qualifications for her appointment.

Council Member Carlucci congratulated Ms. Smith and thanked Ms. Jessica Denson for serving as interim Chief of Legislative Services. He asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Council Member Carlucci and Freeman asked to be added as co-sponsors.

APPOINTMENT

- **A one cycle emergency has been requested in order to fill the vacant Chief of Legislative Services position as soon as possible**

32. [2025-0301](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Scott Carter as Chief of the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works of the City Pursuant to Sec 32.202 (Division Chief), Pt 2 (Engineering & Construction Management Division), Ch 32 (Public Works Department), Ord Code (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Lahnen)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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33. [2025-0302](#) RESO Expressing the Jax City Council's Support of Maintaining or Increasing Funding for Career & Technical Education (CTE) & Accelerated Academic Progs, Including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge AICE, Dual Enrollment, & Career & Professional Education (CAPE) Courses; Directing the LSD to Transmit Copies of this Resolution, Once Adopted, to the Duval County Legislative Delegation, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, & the Governor of the State of FL; Req Emerg Passage Upon Introduction (Hampsey) (Introduced by CMs Carlucci, Peluso, Johnson, Gaffney, Jr., Clark-Murray & Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CM Boylan)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: R
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

34. [2025-0303](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. (UWNEFL) for the United Way 2-1-1 Prog as Originally Authd by Ord 2024-504-E, Subj to a Revised Term Sheet & Budget as Described Herein; 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 UWNEFL; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Howland)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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Public Comment

Blake Harper: Against 2025-250 and in support of the second amendment right.

Anne Glynn Kirby: Against 2025-250

John Scott: in support of 2025-0259

Melody Bolduc: Against 2025-250

Eric Friday, General Counsel for Florida Carry addressed the committee regarding concerns over an alleged gun registry being maintained by the City. He referenced the Joe Carlucci Uniform Firearms Act and emphasized the importance of protecting Second Amendment rights.

Council Member Matt Carlucci clarified that the intent of the Joe Carlucci Uniform Firearms Act was to ensure uniformity across all Florida jurisdictions regarding gun ordinances. He explained that the law prevents one county from adopting stricter regulations than another, reinforcing that all localities must follow the same state law. He emphasized that the Act ensures consistency, not additional restrictions.

Dr. Johnson addressed an earlier discussion regarding Chief King. He confirmed that after further review, the City may retroactively approve the job title, but there cannot be any retroactive pay, and announced that he will bring a floor amendment on Council night to reflect that. He expressed appreciation to the General Counsel's Office, the Mayor's Office, and all those involved in the process, and offered special thanks to Chief King for his professionalism and calm temperament throughout.

Council Member Matt Carlucci provided an update on the solid waste fee legislation that passed by a 12-7 vote. He explained that the bill authorized the Mayor's Office to mail notices to affected taxpayers and scheduled two public hearings prior to a final vote. He reminded members that the proposed fee addresses a \$40 to \$45 million budget issue and emphasized the importance of long-term financial responsibility over short-term politics. Council Member Carlucci shared that community feedback had been overwhelmingly positive and thanked colleagues for their support, describing it as an act of statesmanship.

Chair Howland reminded members that the Rules Committee is responsible for the Boards and Commissions Review during the council year. He stated that the committee reached a final agreement last month, and the corresponding legislation would be introduced by the May 21 submission deadline.

Chair Howland adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 19, 2025.

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

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