

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-161

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Salem

**Date of Introduction:** February 27, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R, F

**Date of Analysis:** February 29, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; provision for reversion of funds; authorization to execute Memorandum of Understanding; designation of oversight agencies

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates \$122,500 from the Council President's Designated Contingency fund to the Jacksonville Public Library's budget to provide funding to the library to relocate, preserve, store and digitize certain City of Jacksonville/Duval County historical records. It provides that any funds left remaining after completion of the project will revert to their account of origin. The Mayor is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the library for the project. City Council Staff Services is designated as the agency responsible for overseeing the MOU and the Jacksonville Public Library is designated as the agency to oversee completion of the work.

**Background Information:** Some historical records of the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, and the towns of LaVilla and Murray Hill are stored in the basement of City Hall in conditions that are not ideal for the preservation of irreplaceable documents, which include meeting minutes, ordinance and resolution records, ledgers, and other documents dating back to the 1870s. The library staff will transfer these materials to the Main Library's Special Collections room on the fourth floor where they can be properly conserved and stored. Digitization of the records will make these documents and the history they convey readily accessible to researchers, scholars and the general public in electronic format while the original paper documents are safely preserved.

**Policy Impact Area:** Official records preservation

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates \$122,500 from the Council President's Designated Contingency fund.

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