

Introduced by Council Member Salem:

**ORDINANCE 2025-456**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 FROM THE PALM AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS - DM OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT TO THE CECIL EQUESTRIAN FACILITY - FACILITY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS - DM OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND DM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "EQUESTRIAN CENTER - FACILITY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS" PROJECT (THE "PROJECT") TO FUND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS, UPGRADES, AND EQUIPMENT COSTS FOR THE JACKSONVILLE EQUESTRIAN CENTER AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2024-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1**

\$1,500,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$1,500,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the Palm Avenue Improvements - DM Other Construction Costs account to the Cecil Equestrian Facility - Facility Repairs and Improvements - DM Other Construction Costs account (\$1,230,000) and the DM Equipment account (\$270,000), to provide funding for the Equestrian Center - Facility Repairs and Improvements project (the "Project") for various improvements, upgrades, and equipment costs for the Jacksonville Equestrian Center as more specifically described herein and in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide City funding for various improvements, upgrades and equipment costs at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center as described in **Exhibit 2**. The improvements and upgrades will include, but are not limited to, building repairs and enhancements, upgrades to various utility and mechanical systems, installation of new security and internet hardware and infrastructure, and various roadway and path improvements, parking lot improvements, hookups for recreational vehicle parking and other improvements to the grounds and property. In addition, a portion of the City funds will be used to purchase upgraded signage as well as new equipment for the Jacksonville Equestrian Center including a forklift and lift, an additional dump wagon and general purpose tractor, and various other construction and related equipment. These funds are being reallocated from the Palm Avenue Improvements project that were identified during the Special Committee on Duval DOGE review of the Capital Improvements Plan as the Public Works Department has confirmed that project is

1 ready to be closed.

2       **Section 3.       Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance  
3 2024-505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan  
4 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is  
5 hereby amended to reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project  
6 as more fully described herein and in the Project Information Sheet  
7 attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this  
8 reference. The City Council finds that the deferral of this amendment  
9 of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will be  
10 detrimental to the best interests of the community because such  
11 deferral will unnecessarily delay initiation and completion of the  
12 improvements to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

13 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of  
14 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the  
15 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP  
16 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute  
17 an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the  
18 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E  
19 shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

20       **Section 4.       Oversight.** The Parks, Recreation and Community  
21 Services Department shall provide oversight of the Project described  
22 herein.

23       **Section 5.       Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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