

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

2:00 PM

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

Rules Committee

Terrance Freeman, Chair

Randy White, Vice Chair

Ken Amaro

Michael Boylan

Joe Carlucci

Rahman Johnson

Chris Miller - Excused Absence

Legislative Assistant: Steven Libby

Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher

Council Research: Colleen Hampsey

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Bill Delaney

Meeting Convened: 2:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:21 PM

Present: 6 - Chair Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair Randy White, Council Member Ken Amaro, Council Member Joe Carlucci, Council Member Rahman Johnson and Council Member Michael Boylan

Excused: 1 - Council Member Chris Miller

Attendance:

CP Salem - 2023-870 & 2023-874

CM Arias - 2023-862

CM Howland - 2023-871

CM Carlucci - Visiting

CM Gay - Visiting

CM Peluso - Visiting

Michael Fackler, General Counsel, presented his legal opinion and fielded questions regarding the removal of the confederate monument in Springfield Park.

CP Salem said there will be a follow up meeting on this issue next week to permit council members time to read the opinion thoroughly. He asked Mr. Fackler questions about the monument removal process, the timeline, and who collaborated on the opinion in the General Counsel's Office (Lawsikia Hodges, Craig Feiser, and later John Sawyer, Mary Staffopoulos, Jason Teal). He spoke about whether there was an historical designation for the monument. He referred to one of Jason Teal's emails mentioned in an article in the TU which indicated he believed it had historical designation due to its location in Springfield Park. Mr. Fackler indicated that Mr. Teal agreed with the analysis in the written opinion.

CM Howland asked a series of questions about executive overreach, the haste of the monument removal, the definition of demolition, the definition of enhancement, the definition of building and structure, and the contract with private security firm hired for the removal. He talked about the need for appropriations for in kind contributions. He asked about attorney client privilege in consolidated government wherein the GC represents multiple clients.

Mr. Delaney, Mayor's Office, asked Mr. Fackler if it is unusual for a Mayor to act on an oral or draft opinion. Mr. Fackler said that it happens not infrequently.

CP Salem spoke about expectations of attorney client privilege between the GC and council members. Mr. Fackler said there is such privilege between his office and all parts of the consolidated government.

CM Boylan asked about the draft opinion released to the media, and why Mr. Fackler didn't opt to consult with council before the removal.

CM Amaro asked about Mr. Fackler's legal confidence in his opinion, he said yes.

CM Carlucci encouraged one on one meetings with the GC for conversations regarding various legal issues.

CM Freeman emphasized how the General Counsel represents multiple clients and also serves the citizens of Jacksonville.

CM Johnson talked about how Mr. Fackler has a duty to uphold the law, and he asked about the flow of funds for the removal. Mr. Fackler said that the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation provided funds to 904Ward, who contracted with a private entity for the removal services. He said that the funds never entered the City's general fund. CM Johnson asked about the security risks associated with the removal, and Mr. Fackler said he was not involved in the details of security planning. CM Freeman talked about threats made to workers who have worked on confederate monument removals in other cities. CM Johnson asked if Mr. Fackler had enough time to write the opinion, he said yes.

CM Carlucci talked about past attempts to remove the monument and his previous legislation to do so that did not pass, and he talked about leadership and the being on right side of history.

CM Arias asked why Mr. Fackler didn't share information with council members in advance about the removal since the Mayor didn't ask him specifically not to. Mr. Fackler reiterated that due to security risks only a few individuals on the Mayor's staff were aware in advance. CM Arias talked about transparency and the timeline of the removal.

CM Freeman talked about the importance of preserving trust.

Item/File No.**Title History**

1. [2023-0307](#) ORD-MC re the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Amend Sec 22.12 of the Charter of the COJ; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees & CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F
5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23

DEFER

2. [2023-0716](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 55.105 (Boundaries of Jacksonville Downtown Area), 55.106 (Definitions), & 55.112 (Project & Program Funding), Pt 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ch 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ord Code, to Revise & Add Certain Definitions, Clarify Proj & Prog Funding, Add Language Identifying the DIA as the Desig Supervising & Admin Body Over the Downtown Economic Dev Fund, & Amend the Sec Title; Prov for Codification Instructions (Lopera) (Req of DIA) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R, F
10/16/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
1/17/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

AMENDMENT

1. Correct bill title to include amendment of Code Sec. 55.108 (Powers and Duties)
2. Correct title of Section 1 to include amendment of Sections 55.106 (Definitions), 55.108 (Powers and Duties), and 55.112 (Project and Program Funding)
3. Include project ROI within DIA funding commitment summary
4. Pg. 14, lines 11-12: strike “DIA boundary area” and insert “Downtown”
5. Correct scrivener’s errors
6. Remove requirement for a 2/3 vote of Council to approve an incentive package or redevelopment agreement following DIA denial or to approve a funding amount greater than that approved by DIA

- Revises Ch. 55 (Downtown Investment Authority) to differentiate the Downtown Investment Authority’s powers and duties as the Community Redevelopment Agency for downtown versus the public economic development agency for downtown
- Adds requirement that a 2/3 vote of Council is required to approve an incentive package or redevelopment agreement following a DIA recommendation of denial or to approve a funding amount greater than that authorized by the DIA
- Codifies the Downtown Economic Development Fund within Ch. 55

Lori Boyer, DIA, was in attendance to speak on behalf of this bill. Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment. CP Salem proposed a floor amendment to strike the 2/3 vote requirement for incentive/redevelopment packages denied by DIA or with larger funding requests than DIA approved language. The committee approved the floor amendment unanimously. The Salem floor amendment will be rolled together with the Auditor's amendment.

3. [2023-0843](#) RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of Sunny Gettinger, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Ethics Commission, Pursuant Sec 602.912 (Membership, Terms, Appointment), Subpt A (Creation & Organization), Pt 9 (Jacksonville Ethics Commission), Ch 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Ord Code, Replacing Carlton Devooght, for a Partial Term to Exp on 12/31/24, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 12/31/27 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Johnson, Freeman & Boylan)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: R
12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

APPOINTMENT

Scrivener’s

Pg. 1, line 7: insert “TO” after “PURSUANT”

CMs Johnson, Freeman and Boylan asked to be added as co-sponsors.

- 4. [2023-0861](#) ORD re Chap 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; to Re-name a Portion of “Church Street West” Extending From Jefferson St N to a Dead End Behind Lavilla School of the Arts as “Ray Charles Place” in Council Dist 7; Recognizing the Achievements of Ray Charles; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (H), Ord Code, Which Requires That All Street Name Changes Be for the Entire Length of the St; Waiver of Sec 745.105(I)(3), Ord Code, Which Requires That a Person Reside in the Community Within...(Pollock) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Pittman, Freeman, Amaro, Carlucci, Howland & Miller)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, TEU
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Approve 7-0
 1/17/24 TEU PH Approve 7-0
 TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 1/17/24
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Boylan and Salem

Excused: 1 - Miller

Scrivener’s

- 1. **Pg. 2, line 2, strike “Charles Own” and insert “Charles’ Own”**
- 2. **Pg. 2, line 23, strike “September 17” and insert “September 13”**
- 3. **Pg. 3, line 31, strike “a” and insert “at”**

- **Waives Section 745.105(h) requiring street name changes be for the entire length of the street**
- **Waives Section 745.105(i)(3) requiring the person (honoree) to have resided in the community within five miles of the street name change for at least ten years**

CM Freeman asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

5. [2023-0862](#) ORD Approp \$70,000 From a Designated Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to the Human Collective Foundation, Inc. (HCF), for the Human Collective Awareness Prog Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With HCF; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With HCF; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Amaro, Howland, White, Carrico, Gaffney, Jr., Lahnen & Pittman)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 1/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 1/16/24 R Approve 6-0
 1/17/24 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

- **Appropriates \$70,000 from a designated contingency account that was established as part of the FY 23/24 budget process to provide funding to the Human Collective Foundation Inc.**
- **Funding will be used to host a social work appreciation/mental health awareness event and a human trafficking awareness event**
- **Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process to allow a direct contract with the Human Collective Foundation for two awareness events**

CM Freeman asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

6. [2023-0863](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 154.101 (Definitions), Pt 1 (In General), Ch 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ord Code, to Add Certain Definitions; Creating a New Sec 154.115 (Jacksonville Riverwalk Specialty Center), Pt 1 (In General), Ch 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ord Code, to Create & Estab the Jax Riverwalk Specialty Ctr Downtown; Prov for Codification Instructions (Lopera) (Req of DIA) (Co-Sponsors CMs J. Carlucci & Peluso)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
 1/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Amend(3x)/Approve
 1/16/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

AMENDMENT

1. Include striking and movement of current Code language
2. Correct scrivener's errors
3. Adjust hours to 11:00 am – 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 am – midnight Friday and Saturday unless otherwise posted by the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department
4. Strike the word “plastic” within the definition of Approved Container

- Establishes the Jacksonville Riverwalk Specialty Center which will allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Approved Containers within the Jacksonville Riverwalk Open Container Area during the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m.
- Prohibits open containers of alcoholic beverages within public parks located in the Jacksonville Riverwalk Specialty Center except during events permitted by the City
- Per DIA, Downtown Vision, Inc. will produce and sell the Approved Containers and retain the revenue

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the NCSPHS amendments. Jake Gordon, DVI, and Lori Boyer, DIA, were in attendance to answer questions about the bill. CM Arias asked about the cost of the "approved containers". Mr. Gordon said the cups will be provided by DVI to the participating restaurants at a nominal cost.

Chair Freeman passed the gavel to Vice Chair White so he could propose a floor amendment to strike the language in NCSPHS amendment 3 related to the reference to "environmentally conscious/friendly material". The Freeman floor amendment was approved unanimously and will be rolled together with the other amendments.

- 7. [2023-0864](#) ORD Approp \$150,001 From Gain-Loss on Sale of Real Estate Within Fund 32103 - Jax Recreation & Environmental Land Acquisition Fund to the PRSC Parks & Recreation Capital Projs - Parks & Recreation/Parks QOL - Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park Proj Per Ord 2021-496-E for Parks, Recreation, & Community Svcs Dept, Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by the Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park Proj; Prov for Oversight by Parks, Recreation, & Community Svcs Dept (B.T. 24-032) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso, Boylan & Carlucci)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU
 1/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 1/16/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
 1/17/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 1/17/24 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

AMENDMENT

- 1. **Strike language regarding excess funds on pg. 2, lines 19-23**
- 2. **Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct project number**
- 3. **Correct scrivener's errors**

• Appropriates funding received from Johnson Commons LLC, the developer of the LaVilla townhomes project, for improvements to Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park pursuant to the redevelopment agreement approved by Ord. 2021-496-E

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment.

8. [2023-0865](#) ORD Approp Grant Funds in the Amount of \$899,660.00 from the U.S. DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the 4th Judicial Circuit of FL, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Progs, to Fund the Enhancement of the VTC Progs, for the Grant Term Beginning 10/1/23 thru 9/30/27; Prov for Carryover of Funds thru 9/30/27; Prov for City Oversight by the Court Admin, Dir of Problem Solving Courts (B.T. 24-031) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Miller, Lahnen, Johnson, White, Freeman, Amaro, Gaffney, Jr., Carrico, Arias, Howland & Salem)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Approve 6-0
 1/17/24 F Approve 8-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, lines 7 and 24: strike "Brian" and insert "Brain"

- **Appropriates a \$899,660 grant from the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for the Veterans Treatment Court program for the period of 10/1/23 - 9/30/27**
- **No City match is required**
- **An estimated 200 veterans in Duval, Clay, and Nassau Counties will be served during the 4-year grant period**

Lance Day, Chief Judge of the of the 4th Judicial Circuit, spoke on behalf of this bill. CMs White and Freeman asked to be added as co-sponsors.

- 9. [2023-0866](#) ORD Approp \$399,353.00 in Grant Funding for Yr 1 of a 5-Yr Grant from the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Svcs for the Duval County Adult Drug Court Prog; Prov for Carryover of Funds to Subsequent FYs; Prov for City Oversight by the Court Admin, Dir of Problem Solving Courts (B.T. 24-030) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CMs Clark-Murray, Johnson, Salem, Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney, Jr., Lahnen & Pittman)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Approve 6-0
 1/17/24 F Approve 8-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

- **Appropriates \$399,353 in grant funding for year one of a five-year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services for the Duval County Adult Drug Court program**
- **No City match is required**
- **The grant funds will be used to provide services to 50 participants annually**

Lance Day, Chief Judge of the of the 4th Judicial Circuit, was in attendance to answer questions, if any, for this bill.

10. [2023-0870](#) ORD-MC Concerning the City of Jax Emergency Reserve; Approp \$20,000,000 from the City's General Fund/General Svcs Dist Operating Reserve to the Emergency Reserve to Increase the Total Emergency Reserve Balance to 7% of the City's General Fund/General Svcs Dist Operating Budget to Meet the New Financial Planning Target of 7-10% for the Emergency Reserve as Provided for Herein; Amend Secs 106.106 (Balanced Budget & Budget Stabilization Reserve), & 106.107 (Emergency Reserve Policy & Fund), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Increase the Financial Planning Target for the City's Emergency Reserve to 7-10%; Prov Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Howland, Freeman, Carrico, Lahnen, Arias, Pittman, Gaffney, Jr. & White)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
 1/17/24 F Amend/Approve 8-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 3, line 2: insert "traditional" before "cash" to mirror current Code language
2. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to include complete exhibit

- Amends the Ordinance Code to increase the targeted funding level of the Emergency Reserve from 5-7% to 7-10% of the General Fund budget
- Appropriates \$20 million from General Fund Operating Reserves to increase the funding level of the Emergency Reserve to approximately 7.09% of the General Fund budget
- The unaudited balance of the Emergency Reserve as of 9/30/23 is \$95.0 million

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment.

CP Salem explained the need to increase the reserve funding level to have on hand in case of future emergencies or disasters.

CM Freeman asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

11. [2023-0871](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 126.318 (Selection Procedures for Federal & State Lobbying & Grant Writing Professional Services Contracts), Pt 3 (Professional Services Contracts), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Prospectively Amend Subpt C (Procurement Methods & Procedures), Pt 3 (Procurement Thresholds, Modes, Methods, & Procedures), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Etab a Prospective Date of 7/1/24, for the Code Amendmts Contained in Sec 2 of this Ord to Become Effective (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Miller, Arias, Carrico & White)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Amend/Approve 5-1 (Johnson)
 1/17/24 F Amend/Approve 6-1 (Gaffney, Jr)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci and Boylan

Nay: 1 - Johnson

Excused: 1 - Miller

AMENDMENT

1. Revise references from "Federal and State" to "Federal or State"
2. Revise references from "lobbying and grant writing" to "lobbying or grant writing"

- Amends the City's Procurement Code to require City Council approval for all single-source or non-competitively awarded contracts for federal and state lobbying and grant writing professional services
- City Council may accept, reject, or propose modifications to proposed contracts

CM Howland explained the bill and proposed a floor amendment that would change the language in the phrase "no single-source, or other non-competitively awarded, contract with the City of Jacksonville, to provide federal and state lobbying and grant writing professional services shall be valid or binding against the City, unless and until approved by the City Council; and no City officer or employee shall execute the same without City Council approval" from 'and' to 'or'.

With the floor amendment the new Sec. 126.318 will state "no single-source, or other non-competitively awarded, contract with the City of Jacksonville, to provide federal OR state lobbying OR grant writing professional services shall be valid or binding against the City, unless and until approved by the City Council; and no City officer or employee shall execute the same without City Council approval."

Bill Delaney, Mayor's Office, explained that the selection of Mayor Deegan's lobbying firm without an RFP was made in the interest of expediency, and the contract with that firm is still active. He said in that future years, an RFP will be used to procure such services.

- 12. [2023-0874](#) ORD-MC Amend Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code; Amend Sec 106.103 (Definitions), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, & Sec 106.215 (Supplemental Appropriation & Revenue Reduction Limitations), Subpart A (Budgets & Budget Ordinances; Millage Levy), Pt 2 (Budgets), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Amend the Definition of Reserve or Reserve Fund to Include Contingencies & To Clarify the Number of Votes Required for Appropriations from General Fund Operating Reserves or Its Various Contingencies; Prov Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0
 1/17/24 F Amend/Approve 8-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Boylan and Salem

Excused: 1 - Miller

AMENDMENT

Clarify two-thirds vote required for appropriation from contingencies in any Fund

- **Revises the definition of “Reserve” in Ordinance Code Ch. 106 (Budget and Accounting Code) to include “contingency”**
- **Clarifies that the vote on appropriations from General Fund Operating Reserves or various contingencies requires approval of two-thirds of Council Members present and counted for purposes of determining a quorum, regardless of any voting abstentions**

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment.
CP Salem spoke on behalf of the bill.

- 13. [2023-0877](#) RESO Appt Wen Raiti, a Duval County Resident, as a Citizen Member of the Better Jax Plan Financial Administration Committee, Pursuant to Sec 761.107, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Exp 3/31/28 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Salem) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
 12/12/23 CO Introduced: R
 1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/10/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Withdraw 7-0

WITHDRAW

Aye: 7 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Boylan and Salem

Excused: 1 - Miller

14. [2023-0878](#) RESO Appt Michael R. Hitt, a Duval County Resident, as a Member of the Duval County Tourist Development Council, as a Rep of the Tourist Accommodation Industry & an Operator of a Tourist Accommodation in the 2nd Urban Svcs Dist, Filling a Seat Previously Held by Joe Hindsley, Pursuant to Secs 70.102(a)(4) & 70.102(a)(8), Ordinance Code, & Sec 125.0104(4)(e), F.S., for a Partial Term Ending 6/30/25 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Salem)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/10/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Boylan and Salem

Excused: 1 - Miller

APPOINTMENT

15. [2024-0031](#) ORD Approp \$229,962.47, in Grant Funds Awarded by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Through the FL Dept of State, Div of Elections, to Provide Reimbursement to the City for the Costs of Purchasing Goods &/or Svcs for Voting Technology Upgrades or Enhancements; Prov for Carryover of Funds; Prov Oversight by SOE (B.T. 24-022) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

16. [2024-0032](#) ORD Approp \$1,139,658.14 (\$1,100,000.00 from the Traffic Signalization - Countywide Proj & \$39,658.14 from the Countywide Intersection Imp - Intersection Proj) to the Projs Titled Monument Rd at Regency Square Blvd Intersection & ITS Improvements, Arlington Rd at Oakwood Dr Intersection Improvements & St. Johns Bluff at Bahia/Theresa Intersection Improvements; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Projs (B.T. 24-038) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

17. [2024-0035](#) ORD re the Agrmt btwn the City & United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. for the Eviction Diversion Prog; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (The City Treasury), Ch 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Payment of \$500,000 to United Way; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Amendment to the Agrmt btwn the City & United Way for the Eviction Diversion Prog Originally Appvd by Ord 2023-803-E to Provide for Partial Advance Payment; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Boylan) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Clark-Murray, Gaffney, Jr. & Pittman)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
 1/16/24 R Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
 1/17/24 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

- 1. Include waiver of Code Sec. 118.201(f)(7) in order to authorize the advance payment**
- 2. Include waiver of Code Sec. 118.301(a)(3) to allow funding to be used for appropriate court fees**

- Waives Code Sec. 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; prohibition against) to allow for an advance payment of up to \$500,000 to the United Way for the Eviction Diversion program that was originally approved by Ord. 2023-803-E**
- A one cycle emergency has been requested because the advance of funds will allow United Way to have funds on hand to meet tight deadlines many of the eligible recipients will be required to meet in order to remain in their homes**

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the emergency and the amendment. CM Boylan explained the need for the advance funds.

18. [2024-0038](#) ORD Appropriating \$200,000 From a Designated Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to Springfield Preservation & Revitalization Council, Inc. (SPAR), for the Springfield Cleanup Corps Prog Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 24-25; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With SPAR; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With SPAR; Waiving Sec 118.602 (Responsibility), Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grant Program), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Auth Award of this Funding to SPAR in Addition to Cultural Service Grant Funding Awarded by the Cultural Council; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & SPAR For the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Miller)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2024-0039](#) ORD-MC Concerning the Downtown Overlay Zone & the Downtown Sign Overlay Zone; Amend Sec 656.361.7.1 (Application & Review Procedure to DDRB & Council; Appeals), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Revise the Proj Types Subj to Staff Review & to DDRB Review, & to Clarify & Revise the Review Process & Procedures for Specified Projs; Amend Sec 656.361.8 (Deviations), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Eliminate the Workshop Requirement for Select Deviations; Amend Sec 656.1335 (Design Review), Subpt B (Downtown Sign Overlay Zone), Pt 13 (Sign Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Allow Staff Review of Certain Sign Applications (Lopera) (Req of DIA)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, LUZ
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2024-0040](#) ORD Prov Forgiveness to the Boselli Foundation, Inc., a FL Not-for-profit Corp, for Non-Compliance with the Reporting Requirements of Sec 118.201 (Release of Appropriations), Pt 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code; Auth the Council Auditor to Remove the Boselli Foundation from the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List; Prov for City Oversight by the Office of Grants & Contract Compliance (Brown) (Introduced by CM Salem)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2024-0041](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 111.920 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 9 (Neighborhood Development), Ch 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Prov for Funding of Homelessness Initiatives through Certain Economic Development Agrmt Incentives (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci & Lahnen)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

22. [2024-0043](#) ORD Approp \$75,000 From a Designated Contingency Acct Within the Gen Fund to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct Within the KHA Fund to Prov Funding to Elevate Jax Inc. for the Elevate Jacksonville at Westside High School Prog Described Herein; Amend the 3rd Revised Schedule M to Ord 2023-511-E; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With Elevate Jax; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svc to be Provided by Elevate Jax From Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City or KHA & Elevate Jax for the Prog (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman & Miller)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2024-0044](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; to Re-name Weaver Rd Extending From Ave “B” to a Dead End as “Charlie E. McClendon Road” in Council Dist 8; Recognizing the Achievements of Charlie E. McClendon; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (i)(2), Ord Code, Which Requires That the Honoree Be Deceased for at Least 5 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Services Div to Forward This Ord to the Planning & Dev Dept for Processing, Implementation, & Coordination With the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering Div, 911 Emergency, Fire & Rescue Dept, the Post Office & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Pittman)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 2/6/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

24. [2024-0045](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 112.307 (Claims & Suits Brought Against the City for Monetary Relief), Pt 3 (Settlement of Claims & Suits by & Against City), Ch 112 (Claims by & Against City), Ord Code, & Sec 128.313 (Settlement of Claims), Subpt C (Settlement & Special Counsel), Pt 3 (Self-insurance Program), Ch 128 (Risk Management Program), Ord Code, to Require Notice to & Appvl by Any Constitutional Officer of Any Settlement of Claims Brought Against Such Individual, Their Agency or Any of Their Employees for Whom Coverage is Provided Pursuant to Sec 128.104, Ord Code, or for Which Settlement is Auth Pursuant to Sec 112.307, Ord Code; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Young) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Howland, Miller, Arias & J. Carlucci)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

25. [2024-0046](#) ORD-MC Amend Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Pt 4 (Fiscal Management), Subpt E (Miscellaneous Provisions), Sec 106.441 (Acceptance of Gifts, Donations, Etc.) Ord Code, to Limit the Use of Monetary & In-Kind Gifts or Donations for Capital Improvement Projs & Any Other Purposes Without Council Approp; Amend Ch 113 (Gifts to City), Ord Code, Pt 1 (Major Monetary Donations), Secs 113.101 (Scope) & 113.102 (Acceptance), & Part 2 (Non-major Monetary Donations), Secs 113.201 (Scope) & 113.202 (Acceptance), Ord Code, to Include In-Kind Donation of Goods or Svcs & Require City Council Approp; Prov Codification Instructions (Teal) (Introduced by CMs Salem, Gay, Howland, Miller & White)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2024-0047](#) RESO Honoring the Life & Mourning the Passing of Dr. William Lewis Cody Sr. (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Boylan, Freeman & Amaro)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R
1/16/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Freeman, White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Miller

CMs Boylan and Freeman asked to be added as co-sponsors.

27. [2024-0048](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Lake G. Ray III as a Member of the TRUE Commission, Filling a Seat Formerly Held by Gregory O. Rachal, Pursuant to Ch 57, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Ending 6/30/26 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Salem) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

28. [2024-0049](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Lisa Strange Weatherby, a Duval County Resident, to the JHA, Replacing Andre Green, Pursuant to Sec 51A.103 (Appointment, Qualifications, & Tenure of Commissioners; Hiring of Employees), Ch 51A (Jacksonville Housing Authority), Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term to Exp 9/16/26 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

29. [2024-0050](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Teresa Kinstle as Div Chief of Fire Training Pursuant to Sec 31.402 (Division Chief), Pt 4 (Fire Training Division), Ch 31 (Fire & Rescue Department), Ord Code (Wilson) ((Req of Mayor)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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30. [2024-0051](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Reappt of Bernard E. Smith, a Duval County Resident, to the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority in Accordance with Sec 52.106 (Membership; Terms; Renewal; Vacancy; Etc), Ch 52 (Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority), Ord Code, for a 2nd Full Term Expiring on 11/30/27 (Hodges) (Req of Mayor)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

31. [2024-0052](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Ali Marar, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Housing & Comm Dev Commission, Representing the Local Planning Agency, Replacing David J. Hacker, Pursuant to Sec 34.203 (Jacksonville Housing & Community Development Commission; Commission Members), Pt 2 (Housing & Community Development Division), Ch 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term to Exp 11/30/27 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

32. [2024-0053](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Eric Smith to the JPA, Pursuant to Article 5 (Jacksonville Port Authority), Pt B, Charter & Related Laws, Replacing John Baker, for a Partial Term to Exp 9/30/25, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp 9/30/29 (Hodges) (Req of Mayor)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

Public Comment: Wells Todd spoke in opposition to confederate monuments and white supremacy.
Roselle Van Nostraud spoke in opposition to confederate monuments and white supremacy.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 5, 2024.

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

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