

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 4, 2025

9:30 AM

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

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Mike Gay, Chair

Randy White, Vice Chair

Ken Amaro

Chris Miller

Ron Salem

Michael Boylan

Tyrone Clark-Murray - Excused

Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor

Council Research: Brandon Russell

Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Administration: Bill Delaney

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Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 11:35 AM

Present: 6 - Ron Salem, Randy White, Chris Miller, Mike Gay, Ken Amaro and Michael Boylan

Excused: 1 - Tyrone Clark-Murray

Attendance:

CM Gaffney - 2025-471

CM Peluso - 2025-189, 2025-435 & 2025-467

CM Johnson - 2025-466, 2025-468 & 2025-469

CM Arias - 2025-482

• Presentation on Health Programs, Lynn Sherman and Dr. Sunil Joshi

Dr. Sunil Joshi, Chief Health Officer, provided an update on Task Force Health Programs for which the City Council appropriated \$5.6 million in 2023. The focus of the programs was to reduce infant mortality, improve awareness and access to mental health and wellbeing resources, reduce elderly food insecurity, increase access to primary and preventative care, and support the training of community health workers.

Dr. Joshi stated that though infant mortality in Duval County is higher than the state average, there has been a 20 percent decrease since 2018 and a 34 percent decrease since 2006. He attributes this decline to Florida Statute 383.14, which requires doctors to administer surveys to pregnant women to identify infant and maternal mortality risks. He also stated that community health workers conducting home visitations, education, and resource connections have contributed to the decline in infant mortality as well.

To reduce infant mortality, the City sought to provide three additional community health workers to an organization that serves pregnant mothers and infants. The City also sought to increase the number of homes canvassed to educate on health, social services, sleep-related injury, and available resources while connecting pregnant women and infants to home-visiting programs.

A competitive contract was awarded to Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition to execute these strategies. The organization was able to hire 2-3 community health workers and reach 635 women/families. They engaged with people in various settings, such as faith-based events and housing complex events, and identified risk factors. Seventy-nine women/families were referred to home visitation programs, care coordination, and clinical services. At the same time, 372 individuals participated in training on toxic stress, safe sleep, and signs of pre-term labor, above the goal of 200 individuals.

Dr. Joshi then described the City's goals, strategies, and outcomes for improving mental health and wellbeing. The City supported the United Way in hiring at least two full-time 988 crisis counselors. They also supported Starting Point in training the community in Mental Health First Aid and Angel Kids Pediatrics in providing an array of care and resources to address the mental health needs of children and adolescents.

The United Way 988 Crisis Call Center was able to hire two additional crisis managers and a program director. They routed 17,186 calls, answered 14,321, with a de-escalation rate of 98.7 percent. He reported that the program with Angel Kids Pediatric saw a 22 percent reduction in social determinants in health risk factors with 21,721 individuals being screened, among other measures. The Mental Health First Aid program trained 261 individuals in mental health first aid, referred 158 individuals to local behavioral health clinics, hotlines, or mental health support, and provided 2103 mental health resources.

To combat food insecurity in elderly populations, Dr. Joshi stated that the City focused on the 4000 residents over the age of 65 who were food insecure, 2837 of whom were on a waiting list for food-related services in 2023. The goal was to provide one hot meal five days a week to reduce the number of elderly citizens on the waiting list. The competitive contract was awarded to Urban Jax/Aging True. This program was able to reduce the waiting list by 67.1 percent with 273,504 additional meals served.

To increase primary care access, the City sought to offer telehealth access to care for uninsured community members and divert people from unnecessary emergency department care to primary preventative care. A contract was awarded to Telescope Health for telehealth services and Overflow Clinic for wrap-around services. The estimated emergency department savings were \$4.1 to 6.4 million.

To increase the number of community health workers, the City aimed to train between 150 and 200 community health workers. A contract was awarded to Partnership for Child's Health. The organization enrolled 360 people, with 180 completing the program successfully.

Dr. Joshi noted that the Administration proposes to continue these programs. CM Salem asked if the food insecurity program's issue with missed payments had been corrected. Dr. Joshi stated that they were in the process of getting the missed payments issued.

Item/File No.	Title History
1. 2024-0966	ORD Apv an Agrmt for Settlement of Fines Imposed by the Municipal Code Enforcement Brd/Special Magistrate btwn the City & Live Oak Ancient City Living, LLC, a Delaware LLC, & Directing the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver the Agrmt on Behalf of the City or Auth the Agrmt to Become Effective without the Mayor's Signature; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Agrmt & Auth Tech Changes as Herein Defined; Prov for Oversight of the Agrmt by the Municipal Code Compliance Div of the Neighborhoods Dept; Req Emergency Passage Upon Intro (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) 11/26/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F 12/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/10/24

DEFER

2. [2025-0189](#) ORD Renaming the Public Park Currently Known as “Oakland Park,” Located at 657 E Union St, Jax, FL 32206, in Council Dist 7, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, to Be Known as “Eartha M. M. White Historical Park” (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (JHPC Apv) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carrico & Johnson)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
3/17/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/22/25 CO PH Addnt'l 5/13/25
8/4/25 NCSPHS Withdraw 6-0
8/5/25 TEU Withdraw 3-2 (Pittman, Johnson)
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 4/15/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/22/25 & 5/13/25

WITHDRAW

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

The bill was moved and seconded for withdrawal. The bill was withdrawn unanimously.

3. [2025-0361](#) ORD Concerning Retiree Adjustment Payments; Incorporating Recitals; Auth a Retired Employee Adjustment Payment to Retirees & Beneficiaries of the Correctional Officers, General Employees & Police & Fire Pension Funds of the City; Prov for Funding from Pension Liability Surtax; Requiring Certification of Eligibility by the Administrator of the General Employees' Pension Plan & Executive Director of the Police & Fire Pension Plan; Prov for Timing of Payments (Reingold) (Introduced by CM White) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Gay, Carlucci, Amaro, Gaffney, Jr., Carrico, Peluso & Pittman)
5/13/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/19/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/20/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/27/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/27/25

DEFER

4. [2025-0422](#) ORD Approp \$8,950,000 in Available Budget Capacity from the Gen Fund Debt Mgmt Fund Internal Svc Allocations, Including (1) \$572,100 to the Radio Communication Fund (53102) to Be Used to Cover Debt Mgmt Fund Repayments, & (2) \$8,377,900 to the Group Health Fund (56201) to Assist with Fund Reserves (Revised B.T. 25-097) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/24/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

DEFER

5. [2025-0425](#) ORD Auth the Granting of a Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchise to Capital Waste Services LLC d/b/a CWS - Jax Hauling Pursuant to Ch 380 (Solid Waste Management), Pt 6 (Nonresidential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchises), Ord Code; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Administrative Svcs, Solid Waste Div (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/24/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

DEFER

6. [2025-0435](#) ORD-MC re the Public Nuisance Abatement Brd; Amend Secs 672.02 (Creation; Composition; Term of Office), 672.04 (Declaration of Public Nuisance), 672.06 (Procedures), 672.08 (Remedies, Orders & Jurisdiction), & 672.10 (Appeals), Ch 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board), Ord Code, to Extend the Term Limit on the Community Advocate Brd Positions to 3 Successive Terms, Add All Qualifying Offenses Available in Sec 893.138, F.S., Allow for a Nuisance to Be Proven if the Qualifying Conduct Emanates from the Nuisance Property but Occurs on an Adjacent Parcel or R/W, Expand Persons Eligible to Act as a Complainant, Add Findings of Fact the Brd Must Make Before Ordering Closure of a Nuisance Property, Enumerating Various Remedies the Brd May Order to Effectuate the Eradication of the Nuisance, Eliminate the \$15,000.00 Fine Cap, Specify a Timeframe for Issuance of Written Brd Orders, & Clarify Instructions for Appealing Orders of the Brd; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hartung) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/24/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 NCSPHS Approve 8-0
7/14/25 R Approve 8-0
8/4/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
8/4/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Peluso explained that the amendments reflect conversations with the community, JSO, and the Public Nuisance Abatement Board (PNAB) to ensure that the bill is as effective as possible.

Laura Hartung, Office of General Counsel, explained the amendments. The first change would be to define the word "adjacent" to mean within 1000 feet of the property. The second change is to create a statute of limitations for public nuisances.

The amendment was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

CM Salem asked if Council President Carrico approved of the amendments; Ms. Hartung affirmed. CM Amaro inquired whether the statute of limitations began in the calendar year of the first offense and how the two-year statute of limitations was determined. Ms. Hartung explained that JSO currently identifies properties of concern and remains on the lookout for another violation within the six months. She further explained that this bill addresses the scenario where a property has prior qualifying violations within a six-month period, which is a year or two in the past. She stated that the two-year period was considered fair, given that the statute of limitations is three years for some crimes that qualify as a nuisance.

Chair Gay stated he received a text message from the Council President confirming his support for the amendment. Carla Lopera directed the Committee to move the bill, as amended, to get it in the proper posture. CM Boylan stated he was glad the Council looked to PNAB for guidance on the legislation. He then asked if the involvement and appointment criteria would be the same for PNAB members since the bill also extended the term limits from two to three. Mr. Peterson affirmed that there was no change to the requirements of the Rules Committee about appointments.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Include definition of "adjacent" as it relates to offenses occurring in an adjacent parcel or public right-of-way**
- 2. Clarify timeline of when offenses must occur for a property to be declared a public nuisance**
- 3. Correct scrivener's errors**

• Amends Ordinance Code Ch. 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board) to make the following changes:

- Revise the term limit for the two community advocate Board members from two full terms to three full terms**
- Expand the list of activities that qualify as a public nuisance to include violations of Ch. 499 and Section 562.12, Florida Statutes, and conduct occurring on an adjacent parcel or public right of way but originating from the subject parcel**
- Allow employees and officers of the City and its independent agencies and any person who lives, works, or owns a business or real property within 1 mile of a purported public nuisance to file a complaint**
- Revise the timeline for the Board Clerk to issue hearing notices from 15 calendar days to 7 calendar days before the scheduled hearing date**
- Add findings of fact that the Board must make prior to ordering closure of a nuisance property**
- Specify the various remedies the Board may order to abate the nuisance**
- Strike the \$15,000 cap on fines imposed pursuant to Ch. 672 (the \$15,000 limit will still apply pursuant to Florida Statutes)**
- Allow executed Board orders to be delivered to all parties by email**
- Clarify the instructions for appealing orders of the Board**

7. [2025-0448](#) ORD-MC re Industrial Developments; Amend Sec 656.604 (Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required), Subpt A (Off-Street Parking, On-Street Parking & Loading for Motor Vehicles), Pt 6 (Off-Street Parking, On-Street Parking & Loading Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Modify the Parking Requirements for Industrial, Wholesale, Warehouse, Storage & Similar Uses; Amend Sec 656.1209 (Applicability), Subpt C (Landscaping Requirements), Pt 12 (Landscape & Tree Protection Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Modify Landscaping Requirements for Industrial Development; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by CM White) (PD & PC Amd/Apv)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, LUZ
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/24/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/5/25 TEU Amend/Approve 5-0
8/5/25 LUZ PH Amend/Approve 7-0
LUZ PH: 8/5/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Salem asked CM White if he was opposed to the 50 percent threshold mentioned in the legislation. Chris Hagan, representing NAIOP, had initially asked for the 50 percent rule to be moved to a 70 percent rule for landscaping requirements for industrial developments. Chair Gay asked why it was ultimately kept at 50 percent. Mr. Hagan stated they want to promote development and revitalization, and that 70 percent would make that easier. He said that 60 percent would be a good compromise between industry and the Public Works Department.

Nina Sickler, Public Works Department, clarified that there was a change in the legislation from 50 percent of the appraised value at the start of the three-year period to 50 percent of the current appraised value. She said that the adjustment would address some of the industry's concerns. She noted that 60 or 70 percent differs from the thresholds applied in other areas, and that 50 percent is a reasonable threshold. Chair Gay asked what would be detrimental about a 70 percent threshold. Ms. Sickler stated that an increased threshold would reduce the opportunity to make landscaping improvements alongside industrial development. Dylan Reingold, Office of General Counsel, noted the bill also changes the requirement that 20 percent of the project costs be applied to meet the landscaping requirement to five percent.

CM Amaro asked if 55 percent would be an acceptable number. Ms. Sickler said that ultimately they will enforce whatever is passed but stated that 50 percent is consistent with what they require across the board. She also highlighted that changing from the appraised value of three years ago to the current appraised value provides adequate relief. She also noted that the reduction in the percentage of project costs applied to landscaping, from 20 to five percent, also provides relief.

Mr. Peterson clarified that the bill before the Committee does contain the new 70 percent threshold. CM Boylan moved an amendment to change the threshold to 60 percent, which was seconded. CM Boylan asked if consistency was the only reason to keep the threshold at 50 percent. Ms. Sickler stated that there was not. CM Boylan asked why this change was so important to development. Mr. Hagan stated that industry experts think the 70 percent threshold would free up more opportunities. He also said that 60 percent was better than 50 but not as good as 70.

The Boylan amendment failed, 3-3 (Boylan, Amaro, Salem approved; White, Gay, Miller opposed).

Planning Commission recommended approval with an amendment to maintain existing threshold of 50% of building value for renovations of industrial projects

- **Amends Section 656.604 (Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required) to require industrial, wholesale, warehouse, storage and similar use facilities have one space per 5,000 square feet of gross floor area (previously one space per 2,000 square feet)**
- **Amends Section 656.1209 (Applicability) to provide for additional exemptions and requirements for industrial developments**

8. [2025-0456](#) ORD Approp \$1,500,000 from the Palm Ave Improvements - DM Other Construction Costs Acct to the Cecil Equestrian Facility - Facility Repairs & Improvements - DM Other Construction Costs & DM Equipment Accts for the Proj Entitled "Equestrian Center - Facility Repairs & Improvements" Proj to Fund Various Improvements, Upgrades, & Equipment Costs for the Jax Equestrian Ctr as More Specifically Described Herein; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dep (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Gay, Miller, White & Johnson)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

The amendment passed unanimously. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. CM Salem stated he and other Council Members have visited the equestrian center and have seen the need for improvement. He noted that some dollars from the DOGE Special Committee were used for this appropriation.

CM White thanked CM Salem for locating the funds and stated that this appropriation will enable the needed improvements. CM Johnson asked if the JSO equine center will be moved to the equestrian center. CM White said that was correct, with about \$3.5 million planned to be allocated for the move. Chair Gay asked to be added as a co-sponsor. CM Miller and White asked to be added as co-sponsors.

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 3 (CIP) to include Palm Avenue Improvements and correct prior years

9. [2025-0457](#) ORD Approp \$1,206,230.29 from the Gen Fund Operating - Interfund Transfer in Acct Representing Returned Funding Related to Termination of the JIA CRA Pursuant to Ord 2023-496-E to the Group Health Fund (56201) to Assist with Fund Reserves (B.T. 25-102) (Req of Mayor) (Dillard)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

DEFER

CM Salem explained the reason for deferral.

10. [2025-0458](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain 3rd Amdt to Lease Agrmt btwn the City & One Imeson Park Blvd, LLC, a FL Limited Liability Company, & Successor-in-Interest to GIV Imeson LLC (Landlord), for City's Continued Use of the Election Center, Located at 1 Imeson Park Blvd, Jax, FL 32218, Comprising 50,000± sq ft, for an Add'l Term of 10 Yrs to Expire on 3/30/36, with Annual Rent of \$412,500.00 Effective as of 10/1/25, Subject to a 3.5% Annual Rent Escalation Thereafter; Prov for Oversight by the Duval County Supervisor of Elections (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

• Current lease expires on March 31, 2026

11. [2025-0459](#) ORD Apv & Ratifying, & Auth the General Counsel, or His Desig, to Execute a Settlement Agrmt btwn the City & the US Dept of Health & Human Svcs Office of Inspector General, Prov Terms & Conds for the City's Reimbursement of Overpayments Made to JFRD for Certain Ambulance Transportation Svcs Rendered by JFRD btwn 12/1/22 & 1/31/23, Including Restitution & Penalties in the Total Amt of \$154,654.79; Auth the General Counsel, or His Desig, to Take Further Action as Necessary to Effectuate the Settlement Agrmt Authd Herein (Granat) (Req of OGC)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Salem asked Sean Granat, Office of General Counsel, to recount a conversation they had previously. They discussed the renewal process for firefighters and paramedics, as well as how it was paid for. Mr. Granat explained that every two years, the City gives each employee a pay code that they use to renew. CM Salem asked if firefighters and paramedics receive ongoing education. Chief Golden, JFRD, confirmed they did.

In response to a question about the 2024 renewal process, Chief Golden confirmed that the process occurred successfully and that the next one occurs in 2026. CM Salem also asked how new hire licenses were confirmed. Chief Golden stated that licenses are confirmed before hiring and that all renewals occur at the same time, regardless of hire date.

CM Miller stated he was encouraged by the latest round of renewals, but asked what changes were made with regard to the role of supervisors or others in charge of the renewal process. Chief Golden stated that policies and procedures are now in place, granting responsibility to the Training Division of JFRD, which includes audits, reprimands, and other accountability measures.

12. [2025-0462](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & the University of FL Brd of Trustees for the Benefit of the College of Medicine - Jax for the Training of Medical Residents & Fellows; Prov for Oversight by the JFRD (Smith) (Req of Mayor)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

Scrivener's

Pg. 1, line 28, strike "Ther" and insert "This"

13. [2025-0463](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 111.275 (Jacksonville Veterans & Military Family Community Center & Facilities Trust Fund), Pt 2 (Health & Human Services), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Estab a Jax Veterans & Military Family Community Ctr & Facilities Trust Fund for the Purposes Described Herein; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by CMs Miller, Lahnen, J. Carlucci, Freeman, Diamond, Johnson & Peluso) (Co-Sponsors CMs White, Salem, Amaro, Gay, Arias & Pittman)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. CM Salem stated he was uncomfortable with the \$100,000 limit and thinks it could be lower. He noted that Mr. Peterson said the Parks Department could spend up to \$75,000 before coming to the Council. Mr. Peterson confirmed that the Parks Department has a program where individuals or corporations can make donations to the city for improvements to parks. The Parks Department can then spend up to \$75,000 on projects without needing Council approval. CM Salem asked Harrison Conyers, Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, if he was amenable to the \$75,000 limit. Mr. Conyers said he will work within the parameters set for other directors.

CM Salem offered an amendment to change the limit from \$100,000 to \$75,000. Ms. Lopera advised the Committee that they could pass the technical amendment and the Salem amendment separately, or they could amend the technical amendment with the Salem amendment, then vote to approve the technical amendment as amended.

The technical amendment is approved unanimously. CM Salem then offered his amendment, which was moved and seconded. CM White asked to be added as a co-sponsor and asked CM Miller for his thoughts on the Salem amendment. CM Miller stated he was fine with the amendment since Mr. Conyers agreed to it. Mr. Peterson then clarified that the limit for the Parks Department's expenditures was \$75,000 but was then raised to \$100,000. CM Salem then moved to withdraw the amendment, which was approved unanimously.

CM Amaro asked for the funding source. Mr. Peterson stated that funds may be sourced from donations, gifts, grants, fees, transfers, and appropriations to create a veteran's center. He clarified that the legislation establishes a fund to receive contributions from outside of the City. CM Amaro asked to be added as a co-sponsor. Chair Gay asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

AMENDMENT

Revise “Trust Fund” to “Special Revenue Fund” throughout bill

- Creates a new Code Sec. 111.275 to establish a new Jacksonville Veterans and Military Family Community Center and Facilities Trust Fund
- All funding received by the City for the purpose of designing, planning, constructing, maintaining, operating, staffing and equipping a Jacksonville Veterans and Military Family Community Center and other similar veterans facilities will be deposited in the Fund
- The Fund will be self-appropriating and will not lapse at the close of the fiscal year
- Any single expenditure in excess of \$100,000 will require Council approval
- A report of receipts and disbursements will be provided to the Council annually

14. [2025-0466](#) ORD Approp \$15,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct within the KHA Fund to Provide Funding to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jax Alumnae Chapter (JAC) for the May Week Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Amend the 5th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Waiving Certain Requirements of Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provided by JAC from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City or KHA & Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jax Alumnae Chapter for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
8/4/25 R Approve 7-0
8/5/25 F Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Miller asked if the funding in this bill was from a previously proposed bill. CM Johnson affirmed.

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$15,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter**
- **Funding will be used to provide scholarships of up to \$3,000 to graduating seniors as part of the May Week Program, which includes programs and events that highlight academic and professional achievements and emphasize the importance of higher education in the community**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through fiscal year 2025/26**
- **Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter**

15. [2025-0467](#) ORD Making Certain Findings; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt to Reduce Nuisance Abatement Liens & Demolition Lien btwn the City & the Hardmon Company, LLC in Connection with Demolition & Improvement of the Property Located at 1402 Florida Ave, Jax, FL 32206, which Lien Agrmt Authorizes an “After-the-Fact” Reduction of the Nuisance Abatement & Demolition Liens on the Property in the Amt of \$36,345.12, Plus Accrued Interest; Directing the Finance Dept & the Neighborhoods Dept to Work Cooperatively to Administer & Monitor the Lien Agrmt; Waiving Subsec 518.145(d) (Collection & Settlement of Nuisance Abatement & Demolition Liens), Ord Code, Auth the Director of the Finance Dept & the City’s Real Estate Officer to Extinguish Liens in Consideration of Rehab of a Property to Bring It Into Compliance with the Ord Code (R.E. # 114619-0020) (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
8/4/25 R Amend/Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0
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AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

The amendment is approved unanimously.

CM Boylan asked Mr. Peterson to explain the precedent for the bill. Mr. Peterson said that the City has a process for reducing nuisance and demolition liens on properties if owners improve the property. He further explained that this is an "after-the-fact" approval where the owner did not enter into an agreement with the City before making the improvements. He noted that these are not very common. CM Boylan asked if it was common for these "after-the-fact" reductions to be approved; Mr. Peterson affirmed.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Update total outstanding lien balance to \$36,483.32**
- 2. Correct number of nuisance liens from 15 to 16**
- 3. Correct oversight departments listed in bill title**
- 4. Attach Revised Exhibit 5 (List of liens) to reflect updated lien balances**
- 5. Attach Revised Exhibit 6 (Agreement) to update lien balance and revise language to reflect after the fact approval of lien abatement**

- Provides for a reduction of the nuisance and demolition liens for the property located at 1402 Florida Avenue**
- The outstanding balance of the liens including interest totals \$36,483.32 as of 7/31/25**
- Pursuant to the proposed agreement, the outstanding lien balance will be reduced by \$1 for every \$5 spent by the previous owner up to the first \$30,000 of improvements, then reduced by \$1 for every \$2 spent over \$30,000**
- Waives Code Section 518.145(d) in order to approve a settlement agreement with the previous owner after they made improvements and subsequently sold the property**

NOTE:

There is an Administrative Fine of \$11,565 on the subject parcel. It cannot be addressed until the nuisance and demolition liens are settled/paid off.

16. [2025-0468](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the ESP - Preteen & Teen Programming - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct within the KHA Fund to Provide Funding to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. for the Community Dev Troops Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Amend the 6th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Waiving Certain Requirements of Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provided by Girl Scouts from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Authorizing the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City or KHA & Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/4/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
8/5/25 F Amend/Approve 6-0
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APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Boylan asked CM Johnson to speak about the funding source. CM Johnson stated that these funds come from Council Strategic Initiatives and would have been allocated in a previous bill. They are now being presented in a series of bills appropriating smaller amounts of money to individual organizations.

CM Miller asked if this was the result of problems on the part of the City or the part of the recipients. CM Johnson stated that the City's process was essentially flawless and noted challenges specific to the organizations who will receive the funds.

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.**
- **Funding will be used to cover the costs associated with staffing four troop leaders for the Community Development Troops Program, which provides Girl Scout programming to underserved communities in Duval County**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through fiscal year 2025/26**
- **Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.**

17. [2025-0469](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Provide Funding to Jacksonville Public Education Fund, Inc. (JPEF) for the Franklin L. Smith Educator Leadership Initiatives Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 JPEF; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & Jacksonville Public Education Fund, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 6-0
8/4/25 R Substitute/Approve 7-0
8/5/25 F Substitute/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

SUSTITUTE/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Johnson asked if someone on the Committee could introduce an amendment allowing Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) to administer the funds appropriated in the bill. The amendment was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson asked if this could be done via substitute rather than amendment since the only thing changing is that oversight will shift from the Grants and Compliance Department to KHA.

The substitute is moved and seconded. CM Salem invited Rachel Zimmer, KHA, to provide input on the change. Ms. Zimmer stated they were supportive of the changes. The substitute is approved.

SUBSTITUTE

- 1. Revise account information to reflect an appropriation to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund (10901) – Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account**
 - 2. Strike waiver of Sec. 118.107 and add waiver of Sec. 77.111(a)**
 - 3. Amend the 7th Revised Schedule M and attach 8th Revised Schedule M as a new exhibit**
 - 4. Include CEO of KHA within contract authorization language**
 - 5. Revise oversight from Grants and Contract Compliance Division to Kids Hope Alliance**
 - 6. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to update account information**
 - 7. Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet) to reflect updated oversight department**
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- Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
 - Appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding to the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, Inc.**
 - Funding will be used to cover a portion of the salaries of the Vice President, who is responsible for overseeing the Franklin L. Smith Educator Leadership Initiatives Program, which strengthens public education by equipping teachers and school leaders with skills, coaching, and support**
 - Authorizes carryover of funding through fiscal year 2025/26**
 - Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for a direct contract with the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, Inc.**

18. [2025-0471](#) ORD Approp \$125,000 from the FOBT Pipeline, Inc. - Contingency Acct to the Local Initiative Support Corp - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Provide Funding to Local Initiatives Support Corp d/b/a LISC Jacksonville, for the Small Business Employment Re-Grant Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 LISC; Waiving Subsec 118.301(a)(3)(iii) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow a Portion of the City Funds to Be Used for Contributions & Donations to Other Groups or Orgs through the Prog; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Local Initiatives Support Corp d/b/a LISC Jacksonville for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Gaffney, Jr.) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/4/25 R Approve 7-0
8/5/25 F Amend/Approve 6-0
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APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Gaffney, Jr., stated he was present for questions only and provided a brief explanation of the bill, which would offer micro-grants to small businesses throughout the City. Chair Gay encouraged CM Gaffney, Jr., to consult with JSEB. CM Gaffney, Jr., confirmed that he had coordinated with JSEB.

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, line 18: strike "Initiatives" and insert "Initiative"

- Appropriates \$125,000 from a designated contingency account for FOBT Pipeline, Inc. that was established as part of the FY 24/25 budget process (CM Gaffney Jr. budget enhancement)
- Funding is being repurposed for a grant to Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC Jacksonville) for the Small Business Employment Re-Grant Program, which provides reimbursable employment grants of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to qualified small businesses
- LISC Jacksonville will use the funding for salaries and benefits (\$22,500) and re-grants (\$102,500)
- Authorizes carryover of funding through fiscal year 2025/26
- Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for a direct contract with Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Inc.
- Waives Code Sec. 118.301(a)(3)(iii) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds) in order to allow a portion of the funds to be spent on re-grants to other organizations

19. [2025-0472](#) ORD Approp \$125,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Northside Community Involvement - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funding to Northside Community Involvement, Inc. (NCI) for the Communities with Resources Working Together for the Betterment of Jax, FL Re-Grant Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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; Waiving Subsec 118.301(a)(3)(iii) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow a Portion of the City Funds to Be Used for Contributions & Donations to Other Groups or Orgs Thru the Prog; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & NCI for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Gaffney, Jr.) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

DEFER

20. [2025-0473](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 121.105 (Pensioner's Rights Upon Reemployment by City), Pt 1 (Police & Fire Pension Fund Administration), Ch 121 (Police & Fire Pension Plan), Ord Code, to Prov that City Council Protective Officer Retirees Shall Be Exempt from Certain Provisions Pertaining to Reemployment; Prov for Compliance with Sec 121.104, Ord Code, Pertaining to Review & Comment from the PFPF Brd of Trustees & Req for an Actuarial Analysis from the State Div of Retirement; Prov for Codification Instructions (Teal) (Introduced by CM Carrico)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

DEFER

21. [2025-0474](#) RESO, Upon an Acknowledgement of Due Authorization & the Making of Findings, Apv the Issuance by the JHFA of Its Multifamily Housing Rev Bonds (Village at Lake Forest), in One or More Series, in an Aggregate Principal Amt Not to Exceed \$23,000,000 for the Purpose of Financing All or a Portion of the Costs Related to the Acquisition & Construction of a Multifamily Residential Housing Facility for Persons or Families of Low, Middle or Moderate Income, to Be Located at 901 Kennard St, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32208, & to Be Commonly Known as "Village at Lake Forest"; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Dillard) (Req of JHFA)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Salem asked if this was \$23 million the Council was appropriating. Mr. Peterson stated they are authorizing JHFA to issue bonds and that the money is federal not City money.

- Provides for the development of approximately 120 units of multifamily residential housing to be known as the Village at Lake Forest in Council District 10

- Housing units to be set aside as follows:

- 24 units at or below 80% AMI
- 72 units at or below 60% AMI
- 24 units at or below 40% AMI

22. [2025-0482](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & El Beth El Divine Holiness Church, Inc. d/b/a El Beth El Development Center, Inc. (El Beth El) for the People Helping People Crime Prevention Prog; Waiving Sec 118.201(f)(7) (Release of Appropriations), Pt 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for an Advance Payment of \$100,000 to El Beth El; Prov for Continued Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso & Johnson)
- 6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
8/4/25 R Approve 6-0
8/5/25 F Approve 7-0
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APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

CM Miller asked why the funds in the bill were being provided upfront. CM Arias explained that the events the recipient had organized for the community had already taken place, and they now needed to settle their vendor payments.

CM Boylan asked what the recipient is still missing. Mr. Peterson stated that part of the requirement to receive the City funds is evidence that vendors had been paid.

CM Amaro stated he would support the bill, but noted that incidents like this should not occur. CM Gay asked if the process was to get reimbursed after payments were made. CM Arias stated that it was the normal process, but the organization was told they needed special insurance since they were working with children, which created compliance issues.

CM Boylan stated that they should look into the process for non-profits seeking city funding to make it less complex.

- **Ord. 2024-767-E previously appropriated \$100,000 for a direct contract with El Beth El Development Center, Inc. for the People Helping People Crime Prevention Program**
- **El Beth El Development Center, Inc. has requested that the grant funds be paid in advance rather than on a reimbursement basis, which requires a revised term sheet and grant agreement and Council approval to waive Code Sec. 118.201(f)(7)**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.201(f)(7) (Release of Appropriations) to allow an advance payment of \$100,000 (the full grant amount)**

AUDITOR CONCERN

The full amount of the grant is being advanced to the recipient. If the grant recipient does not comply with the terms of the grant, the City would have to pursue the clawback of the grant.

23. [2025-0528](#) ORD re the PSG Micro-Grant Prog Grants Allocated by the PSG Council to Fostering Connections, Inc., Empowerment Resources Inc., Little Hands, Big Hearts Little People's Service Organization, Inc., Born 2 Excel, Inc., Girls of Virtue, Inc., Subliminal Dreamz Inc., Youth Giving Back Sports Mentor Program Inc., & Dream Release, Inc. (Collectively, the "Agencies"), in FY 23-24 in Accordance with Pt 1 (General Provisions), Pt 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Pt 4 (Disallowance of Expenditures) & Pt 5 (Liability & Loss of Entitlement or Eligibility for City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code; Prov Forgiveness to the Agencies for Non-Compliance with Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, Including the Audit & Reporting Requirements in Sec 118.201 (Release of Appropriations), Ord Code; Auth the Council Auditor to Remove the Agencies from the Ch 118 Non-Compliance List; Prov for City Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
8/4/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

24. [2025-0532](#) ORD Approp \$200,000 from the PSG - Micro-Grant Prog - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to the TSIT Information Technologies - Other General Govt Svcs Contractual Svcs Acct to Provide Funds for the JaxCode4Change Prog; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26 (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Freeman) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
8/4/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

25. [2025-0533](#) ORD Appropriating \$25,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Provide Funding to Artist Connection Theatre, Inc. (ACT) for the Main Stage Prog & Young Artist Prog (Collectively, the “Program”) as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 ACT; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & Artist Connection Theatre, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson) 7/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
8/4/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2025-0539](#) ORD re the Establishment of the Five Points Dependent Special Dist in Accordance with Sec 189.02, F.S.; Incorporating Recitals; Adopt a Charter for the “Five Points Dependent Special District” for the Purpose of Improving the Five Points Area with Svcs, Including But Not Limited to Security, Landscaping & Promotion; Estab the Dependent Nature of the Dist; Estab the Purpose, Powers, Functions & Duties; Estab a Geographic Boundary for the Dist; Acknowledging the Authority to Create the Dependent Special Dist; Recognizing the Best Alternative; Estab a 5 Member Board of Supervisors with Alternates Appointed by the City Council; Prov Add’l Requirements; Identifying the Method of Financing; Recognizing the Consistency with the Comp Plan (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Peluso) 7/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
8/4/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/12/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

27. [2025-0562](#) RESO Suggesting the DCSB Further Consider Downtown Jax as a Potential Location for the Duval County Public Schools Consolidated Administrative Headquarters & Encouraging Collaboration with the DIA & Other Approp Public & Private Stakeholders to Identify Suitable Sites that Advance Downtown Revitalization; Directing the LSD to Transmit Copies of this Reso, Once Adopted, to the Members of the DCSB & to the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools (Armstrong) (Introduced by CMs Carlucci & J. Carlucci)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
8/4/25 NCSPHS Withdraw 6-0
8/4/25 R Withdraw 6-0

WITHDRAW

Aye: 6 - Salem, White, Miller, Gay, Amaro and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Clark-Murray

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 18, 2025.

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

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Blake Harper spoke in opposition to 2025-0562. He stated the City Council was improperly involving itself in the decision-making process of the Duval County School Board.

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