

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-172**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
6 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
7 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM
8 THE PLACEMAKING AND EQUITY FUND, INC. FOR THE
9 ENHANCEMENT OF LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING PARK
10 (THE "PARK") IN THE AMOUNT OF \$868,506.00, IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 111.105(B), *ORDINANCE*
12 *CODE*, WHICH DONATION REQUIRES AT LEAST
13 \$125,000.00 TO BE DEDICATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION
14 OF A MIST FOUNTAIN, \$228,000.00 FOR STAGE
15 CONSTRUCTION AND THE REMAINDER TO BE EXPENDED ON
16 GENERAL ENHANCEMENT OF THE LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND
17 SING PARK (THE "PROJECT"); APPROPRIATING
18 \$868,506.00 FROM PROD OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR -
19 PARKS AND RECREATION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE
20 SOURCE TO THE CIP PROJECT ENTITLED "PARKS QOL -
21 LIFT EVE'RY VOICE AND SING PARK" (THE "PROJECT")
22 FOR ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PARK; AMENDING THE 2024-
23 2028 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED
24 BY ORDINANCE 2023-505-E TO REFLECT THIS
25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE PROJECT; PROVIDING
26 FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Placemaking and Equity Fund, Inc., in partnership
29 with Everbank, NA, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the
30 Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation, and the Jessie Ball duPont Fund,
31 have generously offered to donate \$868,506.00 for the enhancement of

1 Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park (the "Park"), located in the historic
2 LaVilla neighborhood, Downtown Jacksonville, at 176 Lee Street North
3 between W. Adams and Houston Streets, in Council District 7; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Park honors two of Jacksonville's most famous
5 residents, James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson, who co-
6 wrote "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," often called the "Black National
7 Anthem," at their home, which was once located on the site that is
8 now the Park; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this Park will be a destination for residents and
10 visitors to learn about "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" and LaVilla's
11 dynamic history and to participate in engaging programs and
12 activities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this donation is intended to contribute to the overall
14 enhancement of the Park; however, the donors request at least
15 \$125,000.00 be spent on the construction of the mist fountain and
16 \$228,000.00 be spent on the construction of the stage, with the
17 balance available for overall enhancement to the Park; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department
19 desires to accept this donation of funds for enhancement of the Park
20 and is seeking City Council approval of the donation in accordance
21 with Section 111.105(b), *Ordinance Code*; now therefore

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

23 **Section 1. Recognizing Gift.** The City Council hereby
24 approves, and authorizes the Parks, Recreation and Community Services
25 Department Director ("Director") to accept and expend the generous
26 donation from the Placemaking and Equity Fund, Inc., in the amount
27 of \$868,506.00 for the enhancement of Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park,
28 and specifically directing \$125,000.00 to be expended on the
29 construction of the mist fountain, and \$228,000.00 to be expended on
30 the stage construction, in accordance with Section 111.105(b),
31 *Ordinance Code*.

1 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
2 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
3 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
4 listed in subsection (b):

5 (B.T. 24-059, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
6 by this reference)

7 (a) Appropriated from:

8 See attached B.T.24-059 \$868,506.00

9 (b) Appropriated to:

10 See attached B.T.24-059 \$868,506.00

11 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
12 Section 2 is to provide funding for enhancements at Lift Ev'ry Voice
13 and Sing Park. Specifically, \$125,000.00 of the funds shall be used
14 for the construction of the mist fountain, and \$228,000.00 shall be
15 used for the construction of the stage, with the remainder of the
16 funds for general enhancement of the Park.

17 **Section 4. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance
18 2023-505-E, adopting the 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
19 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is
20 hereby amended to reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project,
21 as more fully described in the Project Information Sheets attached
22 hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference. The
23 City Council finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP
24 until the next annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to
25 the best interests of the community because such deferral will
26 unnecessarily delay completion of the Project.

27 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of
28 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
29 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
30 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
31 an amendment to Ordinance 2023-505-E. In all other respects, the

1 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2023-505-E
2 shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

3 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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