

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-362

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** May 15, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, Waterways Commission

**Date of Analysis:** May 16, 2019

**Type of Action:** Approval of dredging funding agreement

**Bill Summary:** The bill authorize execution of a dredging funding agreement between the City and Millers Creek Special District for the City to contribute up to \$275,000 to the cost of a dredging project being undertaken for Millers Creek and primarily financed by the District via special assessment revenues.

**Background Information:** In 2014 the City Council approved the creation of the Millers Creek Special District to act as a vehicle to levy and collect non-ad valorem special assessments on approximately 30 properties to pay for the dredging of the creek, a tributary of the St. Johns River in the St. Nicholas area of Council District 4, to provide sufficient water depth for adjacent property owners to be able to access their docks. The District has commissioned an engineering study of the project, obtained as cost estimate, and has commenced permitting. The City has agreed to provide up to \$275,000 toward the cost of the project, which is estimated at \$2.2 million, because of the benefit to the City's stormwater management system from the reduced siltation and increased water carrying capacity of the creek after dredging is completed. This bill authorizes execution of the funding agreement which provides details on the timing and method of payment and the requirements for the District to be eligible to receive the funding.

**Policy Impact Area:** Stormwater system improvement

**Fiscal Impact:** The City has allocated \$275,000 toward the total \$2.2 million estimated cost of the project.

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