

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Morgan, Salem, Hazouri, Pittman, Priestly Jackson, Bowman,  
3 DeFoor and Newby:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-588**

6 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
7 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SECOND  
8 AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE  
9 UNIVERSITY TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A SECOND  
10 ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR THE CONTINUING MANATEE  
11 PROTECTION STUDIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021,  
12 AND TO INCLUDE THE CONTINUING TASK FOR A  
13 BOATER SPEED ZONE COMPLIANCE STUDY, SUBJECT TO  
14 APPROPRIATION BY CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN  
15 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has engaged Jacksonville  
18 University to provide marine science support, particularly in  
19 developing and refining the City's Manatee Protection Plan; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the University's A. Quinton White, Ph.D., a highly-  
21 regarded expert on marine mammals, especially manatees, has been  
22 the principal scientist under the contract with Jacksonville  
23 University; and

24 **WHEREAS**, conflict, such as the differing regulatory approaches  
25 to manatee protection and the debate over the status of the  
26 manatee, indicates the continuing need for marine science support;  
27 and

28 **WHEREAS**, the City Council authorized the contract with Dr.  
29 White through Ordinance 2018-540-E, which invoked Section  
30 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code*, to waive competitive solicitation and

1 bidding due to Dr. White's expertise, and through Ordinance 2019-  
2 645-E; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the contract approved by Ordinance 2019-645-E was set  
4 to expire on October 3, 2020 but provides for three (3) one (1)  
5 year renewals; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a revised Task 8 for a Boater Speed Zone Compliance  
7 Study (the "Study") was outlined in the first amendment to the  
8 contract, which was to be competed within the 2019/2020 fiscal year  
9 for the amount of \$90,000.00; and

10 **WHEREAS**, due to lengthy discussions with the Florida Fish and  
11 Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FWC") regarding the scope of  
12 work for the Study as required by the City of Jacksonville Manatee  
13 Protection Plan, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, dated November 2017, and delays  
14 brought on by COVID-19 which disrupted the University's ability to  
15 perform the data collection for the Study, the Study was initiated  
16 in FY 2019/2020, but not completed; and

17 **WHEREAS**, because the Study was only partially completed in FY  
18 2019/2020 and because the funding is obligated and thus will carry  
19 over from FY 19/21 to FY 20/21, no additional funds will be needed  
20 for the Study in FY 20/21, which will bring the total contract  
21 amount to \$360,000 (\$90,000 for FY 18/19 annual contract +  
22 \$90,000.00 for FY 19/20 annual contract, + \$90,000.00 for the  
23 Boater Speed Zone Compliance Study + \$90,000 for FY 20/21 annual  
24 contract); and

25 **WHEREAS**, at its September 9, 2020 meeting, the Waterways  
26 Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed contract  
27 extension and the delayed services for the Study; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Council would like to exercise the second  
29 extension to renew the contract for an additional one-year renewal  
30 to October 2, 2021, and to include the continuation of work on the  
31 Study to its completion; now therefore

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

2           **Section 1. Authorizing the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to**  
3 **Execute a Second Amendment to the Contract for Continuing Manatee**  
4 **Protection Studies, dated October 4, 2018.** Subject to  
5 appropriation by the City Council, the Mayor, or his designee, and  
6 Corporation Secretary are authorized to execute a Second Amendment  
7 to the contract with Jacksonville University to exercise the second  
8 one (1) year renewal of the contract term for the services of Dr.  
9 A. Quinton White and Dr. Gerard Pinto for continuing manatee  
10 protection studies in substantially the same form as contained in  
11 the document attached hereto as **Exhibit 1.**

12           **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
14 without the Mayor's signature.

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16 Form Approved:

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18           /S/ Susan C. Grandin          

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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