

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-332

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** April 28, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F, JWC

**Date of Analysis:** April 28, 2026

**Type of Action:** Agreement amendment; Provides for oversight

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute a Second Amendment to the agreement with Jacksonville University to renew the agreement for a second additional year for the continuing Manatee Protection Studies for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The bill also increases the maximum indebtedness by an additional \$193,549 for a new total maximum indebtedness not-to-exceed \$283,549. The bill provides for oversight by the Planning and Development Department.

**Background Information:** The City of Jacksonville has engaged Jacksonville University to provide marine science support, particularly in developing and refining the City's Manatee Protection Plan. Dr. Gerard Pinto of Jacksonville University has served as the principal scientist under the agreement dated October 1, 2023, as authorized by Ordinance 2023-832-E, which invoked Section 126.107(g), Ordinance Code, to waive competitive solicitation due to Dr. Pinto's expertise. The original agreement provided for four one-year renewals. The term of the agreement expired on September 30, 2025; however, Jacksonville University and Dr. Pinto have continued to perform under the agreement. The bill revives, ratifies, and amends the agreement to ratify the exercise of the first extension option and authorize the exercise of the second extension option, renewing the agreement through September 30, 2026. Jacksonville University has compiled a comprehensive database for the Duval County Manatee Protection Plan over the last twenty-eight years.

**Policy Impact Area:** Manatee Protection

**Fiscal Impact:** No additional appropriation required. The bill increases the maximum indebtedness by \$193,549 for a new total not to exceed \$283,549, pursuant to funds previously appropriated by Ordinances 2024-504-E and 2025-504-E.

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