

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-616

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Matt Carlucci

**Date of Introduction:** September 12, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** September 14, 2023

**Type of Action:** Public facility naming

**Bill Summary:** The bill names the new marina to be constructed on the Northbank of the river downtown, between Market Street and Liberty Street, south of Bay Street, as the “Hans G. Tanzler, Jr. Marina” in recognition of Mr. Tanzler’s long career of public service, including as the last mayor of the pre-consolidation City of Jacksonville and the first mayor of the new consolidated city/county government.

**Background Information:** The marina is currently in the design phase and is expected to be constructed in the next couple of years. Mr. Tanzler, a Jacksonville native, had a private law practice in the city until he was appointed as a criminal court judge in 1963. In 1967 he was elected Mayor of the pre-consolidation city on a platform of reforming the city’s dysfunctional government. After the voters approved the city/county consolidation in August 1967, with his enthusiastic support, he was then elected Mayor of the new consolidated city for three terms, resigning near the end of his third term to run for governor.

Mayor Tanzler was known for and extremely proud of the city’s efforts to clean up the St. Johns River during his tenure, including obtaining tens of millions of dollars in federal grants to eliminate sewer outfalls dumping untreated waste into the river, and holding the first River Day Festival in 1977 to celebrate the river’s rebirth. Mr. Tanzler died in 2013 at the age of 86.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public facility naming

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal anticipated cost for signage

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