

Introduced by Council Member White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
Freeman, Carlucci and Johnson and amended by the Finance Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-362-E

AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
APPROPRIATING \$12,000,000 FROM DEBT MANAGEMENT
FUND LOAN PROCEEDS TO THE JACKSONVILLE ZOO
IMPROVEMENTS - DM OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS
ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CITY-OWNED FACILITY LOCATED
AT 370 ZOO PARKWAY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32218;
AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE
2024-505-E TO REFLECT THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
AUTHORIZED HEREIN TO THE PROJECT ENTITLED
"JACKSONVILLE ZOO IMPROVEMENTS" (THE
"PROJECT"); AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-504-E, THE
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET, TO REPLACE THE
SECOND REVISED SCHEDULE B4, THE FY 24-25 DEBT
MANAGEMENT FUND DETAIL, AND THE REVISED SCHEDULE
B4-B, THE FY 24-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FUNDED VIA BORROWING, TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING
AND/OR ISSUANCE OF FIXED-RATE DEBT FOR THE
PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE,
AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SIXTH
AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS COST DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE
JACKSONVILLE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. (CITY
CONTRACT NO. 7182-32) AS PROVIDED HEREIN;

1 PROVIDING A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ANY FUTURE
2 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING OR CITY DISBURSEMENT OF THE
3 FINAL \$4,000,000 PAYMENT PLANNED FOR FISCAL YEAR
4 2025-2026 FOR THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR
5 OVERSIGHT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT;
6 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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8 **WHEREAS,** the City and The Jacksonville Zoological Society,
9 Inc. (the "Zoological Society") previously entered into that certain
10 Capital Maintenance and Capital Improvements Cost Disbursement
11 Agreement dated May 17, 2019, whereby the City agreed to fund capital
12 improvements to the City-owned land and facilities occupied and
13 managed by the Zoological Society over a five-year period; and

14 **WHEREAS,** as part of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, the City
15 committed to a new five-year capital improvements contribution to the
16 Zoological Society in an amount of \$4,000,000 per year (the
17 "Project"); and

18 **WHEREAS,** due to increased costs related to construction, the
19 Zoological Society has requested the City revise the schedule of
20 payments to be made toward capital improvements at the Zoo so the
21 certain projects may be completed before further price increases can
22 occur; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the City has agreed to move the payments originally
24 scheduled for fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 for
25 capital improvements at the Zoo to fiscal year 2024-2025 as authorized
26 herein; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
29 found, and declared as follows:

30 (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

31 (b) The Project will promote and further the public and

1 municipal purposes of the City.

2 (c) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in
3 the agreement between the City and The Jacksonville Zoological
4 Society, Inc. is necessary and appropriate to make the Project
5 feasible; and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive,
6 taking into account the extent of the public benefits expected to be
7 derived from the Project, and taking into account all other forms of
8 assistance available.

9 (d) The Zoological Society and its contractors, are qualified
10 to carry out and complete the construction and equipping of the
11 Project.

12 (e) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for
13 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a
14 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of
15 Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
16 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
17 matter of legislative determination.

18 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
19 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
20 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
21 listed in subsection (b):

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

24 (a) Appropriated from:

25 See **Exhibit 1** \$12,000,000

26 (b) Appropriated to:

27 See **Exhibit 1** \$12,000,000

28 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

29 The funding above represents an appropriation of
30 \$12,000,000 from Debt Management Fund Loan Proceeds to
31 provide funds for the capital project entitled

1 "Jacksonville Zoo Improvements" to The Jacksonville
2 Zoological Society, Inc. for capital improvements to the
3 City-owned facilities located at 370 Zoo Parkway,
4 Jacksonville, Florida 32218.

5 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
6 Section 2 is to assist the Zoological Society in completing planned
7 capital improvements to the City-owned facilities before further
8 price increases can occur.

9 **Section 4. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance
10 2024-505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
11 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is
12 hereby amended to reflect the reallocation of funds for the project
13 entitled "Jacksonville Zoo Improvements" (the "Project") originally
14 scheduled to be disbursed in fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and
15 2028-2029 to fiscal year 2024-2025 as more fully described in the
16 Project Information Sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
17 incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council finds that
18 the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget
19 and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the
20 community because such deferral will result in unnecessary delay of
21 the Project.

22 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of
23 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
24 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
25 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
26 an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the CIP
27 approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E shall remain unchanged and continue
28 in full force and effect.

29 **Section 5. Amending Ordinance 2024-504-E, the FY 2024-2025**
30 **Budget, to Replace Second Revised Schedule B4 and Revised Schedule**
31 **B4-b to Reflect Allocation of Funding for the Project.** Ordinance

2024-504-E, the FY 2024-2025 Budget, is hereby amended to replace Second Revised Schedule B4, entitled "FY 24-25 Debt Management Fund Detail", and Revised Schedule B4-b, entitled "FY 24-25 Capital Improvement Projects Funded via Borrowing", to reflect the allocation of \$12,000,000 for the Project. The Third Revised Schedule B4 and Second Revised Schedule B4-b are attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and **Exhibit 4**, respectively.

Section 6. Authorizing Execution of a Sixth Amendment to City Contract No. 7182-32. The Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute a Sixth Amendment to Capital Maintenance and Capital Improvements Cost Disbursement Agreement Between the City of Jacksonville and The Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. (City Contract No. 7182-32) to reflect the appropriation of funds as authorized herein in substantially the form attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 5**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 5, Rev 6th Amd, June 17, 2025 - Finance".

Section 7. Providing a Condition Precedent to Future Requests for Funding or Disbursement of Payment for the Project. The Zoological Society shall provide evidence to the City that it has met its responsibility under the Capital Maintenance and Capital Improvements Cost Disbursement Agreement Between the City of Jacksonville and The Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc., as amended hereby, to match the \$12,000,000 in City funding described herein prior to making any requests for additional funding for the Project or the City's disbursement of the final \$4,000,000 payment for the Project planned for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Section 8. Oversight Department. The Public Works Department shall have oversight of the agreement and project described herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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