

City of Jacksonville

*117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Finance Committee

*Aaron Bowman, Chair
LeAnna Cumber, Vice Chair
Randy DeFoor
Terrance Freeman
Tommy Hazouri
Ju'Coby Pittman
Ron Salem, Pharm. D.*

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Deputy General Counsel: Peggy Sidman
Administration: Rachel Lockhart
Asst. Council Auditor: Kim Taylor*

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Meeting Convened:9:32 AM

Meeting Adjourned:11:28 AM

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Attendance:Council Members Aaron Bowman (Chair), LeAnna Cumber, Randy DeFoor, Terrance Freeman, Tommy Hazouri, Ju'Coby Pittman, Ron Salem

Also: Council Members Matt Carlucci and Sam Newby; Kim Taylor – Council Auditor's Office; Peggy Sidman, Susan Grandin and Cherry Shaw – Office of General Counsel; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Crystal Shemwell, Juliette Williams, Sharonda Davis – Legislative Services Division; Melanie Wilkes – Council Staff Services; Brian Hughes, Stephanie Burch, Jordan Elsbury, Rachel Lockhart – Mayor's Office; Kirk Wendland and Karen Nasrallah – Office of Economic Development; Sherry Hall – JEA; Joey Greive – Finance and Administration Department; John Pappas – Public Works Department; Steve Woodard – Emergency Preparedness Division; Donnie Horner III – Kids Hope Alliance

Chairman Bowman announced that a presentation would be made at the beginning of the meeting on the Kids Hope Alliance Stop the Violence mini-grant program. Then the committee will take up 2019-747 and 2019-732 for Council Member Carlucci and 2019-737 for Council Member Newby before moving back to the start of the agenda.

Kids Hope Alliance presentation: Kevin Gay, KHA Board Chair, expressed thanks to the agency's leadership team for their good work. He said the mini-grant program has brought attention to many agencies that had been doing good work in the community without any notice or support. He thanked the Council for providing funding and support for the mini-grant program.

Donnie Horner III, Acting CEO of the KHA, talked about the negative effects of violence experienced and witnessed by youth and discussed 5 violence prevention strategies: 1) developing safe, stable and nurturing relationships between children and their peers and families; 2) developing life skills in children and adolescents; 3) promoting equality to prevent violence against women or other groups; 4) promoting resiliency factors and reduce risk factors; 5) changing the social norm of violence within communities. Many children don't have a safe place to go and productive things to do after school which is an invitation to trouble. The City's mini-grant funding was originally allocated strictly to small agencies in small amounts; 47 providers were chosen and have served over 8,000 youth to date. Another \$200,000 is allocated in the FY19-20 budget to continue the Stop the Violence grants. The KHA is still collecting data on challenges presented by the grants and the grant process, engagement strategies, success measures, and lessons to be learned. The RFP will be updated for the next round for solicitations in April 2020. A "small provider academy" will be formed to help small agencies understand the KHA process and the mini-grant applications. More technical assistance will be provided to agencies with very little staff. The grant cap has been increased from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Council Member Salem said it will be important to collect data on what happens to the specific 8,000 youth being served by these grant-supported agencies - are they being successful in school? Are they being arrested?

Council Member DeFoor thanked Mr. Gay and Mr. Horner for their leadership on this issue and asked if there was a goal for how many youth will be served. Mr. Horner said there is not; the emphasis is on providing quality services for now to see what works and what doesn't.

Council Member Hazouri asked if KHA is tracking the individual youth being served by the grant programs. Mr. Horner said they are not; the RFP for the mini-grants asked agencies to track the number of youth served, but did not require tracking each one individually over time. That will be a requirement in the next RFP. In response to a question from Mr. Hazouri about what KHA can do about the poverty that is at the root of so many problems, Mr. Horner cited the Mayor's Youth to Work Partnership going from seasonal to all-year and expanding from City jobs to the private sector. He is working with the Chamber of Commerce on expanded job opportunities. The KHA has also hired an employee to be the Director of Family Engagement to deal with families of the participants, not just the youth.

In response to a question from Council Member Pittman about whether there is any information on youth reaction to the programs Mr. Horner said only anecdotal evidence from individual participants is available at this point; the agency is considering doing a more comprehensive survey to see what participants think of the programs.

Council Member Cumber agreed that tracking individual youth progress through high school is important to judge results. She asked if KHA's usual tracking requirements apply to these mini-grants and Mr. Horner said mini-grants RFP was not specific to anything more than number of youth served. In response to a question from Ms. Cumber about how much funding the KHA expected to be left over at the end of the year, Mr. Horner said he was hopeful that it will be \$0 and all funds will all be deployed. The funds are reimbursable only and the providers know that the deadline for expenditure is March 2020. In response to a question about whether the grant recipients can use the grants as a match for other funds, Mr. Horner said the RFP did not prohibit it, but he doesn't know that anyone has used it for that purpose.

Council Member Freeman said the mini-grant program serves a great purpose and has been needed for years. He sees how small organizations do great work but have trouble documenting their success because they're so small and run on a shoestring. There is still a huge number of children who aren't served by KHA programs and he thinks a dedicated funding source is ultimately what's needed in this community.

Council Member Salem said that surveys are OK for getting general feedback, but the responsibility for tracking individual youth should be KHA's job because the service agencies can't do that.

Council Member Pittman said tracking is important, but the input of the youth served is equally important to developing programs that address their actual needs. Small grassroots entities don't have the capacity to front program expenses and wait for reimbursement. The amount of money left unspent at this point in the year means that something else needs to be tried to overcome provider difficulties and get those funds deployed.

Council Member Bowman said City Council doesn't want to micromanage the program but the concerns expressed today need to be addressed before the new RFP goes out in the spring. In response to a question about how KHA identifies youth in need and reaches them with programming, Mr. Horner said target zip codes, quality of schools, food desert information, the Opportunity Index, etc. identify target areas, and the service providers know where the needs are. Mr. Bowman said that City Council has prioritized mentorship in its strategic plan so a way needs to be found to identify youth who would benefit from that service.

Item/File No.

Title History

1. [2019-0555](#) ORD Auth the Approp of \$1,725,422.19 in funding from the City's General Fund, General Svc. Dist. Fund Balance, in order to provide funding for the repayment by the City of funds received from the State of FL Dept of Environmental Protection, Pursuant to that certain land & water conservation Fund Agreement No.12-00182 btwn the City & the State of FL ("Grant Agreement"), to allow for the future dev of Metropolitan Park; Apv & Auth Mayor & Corp Sec to Exec any Grant Agreemt termination docs & othr agreemts as req by law.
(B.T. 19-112)(Lotzia)(Req of Mayor)
8/13/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
8/19/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/19/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/20/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
8/27/2019 CO PH Read 2nd and Rerefered; NCSPHS,TEU,F
9/5/2019 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled/Defer
9/5/2019 TEU Meeting Cancelled/Defer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 8/27/19

DEFER (At the request of the Administration)

- 2. [2019-0693](#) ORD-MC Regarding JEA; Amend Sec 21.07 (Fiscal & Budgetary Functions), Article 21 (JEA), City Charter, to create a New Subsection M to provide for a sharing of dividends to JEA customers based on JEA’s change in net position. (Sidman)(Introduced by CM Dennis)
 9/24/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
 9/30/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/1/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
 10/1/2019 R Read 2nd and Rerefer
 10/8/2019 CO PH Addnl Read 2nd and Rerefered;TEU,F,R
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S.& to Sec. 21.11, City Charter & CR 3.601 – 10/8/19 & 11/12/19

DEFER (Pursuant to Section 21.11 City Charter Public Hearing)

- 3. [2019-0695](#) ORD Approp \$141,965.00 from the Contingency for Federal Programs & from Grant Funds for return of City Matches to the Jaxport River Gauges Accts to fund FY 2020 Operating & Maintenance Costs for Various River Gauges pursuant to Ord 2019-293-E. (B.T. 19-123)(McCain)(Req of Mayor)
 9/24/2019 CO Introduced: TEU,F
 9/30/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/1/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
 10/8/2019 CO PH Read 2nd and Rerefered;TEU, F
 11/4/2019 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/5/2019 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 10/8/19

AMEND(TEU)/APPROVE

- 1. Change funding source to General Fund/Geeneral Services District fund balance
- 2. Reduce appropriation to \$57,461.00
- 3. Attach Revised BT
- 4. Attache Amended and Restated Contribution Agreement with JaxPort
- 5. Strike carryover language

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

4. [2019-0700](#) ORD Approp \$1,022,425.00 from Tax Collector Investment Pool Earnings to fund Relocation of the Commonwealth Branch to Proposed Lease Location at 8299 West Beaver St, Marietta; Auth Mayor & Corp Sec to execute Lease Agreemt btwn City of Jax, for and on behalf of the Tax Collector (Tenant), and Saglo Dev Corp, said lease being for a term of One Hundred Twenty-Six (126) months, with two (2) addnl successive five (5) renewal options, for approx 7,475 sq ft of Office Space located at 8299 West Beaver St; Oversight by Real Estate Div of Dept of Public Works.
(BT 19-119) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
9/24/2019 CO Introduced: F
10/1/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
10/8/2019 CO PH Read 2nd and Rerefered;F
11/5/2019 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 10/8/19

AMEND/APPROVE

Deborah Doran, CFO for the Tax Collector, said their lease has expired at the Commonwealth Avenue site (JEA office colocation) and they will be moving the office to a shopping center on West Beaver Street.

Kim Taylor said there are some additional technical lease changes separate from the Auditor's marked amendments on the agenda that need to be moved separately.

Motion: place a revised document On File to incorporate changes to the lease agreement requested by the Tax Collector and Landlord - approved 7-0

Motion (DeFoor): change the name of the lessor in the ordinance and the lease document - approved 7-0

Roll marked amendment, DeFoor amendment and technical amendment into a single Finance amendment

AMENDMENT

- 1. Revise carryover to FY 20/21**
- 2. Pg. 1, line 9: insert "Branch" after "Marietta"**
- 3. Pg. 2, lines 7-8: strike "a transfer" and insert "an appropriation"**
- 4. Pg. 2, line 13: insert "2020" after "September"**
- 5. Clarify in explanation of appropriation that funds will be used for buildout, relocation expenses, and office furniture/equipment**
- 6. Corrects the landlord name in the bill**
- 7. Places a revised document On File to incorporate changes to the lease agreement requested by the Tax Collector and Landlord**

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

5. [2019-0725](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 120.203 (Contributions: Refund of Contributions), Pt.2(Gen Employees Retirement Plan), Chapt. 120 (Gen Employees & Corrections Officers Pension Plans & all Employees Defined Contribution Retirement Plans), Ord Code, to provide for payment of JEA's unfunded actuarial accrued liability upon JEA recapitalization event; Making amendment contingent upon recapitalization event for a sunset date . (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Carlucci)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd and Rerefered;TEU,F,R
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

DEFER (At request of JEA)

6. [2019-0726](#) ORD Apv Collective Bargain Agreemt bet JEA & Jacksonville Supervisors Assn (JSA), such agreemnt commencing 10/1/19 & ending 9/30/22 (Granat) (Req of JEA)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;TEU,F,R
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

DEFER (At request of JEA)

7. [2019-0727](#) ORD Apv Collective Bargain Agreemt bet JEA & American Federation of State (AFSCME), County & Municipal Employees, FL Council 79, Local 429 (AFSCME), such agreemnt. Commencing 10/1/19 & ending 9/30/22 (Granat) (Req of JEA)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;TEU,F,R
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

DEFER (At request of JEA)

8. [2019-0728](#) ORD Apv Collective Bargain Agreemt bet JEA & Jacksonville Professional Employees Assoc., such agreemnt commencing 10/1/19 & ending 9/30/22 (Granat) (Req of JEA)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;TEU,F,R
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

DEFER (At request of JEA)

9. [2019-0729](#) ORD Apv Collective Bargain Agreemt bet JEA & Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630 LIUNA; such agreemnt commencing 10/1/19 & ending 9/30/22 (Granat) (Req of JEA)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;TEU,F,R
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

DEFER (At request of JEA)

10. [2019-0730](#) ORD Apv Collective Bargain Agreemt bet JEA & IBEW Local 2358;; such agreemnt commencing 10/1/19 & ending 9/30/22 (Granat) (Req of JEA)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;TEU,F,R
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

DEFER (At request of JEA)

11. [2019-0732](#) ORD MC-Concerning a Corrections Dept. Literacy Program within the JSO;Creating a new Sec. 37.115 (Correction Dept. Literacy Prog.),Pt1 (Organization),Chapt. 37 (Ofc. Of Sheriff), Ord Code, to create the Corrections Dept. Literacy Prog. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Hazouri,DeFoor, Morgan, Newby, R. Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Bowman, Pittman, Salem, Freeman & White)
 10/8/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,F
 10/14/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
 11/4/2019 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 11/5/2019 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

Council Members Bowman, Freeman, Salem and Pittman asked to be added as co-sponsors.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

12. [2019-0734](#) ORD Approp \$237,869.97 from the JIA/CRA Trust Fund, Investmt Pool Earnings to the future yrs Debt Reduction Categy, pursuant to Sec. 106.346,Ord Code, for the purpose of Approp. the Interest Earnings on the JIA/CRA Trust Fund Acct which accumulated to above \$100,000 that were not included in Apvd. JIA/CRA 2019/2020 FY Yr Budget (Grandin) (Introduced by CP Wilson) (Co-Sponsored by CMs R.Gaffney, Newby & Carlucci)
 10/8/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,F
 10/14/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
 11/4/2019 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 11/5/2019 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

13. [2019-0735](#) ORD Approp \$327,336.90 from Countywide Intersec Imp/BRGE-Bridges to San Clerc Rd. Pedestrian Bridges for the Design & Constructn. of two Pedestrian Bridges & Handrailing; Amending the 2020/2024 5 Yr. CIP Apvd. by Ord 2019-505-E to reduce funding for the Proj. Entitled "Countywide Intersection IMP, BRGE-Bridges" & provide funding for the Proj. Entitled "San Clerc Rd. Pedestrian Bridges" (BT 19-125) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
 10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU, F
 10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered; TEU, F
 11/4/2019 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/5/2019 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

AMEND(TEU)/APPROVE**Attaches Revised Exhibit 2 (revised CIP project sheets)**

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

14. [2019-0736](#) ORD Approp \$300,000 from a Grant Awarded to the City by the U.S. EPA for a Brownfields Assessment Cooperative Agreement to provide funding to inventory, characterize, assess, & conduct cleanup planning & community involvement-related activities on Brownfields sites in the Downtown Urban Core, Lavilla, Mccoys Creek, Eastside, & Springfield Neighborhoods; Providing for a carryover of funds into subsequent FY Yrs; Apv & Auth the Mayor, his designee & Corp. Secretary to execute & deliver the Cooperative Agreement btwn the City & U.S. EPA; Oversight by Planning Dept. (BT 19-124) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
 10/8/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/14/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered; NCSPHS, F
 11/4/2019 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 11/5/2019 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE**Adds explanation of appropriation accounts**

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

15. [2019-0737](#) ORD Concerning FY17/18 COJ Budget; Amend Ord 2017-504-E (The COJ Budget Ord) to revise the general terms & conditions for a redevelopment agreement btwn the City & Edward Waters College, Inc. to: (1) Auth disbursements from the City to EWC on a work performed & invoiced basis, rather than on a reimbursement basis; & (2) revise exhibit 6 attached to the Budget Ord.; Attaching & Incorporating the revised exhibit 6 to the Budget Ord.; Auth the Mayor, or his designee & Corp. Secretary to execute & deliver an amendment 2 to the agreement to provide for disbursement of City funds on a work performed & invoiced basis (Sawyer)(Req of Mayor)(Co-Sponsored by CM Newby & Bowman)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: F
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;F
11/5/2019 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

Council Member Salem asked about how this revision will differ from the current agreement. CAO Brian Hughes said that the college can't easily afford to pay the contractor and then ask the City for reimbursement; this amendment will provide for the City to pay bills directly as invoices are received by the college.

Dr. Zachary Faison, President of EWC, invited the Council to a groundbreaking this Friday at 2 pm for a new residence hall.

Council Member Freeman asked Dr. Faison to keep City Council engaged in what's happening at the college, which is an important community asset.

Council Member Newby thanked the Mayor's Office for supporting this bill to help EWC be successful. EWC is the oldest historically black college in Florida and the fastest growing college in Florida in the last 2 years.

President Faison described the improvements going on at EWC and the benefits that they will provide for the community at large.

Council Member Bowman asked to be added as co-sponsor.

AMEND/APPROVE

1. On Pg. 1, line 6: inserts "Section 11.18 of" after "Amending".

2. On Pg. 2, line 30: boldfaces "On File".

3. Places Revised Amendment Two on file to require copies of canceled checks be submitted with each disbursement request to certify that contractors have been paid.

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

16. [2019-0738](#) ORD Apv & Auth Execution & Delivery of a lien Subordination Agreement Among the City of Jax, Breeze Homes, LLC. & local initiatives support corp. in connection with the redevelopment, rehabilitation & improvement of the vacant property located at 5809 Trout River Blvd. R.E. # 021161-0000, (Property) to auth a subordination of the City of Jacksonville's Demolition & Nuisance liens to allow Breeze Homes to obtain the necessary Financing from LISC to Construct & Install New Water Utility Pipes & Lines Systems on the Subj Property; Accepting the Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by First Atlantic Bank in Favor of the City, as beneficiary, in amount of \$145,418.00 in the event of default by Breeze Homes, LLC (Pollock) (Req of Mayor)
10/8/2019 CO Introduced: TEU,F
10/14/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;TEU,F
11/4/2019 TEU 5-1 (CM Dennis)
11/5/2019 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

- 17. [2019-0745](#) ORD Approp \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection & Related Expenses Trust Fund, Ord Subfund 15F, for a County-wide Program to provide Tree Planting in the Public r/w's where Trees have been removed by the City due to Tree Condition; Providing Carryover of funds into Subsequent FY's (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsored by CMs R.Gaffney, Diamond, Morgan, Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman, Salem & Carlucci)
 - 10/8/2019 Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 - 10/14/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
 - 11/4/2019 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 - 11/5/2019 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 - Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Motion (Salem): amend the bill to permit tree funds to be used in City parks in addition to rights-of-way - approved 7-0

- 1. Removes reference to Tree Commission-approved tree planting list attached as Exhibit 2 (no Exhibit 2 was attached to the bill as filed)
- 2. Includes Public Works as oversight department
- 3. Amends the bill to permit tree funds to be used in City parks in addition to rights-of-way

Council Member Hazouri asked Kathleen McGovern, City Arborist, about keeping trees alive after the initial warranty period is over. She said the city has different warranty periods in different areas, but after 2 years the trees should be well enough established to live. The department recently brought a water truck to help keep trees alive.

Chairman Bowman asked to be added as a cosponsor.

Kim Taylor reported that there is \$24 million available in total between the 2 funds (\$4.9M in the Charter fund and \$19.1M in the Ordinance fund). Over the past 15 months the funds have collected approximately \$1.6 million in revenue.

Council Members Pittman, DeFoor, Cumber and Hazouri asked to be added as cosponsors.

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

18. [2019-0747](#) ORD-Approp \$1,550,000 from General Fund/General Svc. Dist. Fund Balance to the Downtown Historic Preservation & Revitalization Trust Fund to Replenish Funding (Johnston) (Introduced by CMs Carlucci, DeFoor & Boylan) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Pittman, Hazouri, Morgan, & Priestly Jackson)
10/8/2019 Introduced:NCSPHS, F
10/14/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/2019 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Approve 3-4 (White, Diamond, R.Gaffney, Newby)
11/5/2019 F Approve 0-7(Failed) (Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman, Salem)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -10/22/19

Council Member Carlucci advocated for appropriating the funding to replenish this account that has done great projects and can do more. The fund is entirely committed at this point and additional projects require future Council appropriations. Developers will be incentivized to do projects by seeing funding immediately available. He thinks there's also a need for a fund that can help incentivize vacant but not historic buildings. The DIA should be driving downtown development and could really use this fund.

Council Member Salem posed questions to DIA CEO Boyer and attorney Sondra Fetner. How do dollars get spent from this fund and do there have to be funds available before a project can be proposed? Ms. Boyer said various programs and funding sources are available; any expenditure over \$50,000 must be approved by City Council, which can approve without a specific funding award that can be identified later when the project actually underway and can be funded then like a QTI or a REV grant is funded in future years' budgets as claims for payment are made. Mr. Salem asked if the lack of current funding is hindering projects? Ms. Fetner said it is not hindering projects, but the fund can be seen different ways based on philosophy – a pot of available funding that can signal the downtown being open for business, or a specific amount could be seen as a limiting cap. More than \$7 million has been pledged from this fund for projects that must be appropriated later.

In response to a question from Chairman Bowman about whether there has ever been a DIA-approved project that the Council subsequently refused to fund, Ms. Boyer said that to her knowledge there has not.

Council Member Hazouri asked why a trust fund is needed at all if projects are always funded later anyway? In response to a question about how the DIA attempts to lure projects to downtown, Ms. Fetner said that developers wanting to work in downtown Jacksonville come to DIA and are offered a variety of incentive options. This fund has traditionally been used as a special revenue fund with specific guidelines. Ms. Boyer said there's currently about \$800,000 unencumbered in the fund, but \$7 million in commitments awaiting appropriations, generally by way of the annual budget bill.

Council Member DeFoor asked what is the purpose of the fund? Ms. Boyer said it is limited in its use by specific criteria about what is deemed “historic”, how the funds can be spent, and has the \$50,000 City Council approval threshold. Ms. DeFoor asked if the original purpose was to incentivize companies to come from out of Jacksonville to use the incentive to rehab our historic buildings, what options does DIA have that does that aside from the Historic Preservation Fund? Ms. Boyer said they generally advertise Jacksonville's downtown as a site for development and offer lots of programs that are not tied to this specific fund. In response to a question from Ms. Cumber whether is there is ever an immediate need for dollars to be allocated quickly, Ms. Boyer said projects must have a grant awarded and complete the project for reimbursement eligibility, so there's never a quick need for cash. Ms. Cumber said she doesn't want to deter anyone's interest by having a fixed amount that might look like a cap. Council Member Freeman asked CAO Brian Hughes about his experience as acting head of DIA. Mr. Hughes said he brought the Jones Furniture and Ambassador Hotel projects to Council and also the Barnett Building. The way this fund is used has changed over the years, from giving money up-front to incentivize developers to a total reimbursement basis, so there isn't a need a pot of ready cash for quick use. He has never had the experience that a lack of funding discourages developers from proposing deals and asking for incentives from the City.

Ms. Boyer said there are lots of initiatives downtown that will require funding sources in the next few years. Chairman Bowman said he thinks the current system is working with DIA and the Mayor's Office requesting funding as needed. He thinks the status quo is OK but supports historic preservation and will advocate for funding later as necessary. Council Member Carlucci said the fund was created to promote and incentivize downtown development. Developers are rightly concerned that they might get to the end of a project and then find the City is short of cash for some reason and might not fund their project. Replenishing this fund is a sales tool for downtown. He advocates for investing for downtown's future. Not providing funding can be seen as a negative signal on downtown.

In response to a question from Council Member Hazouri about whether the City has ever defaulted on an economic development project payment, Ms. Boyer said it has not.

Motion (Hazouri): defer the bill - fails 3-4

APPROVE

Nay: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

19. [2019-0758](#) ORD Approp \$270,000.00 (\$202,500.00 from Dept of Homeland Security - Port Security Grant Prog & Local Match of \$67,500.00 from City's Reserves) to fund CBRNE Port and Maritime Vessel Support System & Port Stationary Detection System. Auth Grant Award btwn Dept of Homeland Security & the City of Jax; Designate Oversight by Emerg Preparedness Div. (BT 20-014) (McCain) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Dennis)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced:NCSPHS, F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/12/19

READ 2ND AND REREFER

20. [2019-0759](#) ORD Apv & Adopting Revised Underwriting Guidelines for JSEB access to Capital Prog to clarify pre-qualification criteria & required documentation. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced:F,R
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
11/5/2019 R Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/12/19

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21. [2019-0761](#) ORD Approp \$150,000.00 from Gen Fund – Fund Balance to PAO to support Media Campaign for 2020 Census. (BT 20-016) (McCain) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Dennis)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: F
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/12/19

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22. [2019-0763](#) ORD Approp \$250,000.00 from Gen. Fund Balance to Facilitate Setting Up Office Spaces & Equipmnt in the Existing Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dept. Location for the Newly Created Sports & Entertainment Div.; Req 1 Cycle Emerg. Passage (B.T. 20-020) (McCain) (Req of Mayor) (Co-sponsored by CM Dennis,Diamond & R.Gaffney)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
11/5/2019 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
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EMERGENCY/AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

1. Corrects funding source to General Fund/General Services District.
2. Corrects Explanation of Appropriation section.
3. Attaches Revised Exhibit 1 (revised BT) to correct revenue transfer

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

23. [2019-0764](#) ORD Approp \$307,894.53 from the Sale of Water Quality Compensatory Credits pursuant to Ord 2017-516-E in order to Perform Water Quality Improvement Work in the Downtown Area; Amend the 2020/2024 5-Yr CIP Apvd. by Ord 2019-505-E to use Proceeds from the Proj. entitled "Downtown Water Quality Improvement-Water Quality Credits Sale" (B.T. 19-127) (Mc Cain) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –11/12/19

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24. [2019-0765](#) ORD Approp \$211,575.00 from the Traffic Calming Constrn. Proj. to the Southside Estates Traffic Calming Proj.;Amend the 2020/2024 5 Yr CIP Apvd. by Ord 2019-505-E to reduce funding for the Proj. entitled "Traffic Calming Constrn." & Provide Funding for the Proj. entitled 'Southside Estates Traffic Calming "(B.T. 20-013)
(McCain) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –11/12/19

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25. [2019-0767](#) ORD Approp \$750,000 from the NW Jax Economic Developmnt Fund-Supermarket Incentive Prog. to Subsidies & Contributions to Private Organizations to Commonwealth SDC,LLC ("Company") for the purpose of providing a \$750,000 Full Svc. Grocery Store Improvemnts Prog. Grant in Connection with the Renovation of an existing , vacant, 49,000 Sq. Ft. Grocery Store at 1020 N. Edgewood Ave. in a Food Desert Area to be Leased to a New Full-Svc. Grocery Store Tenant, Apv & Auth execution of docs. by the Mayor or his Designee & Corp. Sec.;Auth Approval of technical amendmnts by the Exec. Director of the OED; Provide for City Oversight by OED; Affirm the Proj.'s Compliance with the Full Svc. Grocery Store Improvement Prog. Criteria Apvd. & Adopted by ORD 2019-245-E (B.T. 20-018)(Sawyer)(Req of Mayor) (Co-sponsored by CM Dennis)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,F,R
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
11/5/2019 R Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -11/12/19

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26. [2019-0768](#) ORD Approp \$300,000.00 from the NW Jax Economic Dev Fund – Supermarket Incentive Prog to the Mobile Markets Prog (in the amount of \$200,000) & the Transportation Prog (in the amount of \$100,000), to fund 2 pilot progs to address food deserts within NW Jax; Approving & Adopting the Objectives, Proposed Allocation of Funds & Criteria for the Food Desert Pilot Progs, consisting of the Delivery Initiatives Prog, the Mobile Market Prog, the Transportation Prog & the Expanded Inventory Offering Prog, as req by Ord 2019-245-E. (BT 20-019) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)(Co-sponsored by CM Dennis)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -11/12/19

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27. [2019-0769](#) ORD MC-Approp \$40,000.00 from Tourist Dev. Council fund to fund Equestrian Ctr. Grants Awarded pursuant to Sec. 666.108 (8) under the Tourist Dev. Plan set forth in Chapt. 666, Ord Code, to separately account for Equestrian Ctr. Grants & Allow Grant Funding to carryover each yr.; purpose; Amend Sec. 111.600 (Tourist Dev. Tax Special Rev. Fund; Dev., Contingency & Convention Grants Acct.),Pt. 6(Economic & Comm. Dev.) Chapt. 111 (Special Rev. & trust Accts),Ord Code; Amend Sec. 666.108 (Tourist Dev. Plan), Chapt. 666 (Duval County Tourist Dev. Plan), Ord Code; Amend Tourist Dev. Council grant Guidelines; Provide Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Req of Duval County Tourist Dev. Council)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -11/12/19

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28. [2019-0771](#) ORD Approp \$255,207.00 from Sidewalks/Bikelanes-Countywide & from Sidewalk Constrn.-New to Ellis Rd Sidewalk Improvemt to Complete Constrn of New Sidewalks along W/S of Ellis Rd from Lenox Ave to Normandy Blvd; Amending the 2020/2024 5 Yr. CIP Apvd. by Ord 2019-505-E to reduce funding for the Projs. Entitled "Sidewalks/Bikelanes-Countywide" & "Sidewalk Construction-New" & to provide funding for the Proj. Entitled "Ellis Rd Sidewalk Improvements" (BT 19-126) (McCain) (Req of Mayor) (Co-sponsored by CM Dennis)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/2019 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
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29. [2019-0772](#) ORD Auth & Apv Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on behalf of the City, the Restrictive Covenant btwn & among the City, the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society, & State of FL, Dept of State, Div of Cultural Affairs; Auth & Apv Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on behalf of the City, the 2nd Amend to license agreemt btwn the City & the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society; Oversight by Parks, Recreation & Comm Svcs Dept. (McCain)(Req of Mayor)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,F
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -11/12/19

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30. [2019-0773](#) ORD Approp \$1,500,000.00 in Grant Funds from the St. Johns River Water Mgmt. Dist for its participation in the costs of McCoy's Creek Improvemt Proj; Amending the 2020/2024 5 Yr. CIP Apvd. by Ord 2019-505-E to provide funding for the Proj. Entitled "McCoy's Creek Restoration"; Auth Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on behalf of the City, the Cost Share Agreemt btwn the St. Johns River Water Mgmt. Dist & the City; Oversight by the Engineering & Constrn Mgmt Div of the P.W. Dept. (B.T. 19-128)(McCain)(Req of Mayor)
(Co-Sponsored by CM Dennis & Ferraro)
10/22/2019 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWW
11/4/2019 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/5/2019 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 -11/12/19

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Attendance:
CM Newby
CM Carlucci

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Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Aaron Bowman, Vice Chair LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Randy DeFoor, Council Member Terrance Freeman, Council Member Tommy Hazouri, Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman and Council Member Ron Salem

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