

1 Introduced by the Finance Committee (Council Members Salem, Freeman,
2 Arias, Diamond, Howland, Lahnen and Pittman) and Co-Sponsored by
3 Council Member Miller:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-40-A**

7 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY COUNCIL'S 1-YEAR
8 STRATEGIC PLAN AND SETTING THE COUNCIL'S
9 STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
10 YEAR; REQUESTING THE MAYOR INCLUDE \$9,416,621 IN
11 A COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CONTINGENCY
12 ACCOUNT IN THE 2025-2026 FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET
13 PROPOSAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of Section
16 106.110, *Ordinance Code*, the Council is required to update and adopt
17 its strategic plan annually; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Council adopted prior 1, 3, and 5 year strategic
19 plans by Resolutions 2018-594-A, 2020-34-A, 2021-364-A, and
20 2021-893-A and Ordinances 2023-149-E, as amended by Ordinance
21 2023-371-E, and 2024-164-E; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2024, the Finance Committee had an
23 initial discussion on strategic planning for fiscal year 2025-2026
24 during which the idea was put forth of placing the annual strategic
25 plan budget appropriation into a Budget Stabilization Account for the
26 City Council to address various City and Council priorities over the
27 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

28 **WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, a noticed meeting was held to
29 obtain consensus on the idea of placing the annual strategic plan
30 budget appropriation into a Budget Stabilization Account and during
31 that meeting there was discussion regarding changing the name of the

1 account and determining whether guardrails needed to be implemented
2 for use of the funds; and

3 **WHEREAS,** on December 3, 2024, the Finance Committee came to a
4 consensus that it would recommend the Council place the annual
5 strategic plan budget appropriation into a Council Strategic
6 Initiatives Contingency account from which the City Council could
7 appropriate funds for various City and Council priorities over the
8 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

9 **WHEREAS,** on January 7, 2025, the Finance Committee held a final
10 strategic planning meeting during which the Committee reaffirmed the
11 above recommendation for submittal to City Administration for
12 inclusion in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget recognizing this action
13 creates an opportunity whereby City funds are set aside to develop a
14 list of shared priorities and projects with the goal of supporting
15 and investing in the vision for the future of the City; now therefore

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

17 **Section 1. Adopting the City Council's 1-Year Strategic**
18 **Plan and Setting the Council's Strategic Priority for Fiscal Year**
19 **2025-2026.** The City Council has reviewed and taken into consideration
20 the current five-year outlook for the City and has determined it
21 appropriate to create a designated contingency account from which the
22 Council may appropriate funds during the 2025-2026 fiscal year to
23 various initiatives as determined appropriate by the City Council.
24 This strategic initiative is intended to create financial flexibility
25 to meet the City's ongoing and varied needs and priorities over the
26 next fiscal year.

27 **Section 2. Requesting the Mayor Include \$9,416,621 in a**
28 **Council Strategic Initiatives Contingency Account in the Fiscal Year**
29 **2025-2026 Final Annual Budget Proposal.** The City Council hereby
30 requests the Mayor incorporate the Council strategic priority to
31 create and include \$9,416,621 in a Council Strategic Initiatives

1 Contingency account as described herein into the fiscal year 2025-2026
2 final annual budget proposal for the consolidated government of the
3 City of Jacksonville.

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

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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