

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-463

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

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment; Agreement amendment; Ordinance Code waiver; Provides for oversight

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$703,183.22 to the City Venues Capital Project Fund – Baseball Grounds – MLB Requirements – Other Construction Costs account to provide funding for certain improvements to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, as initiated by B.T. 26-082. The bill amends the 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2025-505-E to reflect this appropriation. The bill waives Section 106.303 (Format and determination of amounts appropriated) of the Ordinance Code to allow modification of the Appropriation of Funds Exhibit to facilitate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The bill authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute a Second Amendment to the Cost Disbursement Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Baseball, LLC to increase the maximum indebtedness by \$703,183.22 for a new total maximum indebtedness not-to-exceed \$36,063,183.22. The bill provides for oversight by the Department of Public Works. Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), Ordinance Code, enactment requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the City Council members present at the meeting due to the CIP amendment.

Background Information: The City of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Baseball, LLC (the "Club") previously entered into a Public Infrastructure Capital Improvements Costs Disbursement Agreement, City Contract No. 71339-24, dated May 16, 2024, as authorized by Ordinance 2022-849-E and amended by the First Amendment authorized by Ordinance 2024-504-E (collectively, the "Disbursement Agreement"). The Disbursement Agreement provides for the construction of certain improvements to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville over a three-year period in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$35,360,000.00, consistent with the CIP project entitled "Baseball Grounds – MLB Requirements." The Disbursement Agreement reflected the City's commitment to cover certain costs of improvements necessary to meet Major League Baseball requirements in connection with the Club's transition to AAA status. Additional Major League Baseball requirements were instituted after execution of the Disbursement Agreement, including the relocation of the bullpen. Notwithstanding that the Club is responsible for cost overruns under the Disbursement Agreement, the City desires to include these required improvements in the Disbursement Agreement. The City has determined that the construction of these additional improvements is most efficiently and cost-effectively completed by the Club as part of the previously approved project. The Club has requested that the City increase the maximum indebtedness by \$703,183.22 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$36,063,183.22.

Policy Impact Area: Sports and Entertainment; Capital Improvements; Public Facilities

Fiscal Impact: No additional appropriation required. This bill reallocates \$703,183.22 to the Baseball Grounds – MLB Requirements project, including \$519,414.54 from the Capital Projects – City Venues Surcharge fund and

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\$183,768.68 from the Sports Complex CIP fund, as initiated by B.T. 26-082. This increases the City's maximum indebtedness under the Cost Disbursement Agreement from \$35,360,000.00 to \$36,063,183.22.

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