

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes - Amended

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

9:30 AM

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

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

*Michael Boylan, Chair
Will Lahnen, Vice Chair
Matt Carlucci
Tyrona Clark-Murray
Terrance Freeman
Mike Gay
Jimmy Peluso*

*Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton
Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor
Council Research: Eamon Webb
Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy
Administration: Scott Wilson*

Meeting Convened: 9:30 am

Meeting Adjourned: 11:33 am

Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Michael Boylan, Vice Chair Will Lahnen, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, Council Member Terrance Freeman, Council Member Mike Gay and Council Member Jimmy Peluso

Attendance:

CP Salem - 2023-793 & 2024-42

CVP White - 2024-42

Item/File No. Title History

CP Salem announced that the General Counsel's official opinion regarding the removal of the Women of the Southland monument would be sent to the Council by 1 PM and that Michael Fackler, General Counsel, would attend today's Rules Committee meeting to answer any questions about the decision. CP Salem added that there would be a second meeting at a later date to discuss the opinion given the quick turnaround.

Gabrielle Magid, CEO of Stronger than Stigma, gave a presentation on the work that the non-profit organization had been doing. Stronger than Stigma is mental health advocacy organization that Magid founded in 2013. She described the organization's Living Room Program, which presented an interactive art exhibit in a literal living room in which clients could have conversations about mental health issues. Magid showed a video demonstrating Stronger than Stigma's pop-up location in New York City, which could serve as a model for a more permanent Jacksonville location.

CM Boylan asked Ms. Magid who Stronger than Stigma's clientele is, and Ms. Magid responded that their existing clientele were mostly young professionals but that the organization has been attempting to keep its message "fresh" to reach future generations. CM Boylan asked about funding sources in addition to the Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund, and Ms. Magid responded that Stronger Than Stigma also received funds from HBO, FIS, Haskell, Baptist Health, and Ms. Pat Hogan.

1. [2023-0621](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, an Amendment 2 to Redev Agrmt By & Among the City, DIA, Fuqua BCDC One Riverside Project Owner, LLC (Developer), Assignee of Fuqua Acquisitions II, LLC, & TBR One Riverside Owner, LLC, as Partial Assignee of Developer, Amend the Redev Agrmt Dated 12/20/21 Previously Auth by Ord 2021-796-E, as Previously Amended by Amendment 1 to Redev Agrmt Dated 10/12/22, as Auth by Ord 2022-493-E, (Collectively, the "Agreement"), to Modify the Performance Schedule & Associated Terms of the Agrmt; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmts & Transactions, & Auth Tech Changes to the Docs (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

9/26/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/26/23

DEFER

2. [2023-0793](#) ORD Naming the City-Owned Bldg Located at 6360 Commerce St, Jax, FL 32211, in Council Dist 1, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, To be Known As the “Rita F. Reagan Building” (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CMs Salem & Amaro) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci & Boylan) (JHPC Apv)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/10/24 CO PH Addn'tl 1/23/24
1/16/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 8-0
1/17/24 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 1/3/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24
Public Hearing Add. Per Sec. 122.105 - 1/23/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay, Peluso and Salem

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Planning & Development Department Historic Preservation Section report as new Exhibit**
- 2. Indicate approval of Historic Preservation Commission**
- 3. Strike reference to subject property being a local landmark**
- 4. Attach letter of support from Greater Arlington Civic Council**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the auditor-recommended amendment, which attached an Historic Preservation Section report as an exhibit, indicated approval of the Historic Preservation Commission, and struck a reference to the subject property being a local landmark. The auditor-recommended amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CP Salem introduced a second amendment, which attached a letter in support of the re-naming from the Greater Arlington Civic Council. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee, and the two amendments were rolled into one. CP Salem noted that John Crescimbeni was in attendance; he worked closely with Rita Reagan and worked closely with CP Salem to get this building re-named. CP Salem also noted that this bill went through an eight-week process instead of a six-week process, which is a recent change imposed in order for building re-namings to receive approval from the Historical Society.

CM Boylan requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

CM Carlucci extended sympathies to Harry Reagan, noting the difference he made within the community and the difficult loss that he had suffered recently.

3. [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 & Miller)
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: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

- **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**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained background information on the bill, noting that the funds being appropriated to the Human Collective Foundation, Inc. had been approved previously through the budget process but had been put below the line while Human Collective finalized its contract term sheet.

CM Carlucci noted that there was no representative from Human Collective present and that he would like to have more information regarding the specifics of the appropriation before the bill is passed by the full Council. Mr. Peterson stated that the bill would provide funds for two events run by Human Collective -- one event focusing on mental health awareness, one event focusing on human trafficking awareness. CM Carlucci stated that these were both worthy causes but reinforced his concern that this bill awarded a direct contract to a private organization despite there not being a representative from the organization present.

CM Freeman stated that he supported the bill and that a representative from Human Collective could be present at Rules and Finance to explain details about the events. He commended CM Arias on his finding this non-profit organization and said that all CMs should attempt to find worthy organizations to whom the City could provide funding through the budget process. He requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

CM Peluso stated that he agreed with CM Carlucci that a representative from the organization should be present at meetings in which their organization is to receive City funds. He explained that he researched the organization and was concerned that it did a considerable amount of its work in Clay County; he noted that he would like to ask these questions to a representative of Human Collective before the bill's final passage.

CM Gay said that he supports the bill and the causes of Human Collective but noted that he found the fact that so many waivers to directly contract with private organizations are given out by the City. He questioned what the purpose of the competitive bid process was if it was so rarely followed.

CM Carlucci commented that "line in the sand" policies frequently do not work as intended. He stated that many organizations do go through the Public Service Grant process and receive little or no funding and are not considered for direct contracts.

CM Boylan brought up Audrey Gibson, Chief of Grants and Contract Compliance, to answer questions on the PSG process. CM Boylan asked whether there was enough funding left over for smaller organizations after larger organizations had received grants, and Ms. Gibson stated that funding is divided into certain buckets depending on the size of the awards granted and award recipients. She noted that PSG funding is up to Council discretion but that the Office of Grants and Contract Compliance could make recommendations to the Council to make the process more equitable for organizations of various sizes.

CM Freeman stated that the funding to Human Collective was already discussed as a part of the previous budget process. He noted that holding up this specific contract due to concerns about fairness in the PSG process would reflect poorly upon the process of government. He also stated that the Council created microgrants as a category of PSGs in order to assist smaller organizations.

Ms. Gibson stated that the Office of Grants and Contract Compliance could provide data in the future to inform the Council of any needs in the PSG process.

4. [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(3X)/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman and Peluso

Nay: 1 - Gay

AMENDMENT #1

1. Include striking and movement of current Code language
2. Correct scrivener's errors

AMENDMENT #2

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

AMENDMENT #3

Strike reference to “plastic” within the definition of Approved Container and reference environmentally conscious/friendly materials

- **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**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained an auditor-recommended amendment, which corrected Code language and scrivener's errors. The auditor-recommended amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Lahnen introduced an amendment which narrowed the operating hours in which alcoholic beverages in Approved Containers within the Jacksonville Riverwalk would be permitted. The new hours would conform with the existing operating hours of the Riverwalk. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Peluso introduced an amendment to change the "plastic" container to be an environmentally-conscious material. CM Clark-Murray asked what specific material CM Peluso had envisioned, and CM Peluso specified that this amendment was meant to provide guidance to the DIA and not to impose additional constraints or costs on DIA. Mary Staffopoulos of the General Counsel's Office suggested that the wording of the amendment be structured in such a way to give the DIA authority to determine the material. CM Carlucci stated that he appreciated the sentiment of the amendment but did not wish to make the process more difficult for DIA, noting that he trusted the agency to make the correct decision.

Lori Boyer, CEO of DIA, suggested to strike the word "plastic" from the bill, as this would grant DIA authority to choose a suitable material. CM Peluso stated that he would also like to include wording to give guidance to the DIA to make the material "environmentally-conscious." CM Peluso's amendment was withdrawn and re-introduced to strike the word "plastic" and include language to state that the cup shall be made of an "environmentally-conscious" material.

CM Freeman asked how including this "environmentally-conscious" language would affect DIA. CM Peluso stated that he intended the amendment to give direction to DIA so that these cups would not be harmful to the river if improperly discarded into the river. Ms. Boyer stated that striking plastic would give DIA freedom to achieve this goal. CM Freeman stated that he would not support putting any additional constraints on DIA; CM Peluso responded that he felt that adding guidance to emphasize the importance of using an environmentally-conscious material was important. The CM Peluso amendment was approved by the Committee.

CM Carlucci noted the importance of the Riverwalk remaining family-friendly despite this change. Ms. Boyer noted that this legislation had been modeled after similar legislation in Tampa, whose family-friendly environment had not been negatively impacted by its approval of alcoholic beverages in designated containers in specified zones. Ms. Boyer also noted that Downtown Vision's ambassadors would be on site and that the Parks Department would have authority to change operating hours if need arose.

CM Clark-Murray asked about the potential of vendors who have temporary approval for special events under the legislation causing confusion for enforcement, as attendees of special events would be permitted to carry containers other than the DIA-approved cups along the Riverwalk. She suggested that the DIA could require that these special events use a special wristband in order to identify these attendees.

Ms. Boyer stated that special events do need approval through the Parks Department, and Daryl Joseph,

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Development, stated that security's ability to maintain a perimeter is a consideration in approving or denying a special event. Ms. Boyer said that the Council could spell out wristband procedure for special events if it wished to do so.

CM Clark-Murray introduced an amendment to require attendees of special events to wear a wristband in order to carry their open container into the Riverwalk. CM Peluso stated that he believed this amendment to be too in the weeds and suggested that CM Clark-Murray discuss this matter with DIA. CM Boylan requested for the future that all committee members have amendment language as prepared as possible in advance of the meeting. CM Clark-Murray stated that she believed it important to keep this legislation as close to the model Tampa legislation as possible; she read the Tampa provision which had a similar wristband requirement for attendees of special events. The CM Clark-Murray amendment failed, and the bill was moved as thrice-amended.

5. [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: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

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

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which struck language regarding excess funds, attached a revised Budget Transfer form to correct the project number, and corrected scrivener's errors. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, explained that the funds from the Gain-Loss on Sale of Real Estate account were going to the Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park Project. He explained that the fund for this park project would total over \$1 million as a result of this bill. CM Carlucci and CM Boylan requested to be added as co-sponsors.

6. [2023-0867](#) ORD Approp a \$67,340.00 Grant from the EPA Pursuant to the Clean Air Act to Provide Funding for the Purchase of New Air Monitoring Equipment for Particulate Matter & Ozone Concentrations; Purpose of Approp; Prov for Oversight & Reporting by the Neighborhoods Dept, Environmental Quality Div (B.T. 24-028) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Carlucci)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
1/2/24 NCSPHS 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 Approve 7-0
1/17/24 F Approve 7-0
1/17/24 TEU Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

- **Funds will be used to replace existing reserve units**

CM Boylan asked Melissa Long, Chief of Environmental Quality, whether this was recurring funding received through the EPA, and Ms. Long responded that this funding was not recurring but extra funding received as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act through the EPA.

CM Clark-Murray asked where this equipment would be of use, and Ms. Long responded that this equipment would be used as backups for the Pepsi Place and Kooker Park locations. An ozone calibrator would also be stationed at the Sheffield Elementary location.

CM Boylan asked how many monitors were currently in the field, and Ms. Long responded that there were currently seven monitors in use.

CM Carlucci asked whether any of this equipment also monitored odor, and Ms. Long responded that it did not. CM Carlucci requested to be added as a co-sponsor but stated that he wished that the Department of Environmental Quality would also prioritize reducing the emissions of foul odors. CM Gay added that he knows that some corporations in the Northside take advantage of slow enforcement response times in order to skirt odor regulations. Ms. Long stated that she shared CM Gay's concern but that she currently did not know how to solve the problem. She said that she would reach out to the company about which CM Gay had previously contacted her.

7. [2023-0868](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, That Certain Revocable Permit & Hold Harmless Agrmt Btwn the City, JU, & OCEARCH for the Use of a City Owned Dock Facility in the Mayport Community on Submerged Lands Leased Pursuant to the Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease (BOT File # 160359172) Auth by Ord 2022-215-E, for the Docking of Vessels Used for Research & Educational Purposes...(Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Amaro, Clark-Murray, Carlucci, Peluso, Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney, Jr., Lahnen, Pittman, Salem & Miller) (JWC Apv)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU, JWC
1/2/24 NCSPHS 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 Approve 7-0
1/17/24 F Approve 7-0
1/17/24 TEU Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

- **Permit will provide JU/Ocearch with primary use of the Fixed Dock**
- **General public will have access to the Floating Dock**
- **Initial term of permit is 30 years, but can be terminated by City with 180 day prior notice**
- **City is currently responsible for paying \$4,960 annually for submerged land lease of the area**

CM Carlucci requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

8. [2023-0875](#) ORD Declaring the Public Necessity for Acquiring Fee Simple Title & Temp Construction Easements Through Condemnation by Right of Eminent Domain to Certain Real Property in Council Dist 4, Such Real Property Being a Portion of: R.E. # 152854-0505; R.E. # 152866-1300; R.E. # 152854-0550; & R.E. # 152576-0250, With a Total Appraised Value of \$1,115,950, as Required for the Belfort Rd Widening Proj; Approp \$1,300,000 from Belfort Rd Widening/DM Other Construction Costs to DM R/W Acquisition to Fund the Purchase of Certain Real Property Described Herein for the Belfort Rd Widening Proj, Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Include a Funding Source for Land Acquisition & Site Preparation to the Proj; Auth the Real Estate Div of the Dept of Public Works to Make Offers & Negotiate for the Purchase of the Properties; Auth Issuance of a Declaration of Taking; Auth & Directing OGC to Institute Appropriate Condemnation Proceedings (B.T. 24-029) (Boeckman) (Req of Mayor)
- 12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
1/2/24 NCSPHS 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
1/17/24 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: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 2 to correctly identify listing of properties

- **Authorizes the Chief of the Real Estate Division to make offers and negotiate with 4 property owners for the purchase of 4 fee simple titles and 3 temporary easements, not to exceed the appraised value**
- **The Office of General Counsel is authorized to institute appropriate legal proceedings to acquire these properties by condemnation if negotiations are unsuccessful**
- **Proposed project funding was budgeted in FY 22/23**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which corrected the properties listed in Exhibit 2. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee. Mr. Peterson explained the properties being condemned and acquired through eminent domain were required for the Belfort Road widening project.

Renee Hunter, Chief of Real Estate, explained that the City had been working with a consultant to acquire these four properties. One of the properties is owned by St. Vincent's Hospital, who actually requested that the City go through the condemnation and eminent domain process.

9. [2024-0025](#) ORD-MC Amend the Boundaries of the Acree CDD, Pursuant to Sec 190.046, F.S., & Ch 92, Ord Code, to Amend the Boundaries of the Acree CDD to Expand the Regional Territory by an Additional 77.56± Acres; Amend Sec 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts), Ch 92 (Uniform Community Development Districts), Ord Code, to Memorialize the Addition in Acreage; Prov for Conflict & Severability (Teal) (Introduced by the TEU Committee, pursuant to Sec 92.09, Ord Code) (PD Apv)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S., C.R. 3.601, Sec 190.005, F.S. & 92.11
Ord Code - 1/23/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

10. [2024-0027](#) ORD Approp \$134,615.00 in Grant Funding from the U.S. DOJ, Office of Justice Progs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to Fund the Purchase of Locative Tracking Devices & Related Supplies; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-034) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS 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

11. [2024-0028](#) ORD Approp \$98,005.00 from Available Revenue Balance in the Domestic Battery Surcharge Trust Fund to Estab the FY 23-24 Operating Budget for the Fund & to Provide Add'l Training to Law Enforcement Personnel in Combating Domestic Violence (B.T. 24-035) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Miller)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS 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

12. [2024-0029](#) ORD Approp Grant Funds in the Amount of \$249,953.00 from the U.S. DOJ, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), to Fund the Expansion of the Integrating Communications, Assessment, & Tactics (ICAT) Course Including the Purchase of Virtual Reality Equipment & Other Related Expenses; Prov for City Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-036) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS 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

13. [2024-0030](#) ORD Approp \$11,424,000.00 in Grant Funds from the FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to Provide Funding for the Northbank Riverwalk - Northbank Bulkhead Proj; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & FDEP Re the Proj; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 24-042) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray) (JWC Apv)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
1/16/24 NCSPHS 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

14. [2024-0033](#) ORD Approp \$2,500,000.00 from the Northbank Riverwalk - Northbank Bulkhead Proj to the Southbank Bulkhead Proj to Pay for Increased Construction Costs; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Transfer Funding to the Southbank Bulkhead Proj (B.T. 24-041) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray) (JWC Apv)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
1/16/24 NCSPHS 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

15. [2024-0034](#) ORD Approp \$508,030.00 in Grant Funding from FEMA Funded Through the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog, Through the FL Div of Emergency

Mgmt (FDEM), to Fund the Acquisition of Property Located at 5123 Martha Ann Dr, Jax, FL 32207 (RE # 133973-0140) & the Demolition of the Residential Structure Located Thereon; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City That Certain Federally-Funded Subaward & Grant Agrmt # B0205 btwn the City & FDEM; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Provide Funding for the Proj Entitled "Acquisition & Demo of a Floodprone Property - Martha Ann Drive"; Prov for Oversight by JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div (B.T. 24-040) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)

1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU

1/16/24 NCSPHS 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

16. [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: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

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**

CM Lahnen operated as the chair for this bill, as this legislation was introduced by CM Boylan.

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the emergency to increase the funding that United Way would receive up front to get this program up and running. The emergency was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Mr. Peterson explained an auditor-recommended amendment, which included a waiver of the Ordinance Code to authorize the advance payment. The auditor-recommended was unanimously approved by the Committee.

John Snyder, Division of Grants and Compliance, explained that because of the auditor-recommended amendment, an additional amendment would need to be passed in order to comply with the Ordinance Code. This amendment would need to specify that, with a waiver of the Ordinance Code, funds could be used to pay for appropriate Court fees but not fines or attorneys' fees. CM Boylan introduced an amendment to include a waiver of the Ordinance Code to allow for funds to be used for appropriate Court fees. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee, and the two amendments were rolled into one.

CM Boylan also asked Mr. Snyder whether the Committee would need to include an amendment that ensured that this program did not become re-occurring, and Mr. Snyder responded that these issues were administrative and would be discussed as United Way completed its term sheet with the City. CM Boylan also stated that he was not disposed to including an amendment allowing the funds to be spent on attorneys' fees.

17. [2024-0036](#) ORD Apv & Auth the CEO of DIA, or Her Desig, to Execute a Redev Agrmt btwn the DIA & Creekside at Timuquana LLC, to Support the Renovation & Rehab by Developer of a Historic Bldg Located at 208 N. Laura Street; Auth 3 DPRP Loans, in an Aggregate Amt not to Exceed \$4,969,900.00, to the Developer in Connection with the Proj, to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Designating DIA as Contract Monitor for the Redev Agrmt; Prov for Oversight of the Proj by DIA; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Redev Agrmt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs; Prov a Deadline for Developer to Execute the Redev Agrmt (Dillard) (Req of DIA)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F

1/16/24 NCSPHS 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

18. [2024-0037](#) ORD Apv & Auth the CEO of DIA, or Her Desig, to Execute a Redev Agrmt btwn the DIA & CLL Jones Bros LLC, to Support the Renovation & Rehab by Developer of a Historic Bldg Located at 520 N. Hogan St; Auth 3 DPRP Loans, in an Aggregate Amt not to Exceed \$6,033,500.00, to the Developer in Connection with the Proj, to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Designating DIA as Contract Monitor for the Redev Agrmt; Prov for Oversight of the Proj by DIA; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Redev Agrmt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs; Prov a Deadline for Developer to Execute the Redev Agrmt (Dillard) (Req of DIA)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS 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. [2024-0038](#) 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

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20. [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

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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-Sponsor CM Carlucci)
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

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22. [2024-0042](#) ORD Approp \$9,002,100 From Gen Fund Operating Reserves to Pay for Maintenance & Repairs to the John E. Goode Pre-trial Detention Facility; Prov for Carryover to FY 24-25; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord

2023-505-E to Prov Add'l Funding for the Pretrial Detention Facility - Maint & Upgrades Proj; Prov for Oversight by Public Works; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CMs Boylan & White) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Miller, Clark-Murray, Salem, Arias, Lahnen & Amaro)

1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F

1/16/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 8-0

1/17/24 F Emergency/Approve 8-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay, Peluso and Salem

• A one cycle emergency has been requested because the repairs funded through this appropriation are necessary to address immediate health and safety concerns at the Jail

CM Lahnen operated as the chair for this bill, as this legislation was introduced by CM Boylan.

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the emergency, with the repairs to the jail needed as quickly as possible. The emergency was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CP Salem commended CM Boylan for his work to determine needed repairs for the existing jail, which include mold remediation and elevator repairs. He stated that it was beneficial that these repairs would buy the existing jail some time while the City was in negotiations for a new football stadium. CP Salem also mentioned that this extra time would be helpful as the City looked to move prisoners out of the jail into one facility and the JSO administration into a separate facility.

CM Peluso stated that a representative from JSO should attend an upcoming Finance committee meeting to discuss specifics of how the funds are being spent. He stated that he supports the bill but thinks it important for these specifics to be presented at a public meeting.

CM Carlucci requested to be added as a co-sponsor and asked whether the administration was in support of this bill, and Anna Brosche, CFO, responded that the administration had no opinion on the bill.

Mr. Peterson noted that an exhibit attached to the bill showed the seventeen individual projects that would be funded through this legislation. CM White explained that the existing boiler at the jail was over thirty years old and that the jail also had issues with mold and broken-down elevators. He stated that these repairs should buy the City four to five years. CM Boylan noted that every member of the Special Committee of the Council to Review JSO Primary Facilities approved these repairs.

CM Freeman asked whether JSO was involved with the conversations regarding these improvements, and CM White confirmed that they were. CM Freeman asked whether the meetings to discuss these issues were broadcasted, recorded, and published, and CM White confirmed that they were. CM Freeman suggested that anyone who had questions about how the Committee decided on these repairs to watch these public meetings.

CM Peluso reiterated his position that, while these conversations were held publicly, a representative from JSO should report to the whole Council on these repairs. CP Salem stated that he would reach out to JSO so that someone could speak on them during the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

CM Lahnen requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

23. [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

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24. [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

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CM Clark Murray introduced students from Changwon, South Korea, who were visiting with host families as a program run by Jacksonville Sister Cities Association. The host families included students from James Weldon Johnson College Preparatory Middle School, Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts, Julia Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School, and Stanton College Preparatory School. Hannah Li, a representative from the visiting students, thanked the Committee and the City for its hospitality.

CM Carlucci expressed concern about the potential of JSO administration moving to a private facility on "prime real estate" closer to the river. CM Boylan explained that there will be a conversation about this possibility at the next meeting. He added that the separation between administration and the jail would take pressure off the detention center and that the City's leasing instead of owning the building would reduce the City's financial burden. He stated that the Real Estate Division was involved in the process, and that while the process for choosing a facility was not yet complete, this facility had the inside track.

CP Salem stated that JSO administration and jail could reasonably be separate. He stated that the building does not need to go through a competitive bid process, but he would still want the matter to be approved by the full Council. He stated that CM Boylan had consulted with the Office of the General Counsel as to the City Council's role in this matter, and the City Council's ultimate role is to ensure that JSO is able to fulfill its constitutional duties.

CM Carlucci reiterated his concern that housing JSO's administration might not be the best use of the property given its proximity to the river and added that leasing the building would require covering its property taxes in the City's budget. He stated that he believed this matter to be too quickly decided and observed that the use of the building should be further discussed at a future meeting.

Public Comment:

John Nooney spoke in support of 2023-0863 and observed that the revenue gained as a result of the approved cups sold by DIA could be a source of revenue to increase public access to waterways.

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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