

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes - Amended

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**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 - Excused Late Arrival*

*Ron Salem - Excused Late Arrival*

*Michael Boylan*

*Tyrona Clark-Murray*

*Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton*

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

*Council Research: Brandon Russell*

*Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy*

*Administration: Bill Delaney*

### **COUNCIL RULE 4.505 DISRUPTION OF MEETING**

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**Disruption of a meeting includes the following types of behaviors:**

- 1) Any form of political campaigning or electioneering regarding a specific candidate or group of candidates in City elections;**
- 2) Impeding the orderly progress of the meeting by shouting, yelling, whistling, chanting, singing, dancing, clapping, foot stomping, snapping fingers, cheering, jeering, using artificial noise makers or musical instruments, waving signs of any size, or engaging in any other display of excessive noise, sounds, or movement;**
- 3) Displaying or waving signs of any sort, except where used to support the speaker's presentation at the podium, and only where the sign is 21 inches by 21 inches or smaller in size and cannot be displayed in a manner which unreasonably obstructs the view of the dais for any member of the audience, regardless of message;**
- 4) Audible noise from cellphones or other electronic devices;**
- 5) Consumption of alcohol or controlled substances;**
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- 7) Refusing to stop speaking when his or her time has expired or is otherwise directed by the presiding officer to do so due to disruptive behavior as described herein;**
- 8) Returning to the meeting after having been removed or ejected, or attempting to do so.**

**Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM      Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 AM**

**Present:**      7 -    Mike Gay, Randy White, Ron Salem, Chris Miller, Ken Amaro, Michael Boylan and Tyrona Clark-Murray

**Attendance:**

**CM Arias - 2026-63**

**CM Pittman - 2026-63**

**CM Peluso - Visiting**

**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.      [2025-0361](#)      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**

3. [2026-0005](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations), Ord Code; Estab an Honorary Street Desig & Associated Roadway Markers for Cedric Burrell; Estab an Honorary Street Desig on 16th St E Extending btwn Main St & Hubbard St in Council Dist. 7 for Cedric Burrell; Prov for the Installation of 2 Honorary Roadway Markers to Be Located in Appropriate Locations on the Desig Road in Council Dist. 7; Waiving the Requirement of Subsec 745.105(i)(2), Ord Code, that the Honoree to Be Deceased for at Least 5 Yrs; Waiving the Requirement of Subsec 745.105(i)(3), Ord Code, that the Honoree Reside in the Community within 5 Miles of the Street Being Desig for at Least 10 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward a Copy of this Ord, Once Enacted, to the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering & Addressing Divs, for Processing, Implementation & Coordination with the Applicant & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Peluso)(Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)  
1/13/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU  
1/20/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/20/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/21/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/27/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/26 TEU PH Only  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 2/3/26 & 4/7/26  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/27/26 & 4/14/26

**DEFER**

4. [2026-0063](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 154.301 (Hours of Operation), Pt 3 (Hours of Sale), Ch 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ord Code, to Exclude Establishments Under Ch 154, Pt 5, Ord Code; Creating a New Pt 5 (Downtown Entertainment District), Ch 154, Ord Code, to Define a Downtown Entertainment Dist; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by Arias)  
1/27/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
2/2/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/10/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-1 (Gay)  
2/17/26 R Amend/Approve 5-1 (Gay)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/10/26

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

**Nay:** 1 - Gay



The amendment was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment.

CM Amaro asked whether there was a map showing the proposed district's boundaries. Mr. Peterson said that a map is on page 3 of the proposed legislation. CM Clark-Murray said Broad and State Streets mark the beginning of the North Core and further explained that the boundaries are defined in the legislation by reference to roads. Dylan Reingold of the Office of General Counsel explained that the areas designated in the legislation correspond to the Downtown Overlay, clarifying that the bill did not create any new areas. Maps were printed out and distributed to the Committee. Referring to the map, Mr. Peterson said the Church, Central Core, and Sports and Entertainment districts would comprise the Downtown Entertainment District.

CM Amaro asked why Brooklyn was not included. CM Arias explained that it was excluded because it was outside the Downtown Urban Core and had more residential property. He added that the Church district on the Overlay map was also referred to as the North Core.

CM White said he received a call from Da Real Ting Café, located on Hogan and Adams Streets, requesting inclusion in the proposed district. CM White said he would like to add an amendment to expand the district to the Cathedral district, up to Duval Street. Ms. Staffopoulos recommended voting on the pending technical amendment before considering other amendments. The technical amendment was approved unanimously.

Ms. Staffopoulos said that the area referenced by CM White was already included.

CM Arias explained that the bill was created to incentivize businesses to come to Downtown beyond completion grants and other appropriations. He explained that adding hours of operation for restaurants and bars can increase revenue and potentially create more jobs. He said that he chose the areas outlined in the bill because they focused more on entertainment. He said the Cathedral district was excluded because of the number of seniors living there. He said that he spoke with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, and both organizations had expressed support. He added that he anticipates DIA to support the bill as well. He said the bill would enable Jacksonville to become a world-class city and urged the Committee to support it.

CM Pittman expressed a desire to add the Main Street and Norwood Avenue corridors to the bill after businesses in the area reached out to request inclusion. She requested that a Committee member move an amendment to include those corridors. CM Clark-Murray moved to include the Main Street and Norwood Avenue corridors, and the motion was seconded.

Ms. Staffopoulos explained that the areas covered by the Pittman Amendment would extend from Norwood Avenue to the Gateway area and from 4800 Main Street to the railroad tracks.

CM Clark-Murray said a map showing the areas included in the amendment is needed. She also said that statutory requirements must be considered alongside proximity to residences and churches. She also suggested considering safety and security.

CM Salem said he would reluctantly support the bill. He suggested that CM Pittman introduce separate legislation to extend hours of operation in areas of her district and stated that he would not support the

Pittman Amendment.

CM Amaro said he did not know how he would vote and questioned whether that many jobs would be created as a result of the bill's passage. He said some communities will feel disenfranchised because their hours are not being extended as well.

CM Pittman explained that the businesses in the corridors in her district had been open for years and would also like to benefit from extended hours. She committed to developing a map as requested by CM Clark-Murray. She said she wanted to spur economic development in the area, which is why she was bringing the issue forward now. She also added that she was open to bringing back separate legislation. Mr. Peterson asked for the exact boundaries of the areas covered by the Pittman Amendment. CM Pittman clarified the boundaries.

Ms. Staffopoulos requested that if the Pittman Amendment were approved, it be rolled into a Neighborhoods Substitute and then re-referred so it can be advertised again with the added areas and allow for additional public hearings.

CM Boylan said it was not a good idea to add these areas because other areas would also request inclusion. He encouraged CM Pittman to return with separate legislation and to allow the bill to proceed as is so that it could serve as a template in the future. He said he could not support the amendment.

CM Clark-Murray noted that the Brentwood community would oppose this and added that she aligned with CM Boylan's suggestion to bring back a separate bill.

CM Salem agreed with the other Committee members that the bill should pass now as it is. CM Miller concurred that the bill should be passed as is.

CM Pittman thanked the Committee for the discussion and requested that the amendment be withdrawn.

Mr. Delaney from the Administration expressed their support for the bill. He stated that the Mayor has said the issues Downtown are not intrinsic to Downtown but rather due to bad decisions and leadership. He said the bill was an example of good leadership and a wise decision. He said they have only heard supportive comments on the bill.

Ms. Staffopoulos said that because CM Clark-Murray moved the Pittman Amendment, which was seconded, CM Clark-Murray can withdraw the motion if she desires, and if there is no objection from the seconder or the remainder of the Committee, then the motion could be considered withdrawn. CM Clark-Murray withdrew the motion on the Pittman Amendment with no objections.

The bill was moved as amended and seconded.

CM Clark-Murray asked which changes the bill made and when businesses could remain open without selling alcohol. Mr. Reingold said that Section 562.14, Florida Statutes, states that, except as otherwise provided by county or municipal ordinance, no alcoholic beverages may be sold or served between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. CM Clark-Murray noted that the legislation would allow alcohol to be served from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and asked if alcohol sales would be prohibited between 3:00 a.m.

and 6:00 a.m. Mr. Reingold said establishments could remain open during that time, but that alcohol sales would be prohibited. CM Clark-Murray said she hoped businesses would consider enhanced security.

CM Boylan expressed concern about property damage and violence and asked CM Arias whether there was any consideration of incorporating additional security requirements for vendors into the bill. CM Arias said he initially wanted the bill to extend hours to 5:00 a.m. and added that he did not think the additional hour would make much difference. He said many businesses already have security staff in place. He cited the special district established in Five Points as a potential model for addressing problems should they arise. CM Boylan said he would like to see an analysis of how the change would impact the Downtown area and use it as an opportunity to assess the feasibility of similar districts throughout the county. He said he would support the bill but would like to assess any adverse impacts so they can be addressed in the future.

CM Amaro asked if law enforcement had expressed a position on the bill. CM Arias said he had not received any support or opposition to the bill from law enforcement and does not anticipate any issues. He also noted that other major cities offer extended hours only in select areas.

Chair Gay said he had received significant opposition from community members and asked about the hours of operation at the Beaches. CM Arias said he was not sure and deferred to Mr. Reingold. Mr. Reingold said he was not familiar with the hours of operation at the Beaches but that their municipal government would be responsible for setting them. CM Arias said that he was certain businesses at the Beaches stay open until 2:00 a.m. Chair Gay suggested looking at those establishments for comparison. CM Arias said the Beaches are not comparable to the Downtown area because there are more residential properties nearby. He said Downtown was a true entertainment district, unlike the Beaches.

CM Miller said he reached out to JSO, which indicated it was indifferent to the changes.

Ms. Staffopoulos said Jacksonville Beach permits alcohol consumption until midnight, but certain establishments can obtain permits to sell alcohol until 2:00 a.m. She said those permits are renewed each year.

Chair Gay said he would not be supporting the bill at this time.

**AMENDMENT**

1. Revise map to include legend
2. Pg. 3, line 12: strike “NorthCore/Church” and insert “NorthCore”
3. Pg. 3, line 18: strike “easterly” and insert “westerly”
4. Correct scrivener’s errors

• **Amends Ordinance Code Ch. 154 (Alcoholic Beverages) to create a new Downtown Entertainment District (the “District”), consisting of the NorthCore, Central Core, and Sports and Entertainment Districts, and allow the sale, consumption, and service of alcoholic beverages Monday through Sunday from 6:00 am until 3:00 am for all licensed establishments within the District**

5.     [2026-0065](#)     ORD Reallocating \$2,000,000.00 in State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Grant Funds from the SHIP Owner-Occupied Rehab Prog to the SHIP Downpayment Assistance Prog & SHIP Single-Family Dev Prog; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Docs Related to the Approp (B.T. 26-036) (Smith) (Req of Mayor)  
1/27/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/2/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/10/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/18/26 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/10/26

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**           7 -   Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The amendment was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment was approved unanimously.

The bill was moved as amended and seconded.

CM Salem noted that the bill allocated \$1.5 million to single-family development and \$500,000 to down payment assistance. He asked why the appropriation was split that way and whether it was possible to allocate more to down payment assistance. Travis Jeffrey, Chief of Housing and Community Development, said that he structured the program to have a dedicated funding source for down payment assistance. He said the goal is to use \$1.5 million for construction financing for homes for very low-income families. That money would be lent to nonprofits for home construction and would return to the City once the homes were sold. He said the other \$500,000 would go toward down payment assistance for homes that have been built. He said they have another down payment assistance program funded by SHIP, but funds sometimes run out. He said he wanted to ensure that, when the homes were built, there was dedicated down payment assistance available.

CM Miller noted from the Auditor's note that the City had not requested an extension and asked if they had explored that option. He asked whether the current use of the dollars was preferred or the second-best option given the timeline for spending them. Mr. Jeffrey said a state bill passed in 2021 required that all SHIP funds be allocated to municipalities. He said this led to a large infusion of funds that had to be used. He added that the funds come to the City with set-asides for categories like homeownership and construction. He said 30 percent of the funds had to be used for very low-income housing, and the only way to meet that requirement was through the owner-occupied rehab program. He said that when they began receiving increased funding, they struggled to move it quickly enough. He said they are behind on encumbered dollars this year and cannot apply for an extension until June, as the state wants to know how far behind they are and will require an action plan for how to spend the money. He said this bill was an attempt to create additional programs to help expend the dollars more quickly. He added that they outsourced some rehabilitation programs this year and that they will meet the set-asides for construction and homeownership. CM Miller asked whether, if the extension were granted, they would still pursue this approach. Mr. Jeffrey said that he would.

CM Clark-Murray asked when the state would offer an extension. Mr. Jeffrey said they would apply for an extension in early June, ahead of the fiscal year's end. He said that they would also provide a plan for how they intend to spend the remaining funds. CM Clark-Murray asked if the state would grant an extension only after a request is made. Mr. Jeffrey affirmed. CM Clark-Murray encouraged everyone to support the bill.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct Project codes**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Program Schedule) to reflect FY 23/24 revised budget**
- 3. Correct prior appropriation bill number, year, and dollar amounts**
- 4. Correct Scrivener's**

- **Appropriates \$2,000,000 of FY 23/24 SHIP funding from the Owner Occupied Rehab program to the Single Family Development Program (\$1,500,000) and Downpayment Assistance Program (\$500,000)**
- **The City has not requested an extension from the state and no support has been provided to indicate that the state will approve an extension**
- **Without an approved extension, these funds must be encumbered by June 30 of this year or would be subject to return to the State**

6. [2026-0066](#) ORD Making Certain Findings, & Apv & Auth the Execution of an Amended & Restated Water Well Permitting Delegation Agrmt btwn the City & the St. Johns River Water Mgmt Dist; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Admin Svcs, Environmental Quality Div (Pollock) (Req of Mayor)  
1/27/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
2/2/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/10/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
2/18/26 TEU Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/10/26

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

- **City will continue to be responsible for administering wells under 6 inches in diameter**

7. [2026-0074](#) RESO Urging the FL Legislature Pass House Bill 981 & Senate Bill 1066, Also Known as the "Northeast Florida Rivers, Springs, & Community Investment Act," to Address Restoration of the Ocklawaha River & Creation of Recreational & Economic Dev Opportunities in the Surrounding Counties; Directing Legislative Svcs to Transmit Copies of this Reso, Once Adopted, to the Members of the Duval County Legislative Delegation, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, & the Governor of the State of FL; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Dame) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsor CM Boylan)  
1/27/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
2/2/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/2/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/10/26 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer

**DEFER**

8. [2026-0090](#) ORD-MC Amend the Charter of the Five Points Dependent Special Dist Estab by Ord 2025-539-E; Amend Sec 2 of Ord 2025-539-E (Estab of Charter for Five Points Dependent Special District) to Prov That the Terms of the Supervisors & Alternates Appointed to the Dist Governing Body Shall End on 6/30 & to Prov That an Employee Desig by the Owner of a Business Within the Dist is Qualified to Serve on the Governing Body; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 7-0  
2/17/26 R Emergency/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**EMERGENCY/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The emergency was moved and seconded. Ms. Staffopoulos explained the emergency. The emergency was approved unanimously.

The bill was moved as an emergency and seconded.

• **Amends the Charter of the Five Points Dependent Special District (the “District”), originally approved by Ord. 2025-539-E, to:**

- **Provide that employees designated by an owner of a business located in the District are qualified to serve as Supervisors and alternates**
- **Clarify the terms for Supervisors and alternates will end June 30**

• **The nature of the emergency is that there are several appointments to the District’s governing body currently pending before Council and those seats need to be filled quickly to ensure the District can meet all applicable requirements under the Charter and state statutes**

9. [2026-0092](#) ORD Approp \$693,035.89 from the General Fund Operating Budget Stabilization Contingency Account to the Downtown Economic Dev Fund Shipyards/Iguana Completion Grant 2022-871 - Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Prov Funding for the Remaining Bal Needed to Fully Fund the Completion Grant Previously Authorized by Ord 2022-871-E, as Amended by Ord 2025-815-E, for Dev of a Luxury Hotel & Office Bldg Improvements on the Northbank Riverwalk in Downtown (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsor CM Lahnen)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

10. [2026-0093](#) ORD re the Grant Awarded to NABJ Northeast Florida, Inc. (Jax NABJ) for the Jax NABJ Govt, Legal & Youth Media Initiative Originally Appvd & Auth by Ord 2025-713-E; Amend Ord 2025-713-E by Amend Exhibit 2 (Jax NABJ Term Sheet & Budget) to Extend the Grant Term to 9/1/26 (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

11. [2026-0094](#) ORD Approp \$385,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Jarboe Park Improvements - Subsidies & Contributions to Other Govt Acct, to Provide Funds to the City of Neptune Beach for Improvements to Jarboe Park Located at 510 Florida Blvd, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266; Prov for Carryover to FY 26-27; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, to Negotiate an Agrmt with the City of Neptune Beach & the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the COJ and the City of Neptune Beach for Improvements to Jarboe Park, Subj to Certain Conds; Prov for Oversight by the PW Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

12. [2026-0095](#) ORD Approp \$26,080.31 in State Housing Initiative Partnership Funds from the Internal Service Charges (ISA) Acct to the Permanent & Probationary Salaries Acct (B.T. 26-035) (Smith) (Req of Mayor)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

13. [2026-0096](#) ORD Approp \$2,249,117.00 from Federal Grant Contributions to Provide Funding for the McCoys Creek Branches Proj; Amend the 26-30 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2025-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 26-040) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

14. [2026-0097](#) ORD Apv the Settlement of Claims Made by the COJ Against Otis Elevator Company as Set Forth in the 4th Judicial Circuit Court Case # 16-2024-CA-000270; Apv & Auth Execution of a Proposed Settlement & Release Agmt; Auth the General Counsel & His Desig to Take all Further Action to Resolve the Claims (Pinkstaff) (Req of Mayor)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

15. [2026-0098](#) ORD Approp \$37,681.99 in Grant Funding from the FDEP, to Provide Funding for Compliance Activities at Facilities Permitted Pursuant to Title V of the Clean Air Act; Prov for Carryover of Funds Into FY 26-27; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Administrative Svcs Dept, Environmental Quality Div (B.T. 26-041) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

16. [2026-0099](#) ORD Approp Grant Funding in the Amt of \$640,000 from the FDOT, to the McDuff Ave Rdwy Improvements - Other Construction Costs Acct, to Provide Funding to Add Lanes Approp for Reconstruction of McDuff Ave from Olga Place to State Route 15/U.S. 17/Roosevelt Blvd; Amend the 26-30 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2025-505-E to Create a New Proj Entitled “McDuff Avenue Roadway Improvements” (the Project) Approp to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Engineering Approp Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 6-0  
2/18/26 TEU Emergency/Approve 7-0  
2/18/26 F Emergency/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**EMERGENCY/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Gay, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The emergency was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the emergency. The emergency was approved unanimously.

The bill was moved as an emergency and seconded.

CM Clark-Murray asked which part of McDuff Avenue was affected by the improvements. Nina Sickler from the Public Works Department confirmed that it was the portion of McDuff Avenue in front of Riverside High School, beginning at Roosevelt Boulevard. CM Clark-Murray asked if there would be public hearings for residents. Ms. Sickler said the project was non-invasive and would add a lane without requiring curbs to be moved, thereby negating the need for a public hearing.

- **Funds will be used to add lanes and reconstruct .225 miles of McDuff Avenue near Riverside High School**
- **No City match required**
- **The nature of the emergency is that the Agreement must be approved and returned to FDOT by March 1, 2026**

17. [2026-0100](#) ORD Approp \$4,550,172.00, Including \$2,275,086.00 from the General Capital Improvement Projects - Debt Management Fund Principal Acct & \$2,275,086.00 from the Council 2% Extraordinary Lapse - Contingency Acct, All Within the General Fund Operating Fund, to (1) the Multiyear Programs & Initiatives - Gateway N4 Contingency Acct (\$2,275,086.00), & (2) the General Fund Non-Departmental Council Extraordinary Lapse Accts (\$2,275,086.00), to Remove Negative Budget Amts in General Fund Non-Departmental Centers & Provide Partial Funding for a Completion Grant Previously Auth by Ord 2024-485-E for the Multi-Parcel Dev Project Referenced Therein (the Gateway Jax Project) (B.T. 26-030) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

18. [2026-0101](#) ORD Approp \$610,000.00, Including (1) \$547,652.72 from the General Capital Improvement Projects - ISA Debt Mgmt Fund - Interest Acct within the General Fund Operating Fund, & (2) \$62,347.28 from within the Parking Capital Improvements Fund, Including \$60,000.00 from the Transfer from Fund 41108 Acct & \$2,347.28 from the Investment Pool Earnings Acct, to the St. James Garage Maintenance Repairs - Other Construction Costs Acct within the Parking Capital Improvements Fund to Provide Funding for Repairs to the City Hall St. James Parking Garage; Amend the 26-30 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2025-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds; Providing for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Public Buildings Div; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (B.T. 26-043) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/18/26 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The emergency was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the emergency. The emergency was approved unanimously.

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CM Boylan asked if cushions would be added to the pillars in the garage. Ms. Sickler said those were not included in the project but an estimate could be provided.

CM Salem asked for the total amount in the account for debt interest savings. Mr. Peterson said there was just over \$14.1 million projected to be in the account at the end of the year based on the City's quarterly summary. CM Salem asked whether it was the Council Auditor's Office's position to wait before applying funds to completion grants and other items. Mr. Peterson said that it is only the first quarter and that revenues are down. He also said two other bills on second reading use funding from the same account, and he anticipates a fourth item to be introduced at the next Council meeting. He said those bills total roughly \$7.9 million, leaving about \$6.2 million in the account. CM Salem asked if the Administration was introducing those bills; Mr. Peterson said they were. CM Salem asked what those appropriations would go toward. Mr. Peterson explained that 2026-0100 would appropriate about \$2.275 million toward a portion of the two-percent lapse; 2026-0103 would appropriate about \$4.3 million for completion grants for the Pearl Square project that will be due; and the fourth item would appropriate money for a study on the Jacksonville Justice Center equal to about \$750,000.

CM Boylan asked about the prospect of charging stations in the basement. Ms. Sickler said they could review the matter with the Office of Public Parking to determine feasibility.

CM Miller asked Ms. Sickler to expand on the nature of the emergency. Ms. Sickler said concrete chunks had spalled off the steel. She said engineers have addressed immediate issues, but this is an important structural repair that will remove the spalled concrete, clean the steel beneath, and place protective concrete back in place. Roy Birbal, Chief of Public Buildings, confirmed that the project addressed structural concerns following an evaluation by a structural engineer.

#### **AMENDMENT**

##### **Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct funding source**

- **Appropriates \$547,652.72 from debt interest savings within the General Fund in the current year and \$62,347.28 from unappropriated funding within the Parking Capital Improvements Fund**
- **The nature of the emergency is that the project concerns public safety and should not be delayed**

19. [2026-0102](#) ORD-MC Pertaining to the Annual Budget Proposal; Amend Sec 106.106 (Balanced Budget & Budget Stabilization Reserve), Part 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Provide that the Annual Budget Proposal shall not be Considered a Balanced Budget if it Fails to Contain an Approp for Each Completion Grant or Similar Financial Incentive Expected to Become Payable During the FY of the Proposed Budget; Providing for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Miller)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

20. [2026-0103](#) ORD Approp \$6,232,857.00, Including \$4,297,326.00 from the Gen CIP - Debt Mgmt Fund Principal / Interest Accts & \$1,935,531.00 from the Jax Beach TIF - Contribution from Local Unit Acct, All Within the Gen Fund Operating Fund, to the Multiyear Progs & Initiatives - Gateway Contingency Acct (Fund 00129), to Provide Partial Funding for the Completion Grants Previously Auth by Ord 2024-485-E for the Multi-Parcel Dev Proj (B.T. 26-042) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

21. [2026-0104](#) ORD Relating to Civil Service Exemptions & Article 17 (Civil Service), Charter of the City; Amend Sec 17.06 (Applicability of Civil Service System to Employees of Consolidated Government), Article 17 (Civil Service), Charter of the City, Pursuant to Subsection 17.06(ee) of the Charter to Add the Newly Estab Position of Crime Scene Tech within the JSO to the List of Employees of the Consolidated Govt Exempt From Civil Svc; Prov for Codification Instructions (Young) (Req of Sheriff)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

22. [2026-0105](#) ORD Amend the 26-30 5-Year CIP Appvd by Ord 2025-505-E to Revise the Title & Scope of the Proj Entitled “JSO Pretrial Detention Center - Water System Replacement” (Smith) (Req of Sheriff)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

23. [2026-0117](#) ORD Approp \$294,068, Including \$220,551 in Grant Funding from the U. S. Dept of Homeland & Security & \$73,517 in Required Local Match Funds from the Gen Fund for the Purchase of Specialized Emerg Preparedness Equipment & Travel for the FEMA Grant Management Course; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 26-039) (Smith) (Req of Sheriff)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

24. [2026-0118](#) ORD Approp \$250,000 from the Southside Tennis Complex - Other Construction Costs Acct to the Multiyear Prog & Initiatives Fund - Council Dist. 5 - Contingency Acct to Return a Portion of the Funding Originally Approp from the Council Dist. 5 Community Benefits Agrmt Contingency Acct as Part of the FY 25-26 Budget Appvd by Ord 2025-504-E; Amend the 26-30 5-Yr CIP Prog Appvd by Ord 2025-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds from the Southside Tennis Complex (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci)  
2/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/17/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/18/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch. 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.604 - 2/24/26

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 2026.**

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

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Public Comment:

John Nooney commented on 2026-0063, 2026-0066, 2026-0093, 2026-0094, 2026-0096, and 2026-0100.

Carnell Oliver provided public comment.

Evan Pajta spoke in support of 2026-0063.

Brianna Badea spoke in support of 2026-0063.

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