

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-808**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,250,000 FROM THE
6 MAYOR’S TASK FORCE CONTINGENCY FUND TO: (1)
7 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF
8 \$1,000,000 TO THE COUNTYWIDE PARKS - POOL
9 MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES PROJECT; AND (2) TO
10 PROVIDE \$250,000 FOR THE VETERANS COMMUNITY
11 CENTER PROJECT (COLLECTIVELY, THE “PROJECTS”),
12 AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-018; PURPOSE OF
13 APPROPRIATION; AMENDING THE 2024-2028 FIVE-YEAR
14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE
15 2023-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF
16 FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE
17 ARP ACT GRANT FUNDING REEQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING
18 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2023, Mayor-Elect Deegan established seven
21 transition committees during the mayoral transition pursuant to
22 Section 20.110 of the *Ordinance Code*; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the transition committees consisted of seven primary
24 focus areas: (1) infrastructure; (2) health; (3) economic
25 development; (4) public safety; (5) arts, culture, and entertainment;
26 (6) constituency and community outreach; and (7) military and veterans
27 (collectively, the “Transition Committee(s)”); and

28 **WHEREAS**, each Transition Committee performed the following tasks
29 regarding each focus area: researched, assessed, and gathered data;
30 met with subject matter experts including former and current City
31 employees; enlisted diverse and inclusive public participation and

1 community engagement, and developed a final Transition Committee
2 report containing, among other things, community concerns and
3 recommendations to the Mayor regarding programs and initiatives that
4 would improve the quality of life of the people of Duval County; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Transition Committees included over 25 sub-
6 committees in multiple sub-focus areas and held over 300 publicly
7 noticed meetings over a two-month period which began during the
8 mayoral transition in June of 2023, and ended in August of 2023; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Transition Committees received input from hundreds
10 of people in Duval County representing diverse ethnic, race,
11 political, religious, professional, socio-economic, sexual
12 orientation, and neighborhood backgrounds; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Transition Committees provided recommendations and
14 reports to the Mayor for consideration (collectively, the "Mayoral
15 Transition Committee Reports"); and

16 **WHEREAS,** in August of 2023, the Mayor also began hosting publicly
17 noticed and advertised Community Conversations in the 14 City Council
18 districts, together with City Council members, to obtain additional
19 public input from constituents regarding quality of life and community
20 concerns (collectively, the "Community Conversations"); and

21 **WHEREAS,** based on the Mayoral Transition Committee Reports and
22 the Community Conversations, the Mayor proposed funding to support
23 the Mayor's programs and initiatives in the fiscal year 2023-2024
24 annual budget; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the City Council appropriated funding for fiscal year
26 2023-2024 through the annual budget Ordinance 2023-504-E and
27 Ordinance 2023-513-E to fund the Mayor's programs and initiatives;
28 and

29 **WHEREAS,** with respect to this particular bill, which is the
30 second of the two bills comprising the Mayor's Task Force
31 Appropriation Legislation, the Mayor's programs and initiatives

1 consist of "Youth and Families" and "Honoring Service" as described
2 and summarized **On File** with the Legislative Services Division (the
3 "Mayor's Task Force Programs and Initiatives"); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor believes that the Mayor's Task Force Programs
5 and Initiatives will benefit and improve the overall quality of life
6 of the people of Duval County, and the City Council desires to
7 appropriate funding to implement the Mayor's Task Force Programs and
8 Initiatives as provided herein; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
11 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
12 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
13 listed in subsection (b):

14 (B.T. 24-018, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
15 by this reference)

16 (a) Appropriated from:

17 See B.T. 24-018 \$1,250,000.00

18 (b) Appropriated to:

19 See B.T. 24-018 \$1,250,000.00

20 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

21 The funding above represents an appropriation of \$1,250,000
22 within the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
23 from the Mayor's Task Force Contingency Fund, with
24 \$1,000,000 appropriated to Countywide Parks - Pool
25 Maintenance and Upgrades and \$250,000 appropriated to
26 Veteran's Community Center at the recommendation of the
27 Mayor's transition committees.

28 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
29 Section 1 is to allocate funds from the Mayor's Task Force Contingency
30 Fund for two purposes: (i) to supplement current funding to refresh
31 and renovate the City's pool properties, improving safety systems and

1 physical appearance of City pools throughout Duval County, and (ii)
2 to provide funding to support initial costs to research, procure, and
3 renovate either a new building or existing structure for the future
4 Veterans Community Center. Potential uses of the Veterans Community
5 Center funding include site survey, engineering drawings, build-out
6 design and similar uses. The city pool renovation and initial Veterans
7 Community Center funding are referred to herein as the "Projects."

8 **Section 3. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance
9 2023-505-E, adopting the 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
10 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is
11 hereby amended to reflect this reallocation of funds from the Mayor's
12 Task Force Contingency Fund to the Projects as more fully described
13 in the Project Information Sheets attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
14 incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council finds that
15 the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget
16 and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the
17 community because such deferral will unnecessarily delay completion
18 of the Projects.

19 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of
20 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
21 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
22 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
23 an amendment to Ordinance 2023-505-E. In all other respects, the
24 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2023-505-E
25 shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

26 **Section 4. Compliance with applicable American Rescue Plan**
27 **Act grant funding requirements.** All ARP Act funds appropriated and
28 expended in accordance with this Ordinance, including but not limited
29 to the agreements with Cultural Council and United Way authorized in
30 Sections shall comply with all applicable ARP Act grant requirements
31 in their respective use and expenditure of the ARP Act funds provided

1 pursuant to this Ordinance including, but not limited to, the audit
2 requirements attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

3 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation prepared by: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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