

# City of Jacksonville

117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chamber  
1st Floor, City Hall

### Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

*Ju'Coby Pittman, Chair*

*Chris Miller, Vice Chair - Excused Early Departure 2:29 PM*

*Matt Carlucci - Excused Absence*

*Tyrona Clark-Murray*

*Mike Gay*

*Nick Howland*

*Jimmy Peluso - Excused Late Arrival 2:15 PM*

*Legislative Assistant: Steven Libby*

*Council Auditor's Office: Edward Linsky*

*Council Research: Eamon Webb*

*Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera*

*Administration: Bill Delaney*

*Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana*

**Meeting Convened: 2:01 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:52 PM**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair Chris Miller, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, Council Member Mike Gay, Council Member Nick Howland and Council Member Jimmy Peluso

**Attendance:**

**Presentation by Chris LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering, on speed bumps and traffic calming**

Christopher LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering, gave a presentation on traffic calming.

He noted that Jacksonville is sixth in the country in traffic fatalities per capita. To make roadways safer for pedestrians in residential neighborhoods, the Traffic Engineering Department implements traffic calming strategies to reduce vehicle speeds in these neighborhoods.

Strategies for reducing vehicle speeds include lowering posted speed limits, which is cheap compared to other options but not as effective; installing speed humps and traffic tables, which is more effective but costlier; building bulb-outs; narrowing lanes; and installing mini-roundabouts.

Sites for traffic calming are determined either through citizen petition, safety study, or CIP/CRA funding. The petition process requires that 75% of homeowners who live in a residential neighborhood sign the petition requesting traffic calming measures. Safety studies are done on a request basis, and sites are prioritized based on crash rate. \$200,000 is budgeted annually to the CIP for traffic calming projects.

CM Howland asked whether the Traffic Engineering Department considers traffic calming measures when engaging in road widening projects, and Mr. LeDew stated that the department works with the Public Works Department to consider traffic effects of new projects. CM Howland asked whether roundabouts or other traffic calming projects might prevent JSO or JFRD from responding to emergencies as quickly as possible, and Mr. LeDew responded that any delay is minimal. He added that roundabouts reduce the severity of crashes that do occur, as they require lower vehicle speed.

CM Miller asked whether the City would be liable to damages caused to vehicles by speed humps and tables as drivers pass over them recklessly at higher-than-recommended speeds. Mr. LeDew answered that he was not aware of any such lawsuits but that they could potentially exist. He added that traffic calming measures are widespread throughout the country, so if these lawsuits were to pose serious liability to the City, they would have already materialized elsewhere.

CM Gay asked whether the 75% requirement for citizen petition required 75% of property owners or 75% of property tenants. He pointed out that many neighborhoods have a high proportion of renters and that it would be difficult to get 75% of homeowners to sign a petition in these neighborhoods, especially as many houses are owned by non-local corporations. Mr. LeDew stated that the Traffic Engineering Department follows the 2014 Ordinance that does require owners and not tenants sign the petition but that the department was open to exploring this question if the ordinance needed to be changed. CM Gay also suggested that developers should be implementing traffic calming measures as a part of the initial development process.

CM Peluso confirmed with Mr. LeDew that the Traffic Engineering Department abides by the decisions and recommendations of the Context Sensitive Street Standards Committee.

CM Pittman asked who was responsible for the maintenance of traffic calming projects, and Mr. LeDew responded that the City funds the maintenance of traffic calming projects in perpetuity. She asked whether a Council Member could request specific traffic calming projects if need arose, and Mr. LeDew stated that there are discretionary funds available for projects and that this type of project would require a request to the Traffic Engineering Department and public involvement if the project were to move

forward. Mr. LeDew also stated that the Traffic Engineering Department carefully considers the number and spacing of speed humps and tables.

CM Clark-Murray asked whether Council Member-suggested projects still required 75% of owners to sign a petition, and Mr. LeDew responded that they do not. CM Pittman noted that it might be more difficult for neighborhoods without associations to coordinate to reach the 75% threshold, noting a neighborhood on Lem Turner Road where there was a previous effort to have traffic calming projects installed. She asked Mr. LeDew whether there would be a record of this previous effort, and Mr. LeDew said that there would be record of the campaign only if this effort had reached the stage where there were public meetings on the subject. CM Clark-Murray suggested to CM Pittman that they hold a noticed meeting on the subject, as this neighborhood was adjacent to her district.

**Item/File No. Title History**

- 1. [2024-0025](#) ORD-MC Amend the Boundaries of the Acree CDD, Pursuant to Sec 190.046, F.S., & Ch 92, Ord Code, to Amend the Boundaries of the Acree CDD to Expand the Regional Territory by an Additional 77.56± Acres; Amend Sec 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts), Ch 92 (Uniform Community Development Districts), Ord Code, to Memorialize the Addition in Acreage; Prov for Conflict & Severability (Teal) (Introduced by the TEU Committee, pursuant to Sec 92.09, Ord Code) (PD Apv)  
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
 2/6/24 TEU Approve 5-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S., C.R. 3.601, Sec 190.005, F.S. & 92.11 Ord Code - 1/23/23

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 5 - Pittman, Miller, Clark-Murray, Gay and Howland

**Excused:** 2 - Carlucci and Peluso

- CDD is located in Council District 8
- Expands CDD by 77.56 acres to a total of 567.87 acres, adding space for 200 additional multi-family homes

- 2. [2024-0032](#) ORD Approp \$1,139,658.14 (\$1,100,000.00 from the Traffic Signalization - Countywide Proj & \$39,658.14 from the Countywide Intersection Imp - Intersection Proj) to the Projs Titled Monument Rd at Regency Square Blvd Intersection & ITS Improvements, Arlington Rd at Oakwood Dr Intersection Improvements & St. Johns Bluff at Bahia/Theresa Intersection Improvements; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp

of Funds to the Projs (B.T. 24-038) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)

1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU

1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer

2/5/24 R Withdraw 6-0

2/6/24 F Withdraw 7-0

2/6/24 TEU Withdraw 5-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

### **WITHDRAW**

**Aye:** 5 - Pittman, Miller, Clark-Murray, Gay and Howland

**Excused:** 2 - Carlucci and Peluso

CM Clark-Murray asked for clarification regarding the reason for the withdrawal of this bill, and Christopher LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering, stated that the legislation included incorrect cost estimates and that the legislation would be re-introduced with correct estimates.

3. [2024-0034](#) ORD Approp \$508,030.00 in Grant Funding from FEMA Funded Through the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog, Through the FL Div of Emergency Mgmt (FDEM), to Fund the Acquisition of Property Located at 5123 Martha Ann Dr, Jax, FL 32207 (RE # 133973-0140) & the Demolition of the Residential Structure Located Thereon; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City That Certain Federally-Funded Subaward & Grant Agrmt # B0205 btwn the City & FDEM; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Provide Funding for the Proj Entitled "Acquisition & Demo of a Floodprone Property - Martha Ann Drive"; Prov for Oversight by JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div (B.T. 24-040) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)

1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU

1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer

2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0

2/6/24 F Approve 7-0

2/6/24 TEU Approve 5-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

### **APPROVE**

**Aye:** 5 - Pittman, Miller, Clark-Murray, Gay and Howland

**Excused:** 2 - Carlucci and Peluso

- **Property is located in Council District 5**
- **Upon completion of the project, the property will be converted to green space**

Andre Ayoub, Chief of the Emergency Preparedness Division, explained the purchasing of repetitive loss properties through FEMA grants was a completely voluntary process for qualifying property owners. He noted that this purchase will be the fourth property purchased for demolition on the street, that the property was appraised at \$425,000, that the City had purchased 32 homes through this program since 2005, and that between 300 and 500 homes throughout the City could qualify for purchase through this program.

CM Pittman asked how much funding the program had to purchase qualifying properties, and Chief Ayoub responded that funding levels vary from year to year.

4. [2024-0044](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; to Re-name Weaver Rd Extending From Ave “B” to a Dead End as “Charlie E. McClendon Road” in Council Dist 8; Recognizing the Achievements of Charlie E. McClendon; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (i)(2), Ord Code, Which Requires That the Honoree Be Deceased for at Least 5 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Services Div to Forward This Ord to the Planning & Dev Dept for Processing, Implementation, & Coordination With the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering Div, 911 Emergency, Fire & Rescue Dept, the Post Office & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CM Amaro)
- 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU  
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Withdraw 7-0  
2/5/24 R Withdraw 7-0  
2/6/24 TEU PH Withdraw 5-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 2/6/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

#### **PH WITHDRAW**

**Aye:** 5 - Pittman, Miller, Clark-Murray, Gay and Howland

**Excused:** 2 - Carlucci and Peluso

Public Hearing: no speakers

5. [2024-0068](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor or Her Desig & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver: (1)

a 1st Amendment to Option Agrmt & Purchase & Sale Agrmt; & (2) a Parking Lot License Agreement, Each btwn the City & RP Sports Investments, Inc., to Extend the Commencement Date for Construction of the Proj to 7/31/24, to Extend the Substantial Completion Date for Construction of the Proj to 3/1/26, to Reduce the Min Square Footage of the Office Bldg from 25,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft, & to Provide for the Use by the City of a Min of 531 Parking Spaces to Partially Fulfill the City's Parking Obligations for the Annual FL-GA Football Game & Game Day Parking Obligations Under the Jaguars Lease; Prov for Oversight by OED With Regard to the License (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)

1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU

2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

### **READ 2ND & REREFER**

6. [2024-0070](#) ORD Approp \$66,000.00 in Grant Funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin Funded Through the FY 23-24 State & Community Highway Traffic Safety Prog, Through FDOT to the PSBU Grants/Occupant Protection Proj FY24 to Increase Safety Belt Use; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City That Certain FDOT Subgrant for Highway Traffic Safety Funds # G2S39 Between the City & FDOT; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-052) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

### **READ 2ND & REREFER**

7. [2024-0072](#) ORD Approp \$84,651.22 from Public Parking Fund Bal to the Downtown Parking Garage Maintenance Proj to Pay for Reviews & Reports Related to Structural & Maintenance Assessments of the Ed Ball Garage & the Duval Street (Library) Garage; Amend the 24-25 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Public Bldgs Div (B.T. 24-043) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

8. [2024-0073](#) ORD Approp \$122,091.00 in Fund Bal from the Environmental Protection Fund to Assist in the Ecological Restoration of Hogans Creek by Prov Funding to Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc. for a Water Quality Credit Pilot Proj in the Branches Off of Hogans Creek; Prov a Carryover of Funds thru 9/30/25; Invoking the Exception of Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract With Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver That Certain Funding Agrmt btwn the City & Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (the City Treasury), Ch 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Payment by the City; Prov for City Oversight by the Neighborhoods Department, Environmental Quality Div; Req Annual Reports & a Final Report to Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (B.T. 24-054) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU, JWC  
2/5/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

Public Comment:

Carnell Oliver spoke on pending federal appropriations bills, noting that the Council should track these bills to make up funding in any area where federal funding may be deficient.

John Nooney spoke on bill 2024-0034, stating that he believes that this bill should go through the Jacksonville Waterways Commission. He added that the Council had recently approved Florida Inland Navigation District projects but that these were not adequate in adding public access to the waterways.

CM Howland commented that Norwegian Cruise Line had just solidified a deal with Jaxport to use Jacksonville as the Norwegian Gem's homeport from November to April every year through 2028.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21, 2024.**

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

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