

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

9:30 AM

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

Finance Committee

*Nick Howland, Chair
Randy White, Vice Chair
Raul Arias
Kevin Carrico
Reggie Gaffney, Jr.
Will Lahnen
Ju'Coby Pittman*

*Legislative Assistant: Barbara Ireland Hobson
Council Auditor's Office: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor
Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor
Council Research: Jeff Clements, Chief
Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy
Administration: Scott Wilson, Council Liaison*

Meeting Convened: 9:34 a.m. Meeting Adjourned: 12:47 p.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Randy White, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Kevin Carrico, Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., Council Member Will Lahnen and Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

Attendance:

CP Ron Salem (2023-762 & 2023-807), CMs Mike Gay, Joe Carlucci, Rahman Johnson, Chris Miller, Michael Boylan, Jimmy Peluso (2023-807); Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Brian Parks – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Merriane Lahmeur, Barbara Hobson - Legislative Services Division; Eric Grantham – Public Information Division; Mary Staffopoulos, Carla Lopera, – General Counsel’s Office; Scott Wilson, Bill Delaney – Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche, Angela Moyer – Finance and Administration Department

Chairman Howland convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair announced that there would be two presentations, one at the beginning of the meeting and one at the end. The administration will provide a briefing on pending Ordinance 2023-807 which appropriates funds for programs recommended by the Mayor’s transition teams and Council Auditor Kim Taylor will review 4 recently released audit follow-ups at the conclusion of the agenda. The Mayor’s Office will provide an update on the Langton and Associates consulting contract discussed at the last committee meeting. Item #12, 2023-762, will be heard first, then the rest of the agenda in order. CM Gay will provide an update on a recommendation by the Jacksonville Waterways Commission’s St. Johns River Shoal Subcommittee.

Council President Salem urged council members to have noticed member-to-member meetings over the next 2 weeks to develop any proposed amendments to 2023-807 before the City Council meeting on December 12th.

Public Comment

Brooks Andrews with Riverside Avondale Preservation said RAP supports the appropriation in Ordinance 2023-807 for development of a RAP Cultural Trail as a place-making initiative. What is missing are wayfinding resources to inform visitors to the area about what attractions are available and where. Cultural trails are an economic driver for the communities that develop them.

Carnell Oliver said he has issues with some of the proposed KHA appropriations in 2023-807 and believes a cash assistance program to families in need would be more efficient than some of the programs the KHA operates. Such programs would improve the economic status of families and reduce the need for programs. There should be a taxing district for children’s services.

John Nooney referenced the amount of money being paid for the property acquisition in 2023-766. Please consider more public access for waterways.

Update on single-source procurement for Langton and Associates city lobbying contract

Chairman Howland said the company is not licensed to provide lobbying services and is subcontracting for that service, and the City already has a grant-writing firm under contract. Therefore it appears to him the company can only provide one of the three functions - public policy consulting – for which the City is contracting with it.

Scott Wilson of the Mayor’s Office said the contract will run for 1 year and an RFP will be developed to procure those services next year. Chairman Howland asked if the administration is willing to work with the City Council to increase transparency in procurement at the front end rather than after awards. Mr. Wilson said it is. CM Lahnen asked when development of the RFP would begin. Mr. Wilson said it will begin shortly and could take several months. CM Lahnen said there is a cancellation clause in the contract with the Langton firm so it could be cancelled in less than one year if the RFP is ready for issuance. CM Carrico said the City needs to be getting ready for the Florida legislative session in the spring. CM Peluso urged caution about cancelling a contract in the middle of a lobbying effort at the federal level – a city can really set itself back by doing that and starting over with a new firm. CM Carrico asked if anyone in the administration is certified already to lobby in Tallahassee. Deputy CAO Kelly O’Leary said she did not believe that anyone in the administration is certified. CM Carrico said there needs to be a registered lobbyist in Tallahassee immediately to be ready for the upcoming session.

Presentation by Administration on Mayor's Task Force Programs and Initiatives (Bills 2023-807 and 2023-808)

Chairman Howland said he will apply 3 filters to his consideration of these bills: 1) Does City government need to deal with this issue? 2) Is the amount being proposed rational and justified? 3) Is the proposed spending redundant or duplicative of other existing programs?

Joe Inderhees, Mayor’s Deputy Chief of Staff, made a presentation on the proposed spending in Ordinance 2023-807. The bill proposes funding initiatives in 8 areas: A Healthier Jacksonville; Accessible Duval; Addressing Homelessness; Beautiful Jacksonville; Building Local Business; Honoring Service; Programs for the American Dream; and Youth and Families.

Youth and Families: President Salem asked if the proposed literacy programs are the same as those from the Jacksonville Journey years ago or something different. Kenneth Derrity with the Kids Hope Alliance described the nature of the literacy programs after school and in the summertime. President Salem asked for more comparative information on the programs then and now. CM Joe Carlucci asked about lifeguard salaries; Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, said currently the lifeguard salary starts at \$14/hour, with a higher rate for managers. The new bill will raise that to \$15/hour to start which is more comparable to the market rate. CM J. Carlucci asked about the wi-fi in parks initiative. Mr. Joseph said wi-fi is available in many park buildings now, and this will expand it to the full area of the park outdoors for the convenience of park users, for outdoor classroom use, etc. CM Lahnen said the City needs to coordinate this effort with the School Board because they are planning wi-fi expansions around some schools and we don't want to duplicate efforts. CM Carrico asked to what extent he should refrain from addressing this bill because his employer will likely be receiving some of these funds. Mary Staffopoulos from the Office of General Counsel said she would consult with the Ethics Office immediately but that out of an abundance of caution he should not speak to the bill at all during this meeting.

CM Arias asked which parks will be getting wi-fi; Mr. Joseph said he will consult with council members about where they feel the need is the greatest. In response to a question from CM Arias, Budget Officer Angela Moyer addressed the future maintenance costs of wi-fi in parks. Mr. Arias suggested purchasing and deploying mobile hot spots as needed rather than permanently installing wi-fi equipment. Wanyonyi Kendrick, Chief Information Officer, said the department is interested in investing what is needed to get the best value for the money. In response to a question from CM Peluso, Mr. Joseph said lifeguard training has already started for next summer and is being offered in 5 locations around the city. CM Boylan said the multi-layer literacy program concept seems somewhat nebulous and suggested putting that funding "below the line" for future appropriation when more details are known about the exact uses of the funds. CM Johnson asked about the current participation in the Mayor's Summer Youth At-Work Partnership; Mr. Derrity said 300 students currently participate annually, and they are hoping to add 600 more. CM J. Carlucci said it appears some of the items in this category should have been in the Parks Department's regular budget and not in this supplemental legislation. CM Arias asked what's most important in the pool program – Mr. Joseph said lifeguards, because the pools can't operate without them. He said it will take a combination of the pay increase and more recruitment to attract all the lifeguards needed to open all the pools next summer. CM Gay cautioned against using the School Board's example of expanding wi-fi by installing district-owned towers at schools. He would prefer to lease park sites to tower companies thereby getting both wi-fi coverage and rental revenue from the companies so it would be a revenue source, not a cost. CM Gaffney asked if other agencies besides KHA were considered for use of this funding. Mr. Inderhees said KHA is the City's children services agency and has a long history of performance.

American Dream: CM Lahnen asked about overlap between funding provided in this bill and that in Ordinance 2023-441 for emergency rental assistance. Josh Hicks with Housing and Community Development Division said that bill appropriates federal funds and is separate from this bill. Those funds must be spent by September 2025. These local funds will be available for affordable housing providers in the community without being subject to the federal regulations that apply to the other funds. CM Peluso said he is very supportive of these initiatives. President Salem asked how the funds will be allocated and how much an individual applicant can get. Mr. Hicks said the program will supplement and expand the current homeowner assistance programs, qualifying more properties and

owners than allowable under current federal guidelines that apply to the ARP funds. President Salem noted that the program is being funded by ARP dollars and therefore will be a one-time effort. Budget Officer Angela Moyer said there are numerous pilot projects included in this appropriation and the Mayor and Council will decide what is worth extending with local funds in the next budget. CM J. Carlucci said this effort seems to dovetail nicely with the work of the newly appointed Special Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing and asked that \$1M of these funds be allocated toward that committee's recommendations. CM Arias asked who will manage this program; Mr. Hicks said the Housing Division of the Neighborhoods Department will coordinate applications with other existing programs to match eligibility criteria.

Council Auditor Kim Taylor said her staff is looking at potentially recommending shifting the funding sources for some of these programs as it relates to restrictions or conditions on the use of ARP funds. They will examine each program carefully for any conflicts or fund restrictions.

Addressing Homelessness: at the request of CM Gaffney, Mr. Hicks elaborated on the emergency rental and eviction prevention program. CM Lahnen asked about the status of the \$4.3M appropriated by the Council earlier this year for eviction prevention purposes. Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson said that none of those funds have been utilized to date. Mr. Lahnen recommended coordinating use of those funds with this appropriation. Chairman Howland noted that an additional \$1M was just allocated from a combination of the Mayor's and Council's contingency funds, for a total of \$5.3M for emergency housing services already this year. President Salem said those federal dollars have a spending deadline and that needs to be considered. CM J. Carlucci said providing assistance for 12 months seems overly generous and recommended removing the word "repair" from the roof program since it makes more sense to just replace roofs from an insurance coverage perspective. CM Arias urged coordinating this initiative with the work of the Special Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing to eliminate duplication and best leverage available funds. CM Howland noted that there are administrative costs to many of these programs and said consideration should be given to allocating these funds to third-party providers already doing work in the community. Mr. Hicks said the administrative costs of the Housing Division are paid with a percentage of federal grant funds the division receives.

A Healthier Jacksonville: CM J. Carlucci asked if additional support for the 2-1-1 call system has been considered since he understands its call volume is very high. Lynn Sherman of the Mayor's Office said that 2-1-1 and 9-8-8 operators can answer either type of call. Chairman Howland asked if the City will be funding call responses from other counties in United Way's Northeast Florida region. Ms. Sherman said the two additional operators are intended to answer calls just from Jacksonville. Mr. Howland asked how the amount of \$2.1M for elderly food insecurity was arrived at; Ms. Sherman said it is the estimated cost of feeding the 2,000 seniors known to have registered for Meals on Wheels but who cannot be served at this time due to capacity constraints. At the request of CM Gaffney Jr., Ms. Sherman described the purpose of the mental health training program, which will provide training to citizens who are not in the mental health profession. Chairman Howland noted that there are several mental health training programs available through the state, including online training, so it may not be necessary to spend all of these funds for that purpose. In response to a question from CM Johnson, Ms. Sherman said an RFP for the elderly feeding program will be developed and issued.

Chairman Howland said that given the length of the discussion and the need to take up the action items

on the agenda, there are 2 options for finishing up this review – 1) a special called Finance Committee meeting on November 29th in the morning or 2) at the next regular Rules Committee meeting.

Jacksonville Waterways Commission - Shoaling Subcommittee Request

CM Gay described the Waterways Commission’s Subcommittee on St. Johns River Shoaling. The subcommittee finds that a study is needed to identify the source of the material creating a large sandy shoal near the U.S. Marine Corps repositioning base on Blount Island. He said Jacksonville University’s Marine Science Research Institute has developed a proposal for a study to make that identification to take to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Marine Corps to get them to help address a solution. CM Gay conveyed a request to the Finance Committee from the Waterways Commission for funding for the JU study. CM Pittman said she hoped that a similar study could be done on the Ribault River, Trout River and their tributaries to deal with their dredging needs as well. CM Carrico asked about the cost of the JU study. CM Gay said a total of approximately \$1M spread over three phases. Chairman Howland said he will be issuing a memo next week about the upcoming City Council Strategic Priorities planning process, which might be a place to include dredging issues. CM Pittman said that available federal and state funding needs to be sought out for dredging purposes. CM Arias asked if the full \$1M needs to be appropriated at once or if Phase 1 could be funded now and the rest later. Kim Taylor said the funding would depend on whether the project needs capital project funding through the CIP or operational funding in the budget. CM White noted that Mike Weinstein in the Mayor’s Office is doing a review of the CIP and looking for money that can be freed up from projects for reallocation.

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. [2023-0345](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, to Execute an Amendment 1 to 2nd Amend & Restated Redevelopment Agrmt by & Among the City, DIA, & Axis Hotels LLC to Extend the Building Improvements Completion Date from 6/30/23 to 9/30/23; Auth Tech Changes to Amendment 1; Prov a Deadline for Developer to Execute the Agrmt (Dillard) (Req of the DIA) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
5/23/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
6/5/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/6/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/13/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/13/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Pittman asked DIA CEO Lori Boyer for an update on how the project will be completed. Ms. Boyer said the City is providing a completion grant so will not be making any payment until the project is complete. She explained the current dispute among the developer, the general contractor, various subcontractors, and a bonding company.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

- 1. Authorize a Recommencement of Construction date within 90 days following the effective date of the legislation**
- 2. Authorize extension of the Completion of Construction date from 6/30/23 to one year following the Recommencement of Construction date**
- 3. Attach DIA Resolution 2023-11-03 as a new exhibit**
- 4. Place revised Amendment One to the Second Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement on file to reflect updated performance schedule dates**

AUDITOR COMMENTS

- **As filed, this legislation authorizes an extension of the completion date from 6/30/23 to 9/30/23. Since that date has passed, Council action will be required to authorize a new extension date.**
- **The DIA approved Resolution 2023-11-03 on 11/15/23 recommending that City Council amend the performance schedule to:**
 - 1) establish a Recommencement of Construction date which shall be 90 days following the effective date of the legislation, requiring evidence that a new general contractor has been engaged to complete the project and has begun on-site work on the project and**
 - 2) extend the Completion of Construction date from 6/30/23 to one year following the Recommencement of Construction date.**
- **As of 11/16/23, the Developer and Developer's related entities have liens totaling \$1,842,720.23 on their various parcels for the Ambassador Hotel, Independent Life, and 404 Julia Street/Central National Bank projects.**
- **The Developer has not met the performance schedules in the original Council approved redevelopment agreements for the Independent Life and 404 Julia Street/Central National Bank projects.**

3. [2023-0441](#) ORD Approp \$2,392,309.57 in Reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance Prog (Round 2) Grant Funds from the U.S. Dept of Treasury to the Community Dev Fund Miscellaneous Grants & Aids Acct to Prov Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance to Eligible Households in Duval County Through 9/30/25, to be Administered by the Housing & Community Dev Div of the Neighborhoods Dept in Accord With the Emergency Rental Assistance Prog Estab by Sec 501, Div N, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; Prov for Oversight (B.T. 23-102) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/8/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

DEFER

4. [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

5. [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
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

DEFER

6. [2023-0717](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark Desig by Ord 2021-377-E at 510 Julia St, Owned by 510 N Julia LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
 10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT**Correct exemption expiration date to December 31, 2033**

7. [2023-0718](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark & Landmark Site Desig by Ord 2006-859-E at 424 N Hogan St, Owned by 218 W Church LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
 10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct exemption expiration date to December 31, 2033**
- 2. Place revised application on file to include signed page and correct scrivener’s errors**

8. [2023-0719](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark Site Desig by Ord 2003-1410-E at 218 W Church St, Owned by 218 W Church LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
 10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct exemption expiration date to December 31, 2033**
- 2. Place revised application on file to include signed page**

9. [2023-0759](#) ORD Approp \$500,000 From the NW Jax OED Fund/Investment Pool Earnings for the Purpose of Prov a \$500,000 NW Jax Economic Dev Fund (NWJEDF) Forgivable Loan to First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Inc. in Connection With the Renovation & Expansion by Company of Its Existing Facility Located Generally at 6817 Norwood Ave; Apv & Auth Execution of Documents by the Mayor or Her Designee & Corp Sec; Auth Appvl of Technical Amends by the Executive Dir of OED; Waiver of NWJEDF Guidelines Appvd & Adopted by Ord 2016-779-E, as Amended (B.T. 24-009) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
11/20/23 R Amend/Approve 6-0
11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. At the request of CM Pittman, Joe Whitaker representing the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund described the project and the work of No More Homeless Pets. In response to a question from CM Carrico, Jennifer Barker of No More Homeless Pets described their no-cost spay and neuter program, their feral cat program, and their affordable veterinary care program.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Clarify funding source is Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund investment pool earnings within explanation of appropriation**
- 2. Include standard language regarding deadline to execute the agreement**
- 3. Add waiver of the Public Investment Policy to authorize incentive program not contemplated under the PIP**
- 4. Place revised Economic Development Agreement on file to correct scrivener's errors and add clawback provision regarding ineligible businesses/uses**

- Waives the NWJEDF Guidelines to authorize City funding in excess of 25% of the total project costs**

10. [2023-0760](#) ORD to Address Food Deserts, Approp \$150,000 From the NW OED Fund/Contingency to Prov Funding to JTA for the “Door-to-Store Program,” a Component of the Full-Service Grocery Store Improvement Prog Established Under Ord 2019-812-E; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Third Amended & Restated Funding Agrmt Btwn the City & the JTA to Extend the Term of the Prog for an Additional 3 Yr Term; Prov for City Oversight & Prog Admin by OED (B.T. 24-010) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Gay, Peluso & Pittman)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 11/21/23 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. In response to a question from CM Gaffney Jr., Economic Development Officer Ed Randolph described the operation of the JTA Door to Store program. CM Pittman asked if more grocery stores could be added to the program since two have dropped out. Mr. Randolph said he is open to considering possibilities, but that would require amending the current map that was established as a result of a 2019 food desert study. He said that JTA handles the marketing for the program. In response to a question from CM Arias, Mr. Randolph said the cost of trips averages \$36 per one-way trip, of which the City pays \$20 and JTA subsidizes the rest. Chairman Howland suggested studying different ways of providing the service at a lower cost.

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 2, line 5: strike “a transfer” and insert “an appropriation”
2. Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Third Amended and Restated Funding Agreement) to correct grocery store locations

- 11. [2023-0761](#) ORD Approp \$500,000 in Grant Funds From the FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to Prov Funding for the Completion of the City Vulnerability Assessment; Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt Btwn the City & FDEP re the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 24-011) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 11/21/23 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct CIP amendment appropriation language
- 2. Correct Scrivener's

- Funding will be used for contractual services related to a vulnerability assessment of 53 sub-basins regarding resiliency to flooding and other concerns
- Agreement ends June 30, 2024, with no City match required

12. [2023-0762](#) ORD Approp \$140,000, Including \$70,000 from the Council President's Designated Contingency & \$70,000 from the Mayor's Task Force Contingency Acct, to Prov Add'l Funding to the Women's Center of Jacksonville, Inc. for the Provision of Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Exams & Related Svcs; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute an 11th Amend to the Memorandum of Agrmt btwn the City & the Women's Center to Increase City's Max Indebtedness Under the Agrmt by an Add'l \$140,000 for a New Total Max Indebtedness Not-to-Exceed \$1,863,419; Prov for Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept, Social Svcs Div (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CM Clark-Murray, Carlucci, Amaro, Peluso, Johnson, Gaffney, Jr., Pittman, Howland, White & Arias)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 11/20/23 R Approve 7-0
 11/21/23 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Chantel Scherer with the Women's Center of Jacksonville described the agency's work and its need to replace a reduction in federal funding for the rape recovery program. CMs Gaffney Jr., Howland Pittman, and Arias asked to be added as co-sponsors.

• The FY 23/24 Council approved budget includes \$200,000 for operation of the Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) by the Women's Center

13. [2023-0763](#) ORD Approp \$231,758.00 in Grant Funds From FDOT to Prov Reimbursement to the City for the Funding of Construction & Construction Oversight of the Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Park St & Margaret St From Riverside Ave to the I-95 Ramps; Purpose of Approp; 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. 24-012) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 11/21/23 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct CIP amendment appropriation language**
- 2. Correct Scrivener’s**

- **Funding will be used for construction of raised crosswalks, the upgrade of existing crosswalks, and re-timing of signal controls**
- **Agreement ends December 31, 2023, with no City match required**

14. [2023-0764](#) ORD Approp \$284,000.00 From the Mayor’s Task Force Contingency to the Special Events - Martin Luther King, Jr. Activities Budget to Support the MLK Week of Service Programming to Be Held 1/13/24 Thru 1/20/24 (B.T. 24-016) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso, Carlucci, Amaro & Gaffney, Jr.)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

DEFER

15. [2023-0765](#) ORD-MC re the Jax Small & Emerging Business Prog; Amend Subpart A (General Provisions), Subpart B (Program Administration), Subpart C (Program Support Services; Marketing & Outreach; Disparity Study Update), & Subpart D (Program Eligibility, Procedures, & Other Requirements), Pt 6 (Jacksonville Small & Emerging Business Program), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Repealing Sec 7 of Ord 2021-117-E re the Temporary Suspension of the JSEB Administrator’s Authority to Decertify a JSEB Due to Noncompliance With the JSEB Prog Eligibility Criterion Pertaining to Personal Net Worth Limitations; Prov for Codification (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: R, F
 11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 R Approve 6-0
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

CM Pittman proposed an amendment to the bill. Gregory Grant of the JSEB office described the failure of the current disparity study vendor to meet reporting timelines and provide deliverables for the funds that have been paid out to date. He is recommending doing an RFP solicitation for a replacement company. CM Pittman's amendment would change the original August 31, 2023 completion date for the study to September 30, 2024, which was approved.

AMENDMENT

1. Extends the completion date for the Disparity Study update.

Scrivener's

- 1. Pg. 1, lines 26 and 31: insert "and" after "Marketing"**
- 2. Pg. 3, lines 3-9: correct formatting**
- 3. Pg. 3, line 22: strike ellipses**

- Revises the definition of a micro-business JSEB from a JSEB with a majority owner who has a personal net worth of \$300,000 or less to a JSEB with annual gross revenue, averaged over the immediately preceding three-year period, not exceeding \$3 million**
- Removes the JSEB eligibility criteria related to personal net worth (currently limited to \$1,320,000 or less)**
- Changes references from a business' "annual gross receipts" to "annual gross revenue"**
- Removes requirement that City Council approve the rules and guidelines related to the JSEB micro-business program**
- Repeals Section 7 of Ord. 2021-117-E which provided for a temporary suspension of the JSEB Administrator's authority to decertify a JSEB due to noncompliance with personal net worth limitations (suspension effective from effective date of Ord. 2021-117-E until six months after the Disparity Study report is provided to the Mayor and City Council)**
- Extends the completion date for the Disparity Study update from 8/31/23 to 2/29/24**

16. [2023-0766](#) ORD Appropriating \$1,813,000 From Gen Fund Operating - Fund Balance to Prov Funding for the City's Acquisition of .38± Acre Improved Parcel Located at 865 Golfair Blvd, Jax, FL (R.E. # 031960-0000) in Council Dist 10, to be Used as a Community Ctr or Public Bldg; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver That Certain Real Estate Purchase Agrmt btwn the City & SBPS 3 JI LLC, a FL Limited Liability Company, & All Closing & Other Docs Relating Thereto, & to Otherwise Take All Necessary Action to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agrmt to Purchase the Subj Property at the Negotiated Purchase Price of \$1,800,000; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Add the Project Entitled "Brentwood Community Center" & to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Real Estate Div & Parks, Recreation, & Community Svcs Dept (B.T. 24-017) (Hodges) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci & Pittman)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-1 (Clark-Murray)
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 11/21/23 TEU Amend/Approve 6-1 (Clark-Murray)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Carrico noted that this bill sets a precedent for future actions but he will support it given the district council member's support. Daryl Joseph said the future use of the building being acquired will depend on what the district council member and the community want. It will not be a traditional community center because there is one nearby. One potential use could be as a job training site. CM Pittman said this acquisition meets the community halfway in its opposition to the opening of the liquor store. Renee Hunter, Chief of the Real Estate Division, described the appraisal of the property based on new construction costs for comparable commercial buildings in comparable locations at the intersection of a major highway and an arterial road. Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the City's future cost for the new facility will be largely staffing, which will depend on what type of use is selected. Ms. Hunter said the price for the acquisition avoids the extra costs, time, and uncertainty of a condemnation proceeding. CM Carrico said the Council has never heard from the adjacent KIPP school which would seem to be the entity most affected by the presence of a liquor store and he is very reluctant to vote in favor. CM Gaffney said there seem to be no other options to get out of a bad situation. In response to a question from CM Pittman, Mr. Joseph said the cost of building a new building would likely be in the range of the \$1.8M this bill proposes to spend.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to include signed version and correct the appropriation amount to \$1,813,000**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 4 (CIP) to reflect the correct amount of \$1,813,000**
- 3. Correct CIP amendment purpose**

- **Funding will be used to purchase the newly constructed 2,745 SF building with an appraised property value of \$1,800,000**
- **Property will be utilized as a community center or public building**

17. [2023-0767](#) ORD Approp \$3,979,060 from the Marine Fire Station #68 Proj & \$2,000,000 from the Fire Station #48 - New Construction Proj to Prov a Contribution of \$5,979,060 to JaxPort to Prov Matching Funding for a Federal Grant Received by Jaxport to Design, Engineer, and Construct a New Fire Station #48 at Blount Island; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect the Approp of Funds Auth Herein; Amend Ord 2023-504-E, the FY 23-24 Budget Ord, to Replace Revised Schedule B4 to Reflect the Approp of Funds Auth Herein; Prov for a Carryover of Funds to FY 24-25; Auth the City to Enter Into a Funding Agrmt with JaxPort as Further Detailed Therein; Auth the City to Enter into a Lease Agrmt with JaxPort for the New Fire Station #48 for an Initial Term of 30 Yrs at a Rate of \$1 Per Yr; Prov for Oversight by Finance & Admin Dept as to the Funding Agrmt; Prov for Oversight by JFRD as to the Lease Agrmt (B.T. 24-015) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor & Co-Introduced by CMs Salem, White, Gay & Miller)
- 10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/21/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 11/21/23 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Authorize amendment of Revised B4b Schedule**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP) to include all applicable projects**
- 3. Attach Revised Exhibit 4 (Budget Borrowing Schedules) to reflect correct schedules**

- **Appropriates \$5,979,060 to JAXPORT as a 50% federal grant match of previously authorized borrowing from:**
 - **Marine Fire Station #68 (Mandarin) - \$3,979,060**
 - **Fire Station #48 (Blount Island) - \$2,000,000**
- **Funding will be utilized by JAXPORT to construct a new fire station on Blount Island, with an estimated construction cost of \$11.9 million and completion time of 2 years**
- **City will lease new fire station for \$1 per year with an initial term of 30 years**

18. [2023-0779](#) RESO Desig 5079 W Beaver St (R.E. # 059273-0000), Jax, FL, in Council Dist 9, as a Brownfield Area for Environmental Rehab & Economic Dev; Prov for Notification of Brownfield Site Rehab Agrmt (Teal) (Req of Mayor)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/7/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Addn'tl 11/28/23
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 11/21/23 F Approve 7-0
 11/21/23 TEU Approve 7-0
 Public Hearings Pursuant to Sec 376.80, F.S.& Ch 166, F.S. - 11/14/23 & 11/28/23

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

- **Intended development of site is an auto parts storage facility and shop**

19. [2023-0794](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver to Brd of Trustees of the Florida Junior College at Jacksonville, a Body Politic, a Release of Restrictive Covenants for the Purpose of Releasing the City's Existing Right of Reverter in & to a Parcel of Real Property Located at 990 N. Main St, thereby Enabling the Grantee to Sell the Property to a 3rd Party Buyer in its Sole Discretion (R.E. # 074367-0000) (Wilson) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
 11/14/23 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2023-0798](#) ORD Approp \$1,075,000.00 Consisting of \$1,000,000 in Grant Funds From the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Svcs, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Svcs Admin (SAMHSA), & a KHA Match in the Amount of \$75,000 From the KHA Grant Fund, For Implementation of the Co-designing Rich Environments for All to Thrive Everyday (CREATE) Program, for the 1st Yr of the 4 Yr Grant Term Beginning 9/30/23 Thru 9/29/27; Purpose of Approp; Apv a Position; Amend Revised Schedule M to Ord 2023-511-E; Invoking the Exception to Sec 126.107(g), Ord Code, With Respect to Svcs to Be Provided by Managed Access to Child Health, Inc.; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA, to Execute & Deliver a Contract With Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. For the Provision of Professional Svcs for the CREATE Program; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provided by Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. From Competitive Procurement; Prov for Oversight by KHA (B.T. 24-019) (R.C. 24-011) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: R, F
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2023-0800](#) ORD Concerning Emergency Mgmt; Making Findings; Apv & Auth the Mayor, Or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec To Execute & Deliver a New Statewide Mutual Aid Agrmt; Prov for City Oversight by the Emergency Preparedness Division (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

22. [2023-0801](#) ORD Concerning a Continuation Grant; Approp \$1,000,000.00 From the Dept of Homeland Security, With No City Match, to Prov Funding for the FY 23 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Prog (RCPGP) to Fund a Comprehensive Risk Analysis to Assess Impacts of Climate Extremes; Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Accept, for & On Behalf of the City, the RCPGP Award Docs Btwn the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security & the City; Prov for City Oversight by the Emergency Preparedness Division (B.T. 24-021) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2023-0802](#) ORD Approp \$350,850.00 from the Jax Upward Mobility Prog - Contingency to the Jax Upward Mobility Prog - Trust Fund Auth Expenditures, to be Used for Progs for the Training, Education & Maintenance of a Sustainable Workforce in the City; Purpose of Appropriation (B.T. 24-020) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Freeman)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

24. [2023-0803](#) ORD Approp \$1,000,000 from a Desig Special Council Contingency to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to United Way of NE Florida, Inc. for The Eviction Diversion Prog Described Herein; Prov for Carryover of Funds 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 United Way; 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 United Way; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver On Behalf of the City an Agrmt Btwn the City & United Way for the Eviction Diversion Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Boylan) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

25. [2023-0804](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 111.270 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 2 (Health & Human Services), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Auth Expenditure of Up to 10% of Funds Approp from the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to Homeless Diversion Svcs Providers for Admin Costs; Approp \$200,000 from the Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct within the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to Prov Funding to I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. for the Homeless Diversion 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 Sulzbacher; 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 Sulzbacher; Waiving SubSec 118.301(a) (3) (II), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for Use of City Funds for Security & Utility Deposits; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Sulzbacher for the Homeless Diversion Prog; Prov for Reporting; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2023-0806](#) ORD re the FY 22-23 City Grant Agrmt btwn FOBT Pipeline, Inc., a FL Not for Profit Corp (FBOT), & the City (FY 23 City Grant Agreement); Waiving FOBT's Non-Compliance with the Permit Requirement Prov in the FY 23 City Grant Agrmt; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: R, F
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

27. [2023-0807](#) ORD-MC Approp \$25,521,214.50 to Fund the Mayor’s Task Force Progs & Initiatives as Follows: (1) \$5,870,000 for Youth & Families Which Includes \$1,900,000 to Afterschool & Summer Literacy Prog Expansion, \$1,950,000 to Multi-layer Literacy Prog, \$150,000 to Accountability Tracker, \$100,000 to Youth Artists Prog, \$170,000 to Youth Civic Engagement, \$1,250,000 to Mayor’s Youth At-Work Partnership, \$250,000 to City’s Pool Plan, & \$100,000 to Wi-Fi in COJ Parks Expansion; (2) \$4,750,000 for Progs for the American Dream Which Includes \$2,000,000 to Downpayment Assistance Prog, \$2,000,000 to Local Stack Funding for Attainable Housing Community Partners & Non-Profits, & \$750,000 to Attainable Housing Tap in Prog; (3) \$3,596,000 for Addressing Homelessness Which Includes \$2,000,000 to Emerg Rental & Eviction Prevention, \$200,000 to Homelessness Diversion/Problem Solving Pilot, \$200,000 to Emerg Homelessness Relief/Non-Congregate Shelter, \$200,000 to Homelessness Continuum of Care Bonus Match, & \$996,000 to Home Roof Initiative; (4) \$5,705,000 for a Healthier Jax Which Includes \$250,000 to Infant Mortality & Maternal Health Initiative, \$200,000 to Mental Health Call Ctr, \$70,000 to Primary Care & Wrap Around Svc Access Initiative, \$2,185,000 to Telehealth Safety Net Clinic, \$430,000 to Pediatric Mental Health Support, \$200,000 to Community Health Workers, \$2,210,000 to Elderly Food Insecurity Relief Fund, & \$160,000 to Mental Health ‘Train the Trainer’ Fund; (5) \$1,950,214.50 for Building Local Business Which Includes \$350,000 to Permitting Evolution First Step, \$1,000,000 to Small Business Capital Access, \$100,000 to Small Business Education & Augmentation, & \$500,214.50 to Film & Movie Prog; (6) \$50,000 for Honoring Svc Which Includes Military & Veteran’s Prog Outreach; (7) \$500,000 for Accessible Duval Which Includes \$200,000 to Disabled Community Support, \$200,000 to Grant Appl Process Evolution, & \$100,000 to Community Open House for Non-Profits; & (8) \$1,800,000 for Beautiful Jacksonville Which Includes \$150,000 to CPAC Public Art Initiative, \$750,000 to Direct Grants for Artists, \$250,000 to Black History Destination Activation, \$500,000 to ‘Cool Communities’ Initiative, & \$150,000 to Riverfront Parks Conservancy...(Hodges) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Carlucci & Johnson)
- 11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

28. [2023-0808](#) ORD Approp \$1,250,000 From the Mayor's Task Force Contingency Fund to: (1) Prov Additional Funding in the Amt of \$1,000,000 to the Countywide Parks - Pool Maintenance & Upgrades Proj; & (2) to Prov \$250,000 for the Veterans Community Ctr Proj, Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds; Prov for Compliance With Applicable ARP Act Grant Funding Requirements (B.T. 24-018) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso & Carrico)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

29. [2023-0809](#) ORD Approp \$150,000 From a Desig Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to Northside Community Involvement, Inc. (NCI) for the Communities With Resources Working Together for the Betterment of Jax, FL 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 NCI; 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 NCI; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt Btwn the City & Northside Community Involvement, Inc. For the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Gaffney, Jr.) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

30. [2023-0810](#) ORD Approp \$161,073, Including \$100,000 From Council Operating Contingency & \$61,073 From the Council President Contingency to Council Staff Svcs to Prov Funding for Potential Increases to Salaries of the Executive Council Assistants & the Secretary (Executive Council Assistant) to the Council President Within the Legislative Branch Based on the Changes to the Pay Grades for the Positions; Waiving the Relevant Provisions of Sec 129.112 (Council Related Salaries), Ch 129 (Compensation of City Officials & Employees), Ord Code, to Auth This Action Without Receipt of a Recommendation as to the Pay Range From the Dir of the Employee Svcs Dept or Action by the Council Executive Committee to Determine the New Pay Grade; Directing Establishment & Prov a Prospective Effective Date of 12/30/23 for the Pay Grade Adjustment (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Gaffney, Jr., Peluso, J. Carlucci, Howland, Amaro & Miller)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: R, F
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

Council Auditor's Office – Bill 2023-759: First Coast No More Homeless Pets**Company Name – First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Inc. (“FCNMHP”)****Project Location – 6817 Norwood Avenue and 6721 Norwood Avenue****Incentives Provided –**

- **\$500,000 forgivable loan from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF)**
- **Provided there is no event of default, the loan will be forgiven at a rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the new job creation deadline as long as FCNMHP provides evidence demonstrating the retention of the 47 retained jobs and 6 permanent jobs**

Performance Schedule –

- **Commence construction by 12/31/24**
- **Completion of construction by 12/31/25**

Number of Jobs to be Created – 6 new jobs at an average wage of \$42,000 created by 12/31/27 (“permanent jobs”)**Number of Jobs to be Retained – 47****Capital Investment – \$1,650,000****Records Retention/Audit Clause – Yes****Clawback Language –**

- **In the event reporting requirements are not met in the time period specified in the agreement, the City will be entitled to withhold disbursement of the loan**
- **If FCNMHP fails to invest at least \$1,500,000 upon substantial completion of the project, the agreement will terminate**
- **If FCNMHP sells, leases, or otherwise transfers the project or project parcel during the term of the loan, the loan shall be due and payable at the closing of the sale**
- **If FCNMHP does not retain the retained jobs, and/or does not create and maintain a minimum of 6 permanent jobs at an average wage of no less than \$42,000 as of the new job creation deadline, and maintain the retained jobs and permanent jobs from the new job creation deadline for the remaining duration of the loan term, FCNMHP shall pay the City the entire remaining principal balance of the loan (less any amounts forgiven), which will be amortized over a ten-year period with 3% interest accruing annually, with payments due monthly**

OED has not prepared an ROI calculation for this project.**Waives the NWJEDF Guidelines to authorize City funding in excess of 25% of the total project costs.**

Council Auditor Presentation - Audit Follow-ups

Report #800B, Follow-up on City Wire Transfers Audit: Council Auditor Kim Taylor reported that the original 2017 audit identified 9 issues, of which 6 were resolved at the time of the first follow-up in 2021. Three issues remained, of which 1 was resolved as of this second follow-up leaving 2 still to be resolved – 1) wire requests not initiated in the accounting system and 2) wire transaction procedures inconsistent with the Ordinance Code.

Report #856A, Follow-up on Electronic Fund Transfers-In Audit: Ms. Taylor reported that the original 2022 audit identified 6 issues, of which 4 have been resolved at the time of the first follow-up leaving 2 still to be resolved – 1) deposits not always timely recorded in the financial system and 2) user accounts of terminated employees not deactivated in the ERP system.

Report #815B, Follow-up on Defined Contribution and Deferred Compensation Plans Audit: Ms. Taylor reported that the original 2018 audit identified 16 issues, of which 14 were resolved at the time of the first follow-up in 2022, one of which still remains unresolved as of this second follow-up – failure to follow City cash receipts standard operating procedures.

Report #834A, Follow-up on Tax Collector Audit - Local Business Tax: Ms. Taylor reported that the original 2020 audit identified 12 issues, all of which have been resolved at the time of this follow-up so the audit is now closed.

As a follow-up to the discussion at the beginning of the meeting regarding the Langton and Associates lobbying contract, Scott Wilson reported that Brittany Norris of the Mayor's office is now a registered lobbyist with the state.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

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

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