

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-386

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Joe Carlucci

Date of Introduction: May 27, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$1,500,000 from the St. Johns River Park Restaurant Contingency Account to the St. Johns River Park Restaurant – Other Construction Costs Account within the Downtown Southbank CRA Trust Fund. The purpose of the appropriation is to make funds available for construction of a restaurant and associated site improvements in St. Johns River Park.

Background Information: The Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) has identified the addition of a restaurant at St. Johns River Park as a recommended amenity through its redevelopment plans. Streetsense, a hospitality consulting firm, and Halff and Associates, have contributed to the concept. The DIA held a public meeting on June 26, 2024, to solicit input, and the final design is being completed by CD + Urban Studio. This bill appropriates funds previously placed in a contingency account for this purpose to a construction account to support the development.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Redevelopment

Fiscal Impact: \$1,500,000 appropriated from the Downtown Southbank CRA Trust Fund account.

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