

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2025-362

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member White

**Date of Introduction:** May 13, 2025

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

**Date of Analysis:** May 13, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appropriation

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$12,000,000 from Debt Management Fund loan proceeds to the Jacksonville Zoo Improvements – DM Other Construction Costs Account to provide funds for capital improvements at the City-owned facility located at 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida 32218. The ordinance amends the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan adopted by Ordinance 2024-505-E to reflect the appropriation of funds described herein to the project entitled “Jacksonville Zoo Improvements” and amends Ordinance 2024-504-E, the FY 2024-2025 Budget, to replace the 2nd Revised Schedule B4 and the FY 24-25 Debt Management Fund Detail, and the Revised Schedule B4-B, the FY 24-25 Capital Improvement Projects Funded via Borrowing. The bill also authorizes the borrowing and/or issuance of fixed-rate debt for the project and authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver a Sixth Amendment to the Capital Maintenance and Capital Improvements Cost Disbursement Agreement between the City and the Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. Oversight is assigned to the Public Works Department.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to appropriate \$12,000,000 to assist the Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. in completing planned capital improvements at the City-owned zoo facility before additional construction cost increases occur. This advance reflects funding originally scheduled for fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029. The Sixth Amendment to the Capital Maintenance and Capital Improvements Cost Disbursement Agreement increases the maximum indebtedness under the agreement to \$41,000,000 and allows the disbursement of the advanced funds for 100% of the verified direct costs of the improvements on a reimbursable basis. The funding will support the timely execution of zoo improvement projects at the facility located at 370 Zoo Parkway.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jacksonville Zoo improvements

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$12,000,000 from Debt Management Fund loan proceeds.

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