

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes - Amended

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

9:30 AM

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

Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

Will Lahnen, Chair

Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair

Rahman Johnson

Ken Amaro

Matt Carlucci

Reggie Gaffney, Jr. - Excused

Tyrone Clark-Murray - Excused

Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton

Council Auditor's Office: Edward Linsky

Council Research: Nayeli Jimenez

Office of General Counsel: Shannon MacGillis

Administration: Bill Delaney

Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana

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Meeting Convened: 9:31 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 10:19 AM

This matter was

Present: 5 - Will Lahnen, Ju'Coby Pittman, Rahman Johnson, Matt Carlucci and Ken Amaro

Excused: 2 - Reggie Gaffney Jr. and Tyrone Clark-Murray

Attendance:

CM Peluso - Visiting

Chairman Lahnen convened the meeting, and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. He stated that there was one public comment card.

Council Member Peluso apologized to Chair Lahnen and the committee for his prior decision to boycott TEU, clarifying that his concerns were with broader issues affecting the full Council, not with the Chair or committee members. He emphasized his respect for Chair Lahnen's fairness and expressed regret for any appearance of personal criticism.

Council Members Carlucci and Johnson commended Council Member Peluso for his apology, describing it as humble, bold, and a sign of leadership. Both expressed respect and appreciation for his character and service. Chair Lahnen acknowledged the apology and congratulated Council Member Peluso on his promotion to Commander.

Item/File No.

Title History

1. [2025-0189](#) ORD Renaming the Public Park Currently Known as "Oakland Park," Located at 657 E Union St, Jax, FL 32206, in Council Dist 7, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, to Be Known as "Eartha M. M. White Historical Park" (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (JHPC Apv) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carrico & Johnson)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO PH Addnt'l 5/13/25
8/4/25 NCSPHS Withdraw 6-0
8/5/25 TEU Withdraw 3-2 (Pittman, Johnson)
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 4/15/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/22/25 & 5/13/25

WITHDRAW (DEFER)

(This item was deferred due to the lack of 4 votes in either direction)

Aye: 3 - Lahnen, Carlucci and Amaro

Nay: 2 - Pittman and Johnson

Excused: 2 - Gaffney Jr. and Clark-Murray

Council Member Peluso spoke about the reasoning for the withdrawal of the bill. Council Member Johnson questioned why the park was named Oakland. Ms. Toler gave background on why the park was originally named Oakland. Council Member Johnson passionately spoke on why he was against the withdrawal of the bill. Council Member Carlucci stated why he was in support of the withdrawal of the bill. Council Member Peluso reiterated his reasoning for withdrawing the bill, stating he wants to reset the conversation with the community regarding Oakland Park emphasizing the historical significance and the need to build consensus before making changes.

The bill was automatically deferred due to a lack of 4 votes in either direction.

2. [2025-0425](#) ORD Auth the Granting of a Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchise to Capital Waste Services LLC d/b/a CWS - Jax Hauling Pursuant to Ch 380 (Solid Waste Management), Pt 6 (Nonresidential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchises), Ord Code; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Administrative Svcs, Solid Waste Div (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/24/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

DEFER

3. [2025-0448](#) ORD-MC re Industrial Developments; Amend Sec 656.604 (Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required), Subpt A (Off-Street Parking, On-Street Parking & Loading for Motor Vehicles), Pt 6 (Off-Street Parking, On-Street Parking & Loading Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Modify the Parking Requirements for Industrial, Wholesale, Warehouse, Storage & Similar Uses; Amend Sec 656.1209 (Applicability), Subpt C (Landscaping Requirements), Pt 12 (Landscape & Tree Protection Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Modify Landscaping Requirements for Industrial Development; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by CM White) (PD & PC Amd/Apv)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, LUZ
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/24/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/5/25 TEU Amend/Approve 5-0
8/5/25 LUZ PH Amend/Approve 7-0
LUZ PH: 8/5/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Lahnen, Pittman, Johnson, Carlucci and Amaro

Excused: 2 - Gaffney Jr. and Clark-Murray

Bill Delaney, Mayor's Administration, supported the bill but recommended reducing the 70% threshold to 50% and opposed the two-year landscaping compliance period. Chair Lahnen confirmed a 60% amendment failed in NCSPHS.

Council Member Johnson requested clarification. Mr. Linsky explained the NCSPHS amendment that had failed.

Councilwoman Pittman requested staff input. Nina Sickler, Public Works, supported reducing the threshold to 50% or 60% and opposed the two-year timeline. Council Member Johnson confirmed agreement from Ms. Sickler and Mr. Hagan. Council Member Johnson motioned to amend the bill to 60% with landscaping required at completion. It was moved and seconded. The amendment passed via a hand vote.

Mr. Hagan proposed allowing certified appraisals. Council Member Johnson and Ms. Sickler raised concerns. Council Member Johnson said the idea needed more review before making an amendment.

Chair Lahnen supported the amended bill, noting LUZ would continue the discussion.

AMENDMENT:

1. Pg. 3, line 31, and Pg. 4, lines 3 and 4, strike “70” and insert “60”
2. Pg. 5, lines 3 – 4, strike underlined language

Planning Commission recommended approval with an amendment to maintain existing threshold of 50% of building value for renovations of industrial projects

- Amends Section 656.604 (Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required) to require industrial, wholesale, warehouse, storage and similar use facilities have one space per 5,000 square feet of gross floor area (previously one space per 2,000 square feet)
- Amends Section 656.1209 (Applicability) to provide for additional exemptions and requirements for industrial developments

4. [2025-0465](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 804.406 (Speed Limit Reduction by Application), Pt 4 (Speed Regulations), Ch 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ord Code, to Modify the Required Payment Timeline; Amend Sec 804.407 (Traffic Calming Measures by Application), Pt 4 (Speed Regulations), Ch 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ord Code, to Modify the Required Payment Timeline; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Lopera) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsor CM Lahnen)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
8/5/25 TEU Amend/Approve 5-0
8/5/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Lahnen, Pittman, Johnson, Carlucci and Amaro

Excused: 2 - Gaffney Jr. and Clark-Murray

Ed Linsky, Council Auditor’s Office, explained the Rules amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote. Council Member Amaro explained the background of the Rules amendment.

RULES AMENDMENT

1. Strike requirement for the Department to invoice the applicant for the costs associated with the mailed notices prior to reaching 75% agreement

2. Correct Section 2 title

• Amends Ch. 804 to revise the timeline for payment of costs associated with speed limit reductions

and traffic calming measures

- Currently, applicants are invoiced prior to mailed notices and 75% approval. If the project does not receive 75% approval, the City distributes the funds back to the applicant**
- Proposal would require payment by the applicant after notices have been mailed out and then again after the 75% approval threshold has been met**

5. [2025-0522](#) ORD Approp \$1,249,447.00 from the Bldg Inspection Fund (15104) Fund Bal to Provide Funding for the Installation of Electric Chargers for City Vehicles Used by the Bldg Inspection Div of the Dept of Public Work; Prov for Carryover of Funds into FY 25-26 (B.T. 25-095) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: R, TEU, F
8/4/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

6. [2025-0523](#) ORD-MC re Industrial Pretreatment Regulations; Amend Secs 750.101 (Civil Penalties) & 750.102 (Penalties), Ch 750 (Water & Sewer Code), Ord Code, to Include a Violation of the JEA Industrial Pretreatment Regulations in the List of Penalties & Include JEA as Authority to Enforce the JEA Industrial Pretreatment Regulations; Creating a New Sec 750.103 (JEA Industrial Pretreatment Regulations, Ch 750 (Water & Sewer Code), Ord Code, to Adopt the JEA Industrial Pretreatment Regulations; Apv JEA Industrial Pretreatment Regulations; Prov for Codification Instructions; Prov Effective Date of JEA Industrial Pretreatment Regulations (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Salem)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: R, TEU
8/4/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

7. [2025-0524](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Unopened & Unimproved Portion of Branan Field Rd as Recorded in Plat Bk 5, Pg 93, Jax Heights Improvement Company, of the Current Public Records of Duval County, FL, Located in Council Dist 12, at the Req of Kay C. Hughes c/o Dream Finders Homes, LLC; Prov for Appvl Subj to Conditions (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: TEU
8/5/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 8/19/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

8. [2025-0525](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Opened & Improved Portion of Manchester Rd R/W as Recorded in Plat Bk 20, Pg 7, Urban Hills, of the Current Public Records of Duval County, FL, Located in Council Dist 9, at the Req of Avondale Corporation of Jax, LLC, & Hamilton St Trading, LLC, Subj Unto Reservation to City & JEA of a Non-Exclusive All-Utilities, Facilities, & Access Easement on, Over, Under, Thru, & Across the Closure Area; Prov for Appvl Subj to Conditions (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: TEU
8/5/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 8/19/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

9. [2025-0526](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Unopened & Unimproved Portion of the E St R/W as Recorded in Plat Bk 12, Pg 68, Trout River Gardens, of the Current Public Records of Duval County, FL, Located in Council Dist 8, at the Req of CW-Trout River, LLC; Prov for Appvl Subj to Conditions (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: TEU
8/5/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 8/19/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

10. [2025-0527](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Unopened & Unimproved Portion of Noroad Rd R/W as Recorded in Plat Bk 5, Pg 93, Jax Heights Improvement Company, of the Current Public Records of Duval County, FL, Located in Council Dist 12, at the Req of Edmond Stratton, Subj Unto Reservation to City of a Non-Exclusive All-Utilities, Facilities, & Access Easement on, Over, Under, Thru, & Across the Closure Area; Prov for Appvl Subj to Conditions (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: TEU
8/5/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 8/19/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

Public Comment

Adonnica L. Toler- spoke about the withdrawal of 2025-0189

Final Comments

Chair Lahnen stated that JTA plans to provide an update on the Emerald Trail in October and encouraged members to submit requests for future presentations through his Executive Council Assistant.

Chair Lahnen adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

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

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