

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-85

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Downtown Investment Authority

Date of Introduction: February 14, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: February 16, 2023

Type of Action: Authorization to execute development agreement; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the execution of a development agreement between the Downtown Investment Authority and the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association Inc. (JHNSA) for the relocation of the USS Orleck to Pier 1 at the former Jacksonville Shipyard site on the Northbank riverfront for operation as a naval ship museum. It authorizes the execution of a Submerged Lands License Agreement and a Temporary Area License Agreement to facilitate the development of the project. The CEO of the DIA is authorized to execute additional amendments to the various agreements that are purely technical in nature and do not increase the financial obligations of the City or the DIA. The bill provides that the conditions precedent to the agreements becoming effective must be completed by JHNSA by March 21, 2023 and grants to the CEO of the DIA the ability to extend the deadline by up to 10 additional days in her discretion. The DIA is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project.

Background Information: The City, the DIA and the JHNSA have previously entered into a development agreement to relocate the USS Orleck from its temporary docking location in front of the Hyatt Regency Hotel to Pier 1, which expires on March 31, 2023. The DIA and JHNSA have negotiated new agreements to facilitate the project which this bill approves. The submerged lands lease at Pier 1 will be for a period of 10 years with two 5-year renewal options subject to mutual agreement of the parties and JHNSA's satisfaction of certain conditions. The temporary area license agreement is for a period of up to 2 years to support the installation of temporary access to the ship museum until the permanent improvements are completed. The City commits to design and construct an extension of Catherine Street from Bay Street to the Northbank Riverwalk with a sidewalk and on-street parking spaces; to bring temporary electric and water service from Bay Street to Pier 1, and to provide a temporary gangway to access the pier. The City will also consider the needs of the ship museum in the design of Shipyards Park West, including the provision of a restroom/ticket office building and additional parking.

Policy Impact Area: USS Orleck permanent docking location

Fiscal Impact: The City grants the lease and license agreements at no cost to JHNSA. The cost of the temporary and permanent improvements for the Catherine Street extension, utility extension and ticketing/restroom building are already budgeted as part of the Shipyards Park West project.

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