

City of Jacksonville

117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chamber,
1st Floor, City Hall

Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

Will Lahnen, Chair

Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair - Excused

Matt Carlucci

Tyrona Clark-Murray

Reggie Gaffney, Jr.

Mike Gay

Jimmy Peluso

Legislative Assistant: Vanessa Galan

Council Auditor's Office: Edward Linsky

Council Research: Jeff Clements

Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Administration: Bill Delaney

Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana

Meeting Convened: 2:01 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 2:42 PM

Present: 6 - Chair Will Lahnen, Matt Carlucci, Tyrona Clark-Murray, Reggie Gaffney Jr., Mike Gay and Jimmy Peluso

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Ju'Coby Pittman

Chairman Lahnen convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair reviewed the agenda items and announced there would be a presentation by members of the Sierra Club on the federal Transit to Trails legislation.

Public Comment

John Nooney lamented the lack of public access to waterways. He said he has been charged with trespassing at Jacksonville University.

Barry Cotter, an avid bike rider, lauded JTA's "bikes on buses" program but said the authority's policy has recently changed and now prohibits bicycles from being carried in the Connexion paratransit service vehicles.

Chairman Lahnen said JTA representatives will be present to make presentations at the next committee meeting on Wednesday, November 6th (rescheduled from November 5th due to Election Day).

Council Member Matt Carlucci introduced his ECA Cory Armstrong and presented him with his 5-year City employment service pin.

Presentation by Michelle Maule on the "Transit to Trails" campaign

Michelle Maule, a member of the local Sierra Club, advocated for passage of the Transit to Trails legislation pending in Congress which would further public transit access to public parks. Jacksonville has the largest urban park system in the nation but has numerous barriers keeping citizens, particularly in urban areas, from accessing parks and green spaces. Bill Snow with the Sierra Club said access to parks is as important as the existence of parks themselves. 72% of citizens in the 100 biggest US cities live within walking distance of a park; in Jacksonville that figure is only 37%. The Sierra Club is very excited by the construction of the Emerald Trail which will help many urban residents, but there are many parks and natural areas that don't have good accessibility for people without cars. He suggested having occasional special event JTA bus trips to signature parks like Hanna Park or the Timucuan Preserve to increase access for urban residents and offered the Sierra Club's partnership to help make that happen. Council Member Peluso lauded the work of the Sierra Club and asked for the Club's assistance in helping the public understand the importance of pedestrian safety and the transit system. Ms. Maule talked about the importance of safety in public parks for the communities they serve.

Item/File No. Title History

1. [2024-0544](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations), Ord Code; Naming an Existing Private Road Extending from Heckscher Dr to a Dead End to “J.D. Thompson Street”; Recognizing the Achievements of J.D. Thompson; Waiving the Requirement of City Addressing & Street Naming Policy that the Honoree Be Deceased for at Least 5 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward a Copy of This Ord, Once Enacted, to the Planning & Dev Dept for Processing, Implementation, & Coordination Various City Depts & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Dist. 2-Gay) (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Gay) (Co-Sponsor CM Carlucci, Amaro, Clark-Murray, Miller, Salem, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, White, Howland, Freeman & Lahnen)
7/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU
8/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/7/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/7/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/14/24 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
10/14/24 R Approve 5-0
10/15/24 TEU PH Approve 6-0
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 8/20/24, 9/4/24, 9/17/24, 10/1/24, 10/15/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/13/24

PH APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Gaffney Jr., Gay and Peluso

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The public hearing was opened; Barry Cotter approved of the road renaming; John Nooney supported passage of the legislation; the hearing was closed. Council Member Gay said the renaming honors a heroic event in the city’s history and the recognition is long overdue. Shay Hill and Cheryl Mock with JEA recounted the events of that day and the famous Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph that resulted. Council Member Matt Carlucci supported the waiver of the requirement that the honoree be deceased for 5 years before a renaming takes place and suggested the erection of a historical marker at the site featuring the famous photo. Bill Delaney said the Mayor supported the legislation and thanked JEA employees for their good work.

Scrivener's

1. Pg. 1, lines 25 and 28, strike "Campion" and insert "Champion"
2. Pg. 1, line 28, after "suspended" insert "by"
3. Pg. 2, lines 1 and 5, strike "Campion's" and insert "Champion's"
4. Pg. 2, line 9, strike "Thompson"" and insert "Thompson Street""
5. Pg. 2, line 19, strike "City Jacksonville"
6. Pg. 3, lines 3 and 4, after "City", insert "of"
7. Pg. 3, line 7, strike "city" and insert "City"

• Waiver of City of Jacksonville Addressing and Street Naming Policy established pursuant to Chapter 745 (Addressing and Street Naming Regulations) is requested because honoree is living

2. [2024-0740](#) ORD Apv the Application of Hrustic Brothers, Inc. for Renewal of Its Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CON) to Operate a Clean Debris Recycling Facility with a Modification to Allow for the Expansion of the Facility onto an Adjacent Parcel; Prov for Conds of Said Renewal (Wilson) (Introduced by CP White, pursuant to Ch 380, Ord Code)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/24/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/14/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
10/15/24 TEU PH Amend/Approve 6-0
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 380, Ord Code - 10/15/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

PH AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Gaffney Jr., Gay and Peluso

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The public hearing was opened; John Nooney expressed support for the legislation; the hearing was closed. Ed Linsky of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (recommendations) to include report and recommendation from Public Works

- **Facility is located in Council District 11**
- **Specific Operating Conditions allows for a maximum of 1,200 tons of material to be processed daily and changes facility entrance to Columbia Park Ct.**
- **There is no change in operating days and hours**

3. [2024-0799](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Opened & Improved Portion of Maitland Ave, f/k/a 10th Street, as Estab in Plat Book 4, Pg 19 of the Plat of Arlington Heights of the Current Public Records of Duval County, FL, Located in Council Dist 1, at the Req of Arlington Church of Christ, Jax, FL, Inc.; Prov for Apv Subj to Conds (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
10/8/24 CO Introduced: TEU
10/15/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 11/6/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

4. [2024-0800](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute a 1st Amendment to the Existing Contract with Meridian Waste Florida, LLC, Setting Rates Commencing 10/1/24, Setting Fuel Caps for FYs 24-25, 25-26 & 26-27, & Apv the Premise Count Conducted in Connection with the Rate Review; Prov a Monthly Base Rate; Prov for City Oversight by the Solid Waste Div of the Dept of Public Works (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

5. [2024-0805](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a Release of the Regulatory Agrmt Encumbering the Property Located Generally at 4832 N Main St, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32206 (Capri Villas Property) which is a Portion of the Property Associated with the Capri Villas Proj & the Huron Sophia Proj Located Generally at the Capri Villas Property & 2800 Sophia St, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32254, for the Purpose of Enabling the Dev of the Proj, Including the Acquisition & Rehab of Existing Multifamily Residential Housing Facilities for Persons or Families of Low, Middle or Moderate Income, Subject to (1) the Execution & Recording of a Land Use Restriction Agrmt (LURA) for a Min of 50 Yrs on the Property, & (2) the Proj Being Responsible for Paying All Costs Associated Therewith, Including All Legal & Professional Fees; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Docs & Take Further Action to Effectuate the Purpose of this Ord; Prov for City Oversight by the Housing & Community Dev Div (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
- 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

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

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