

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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3 **ORDINANCE 2025-206**

4 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,980,286
5 (RECAPTURED IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 TO THE
6 GENERAL FUND/GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT) OF
7 GENERAL FUND/GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND
8 BALANCE TO CURE THE NEGATIVE CASH BALANCES IN
9 SUBFUNDS AND PROVIDE \$3,000,000 TO UNF FOR
10 ESPORTS PROGRAM ARENA AND \$2,000,000 EACH FOR
11 RENOVATION OF TWO FIRE STATIONS AND \$692,823
12 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIREFIGHTER PPE WASH
13 FACILITY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.7 OF ORDINANCE
14 2023-504-E; AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR
15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE
16 2024-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF
17 FUNDS FOR FIRE STATION RENOVATIONS AND WASH
18 FACILITY; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS
19 TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE
20 EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1 16 (GENERAL
21 PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
22 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
23 WITH UNF FOR THE ESPORTS PROGRAM ARENA;
24 APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
25 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
26 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN
27 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
28 UNF FOR THE ESPORTS PROGRAM ARENA; PROVIDING
29 FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO FISCAL YEAR 2025-
30 2026; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT OF UNF AGREEMENT
31 BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION

1 OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
2 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Section 106.106(i), *Ordinance Code*, provides that
5 General Fund Supported Operating Funds or Sub-Funds, annually as part
6 of the year-end audit closing, any year-end reserve created by the
7 operations of such related fund or sub-funds shall be identified and
8 transferred to the General Fund as a reduction of the General Fund's
9 Operating Transfer subsidy (a "Recapture") with the intent of
10 increasing the Operating Reserves and thereafter the Emergency
11 Reserve. To the extent that the Recapture exceeds the annual subsidy,
12 then the remaining year-end Recapture shall be treated as an Interfund
13 Transfer to the General Fund; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance shall provide the Council
15 Auditor with a draft of the proposed Recapture journal entry, and the
16 Council Auditor shall have five business days from the date thereof
17 to review and/or comment thereon, prior to any action in respect
18 thereto; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Section 11.7 of Budget Ordinance 2023-504-E, requires
20 the Director of Finance to include within this communication to the
21 Council Auditors all funds that have negative balances and the Council
22 Auditor will, in conjunction with the Director of Finance, provide a
23 recommendation of transfers to cover negative cash balances in the
24 funds; now therefore

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

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

30 (B.T. 25-060 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
31 this reference)

1 (a) Appropriated from:
2 See B.T. 25-060 \$7,980,286

3 (b) Appropriated to:
4 See B.T. 25-060 \$7,980,286

5 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:
6 \$7,980,286 is being appropriated from General Fund/General
7 Service District fund balance to eliminate negative cash
8 balances in certain sub-funds: \$106,825 for Special Events
9 and \$180,638 for Cecil Field Commerce Center; \$3,000,000
10 to the University of North Florida to support the creation
11 of an esports program arena thereby promoting workforce
12 development in an emerging industry; and \$4,692,823 for
13 public safety by renovating two fire stations at \$2,000,000
14 each and \$692,823 for the construction of a PPE wash
15 facility.

16 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
17 Section 1 is to transfer fund balance from the General Fund/General
18 Service District fiscal year 2023-24 recaptured funds to cure the
19 negative cash balances in subfunds (113 Special Events - General Fund
20 - \$106,824.43) and (11308 Cecil Field Commerce Center 15S -
21 \$180,637.31), pursuant to Section 11.9 of Ordinance 2023-504-E. The
22 recaptured funds will also provide 1) \$3 million of a direct
23 appropriation to UNF to establish an eSports Program Arena supporting
24 workforce development, as described in **Exhibit 2**, and 2) \$2,000,000
25 each for renovations to two fire stations (45 and 53) and \$692,823
26 for construction of a PPE wash facility.

27 **Section 3. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance 2024-
28 505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (the
29 "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is hereby
30 amended to reflect the appropriation of funds to the Project, as more
31 fully described in the Project Information Sheet attached hereto as

1 **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council
2 finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next
3 annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests
4 of the community because such deferral will unnecessarily delay the
5 completion of the Project.

6 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of
7 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
8 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
9 amendment set forth in this Section. This Ordinance shall constitute
10 an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the
11 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E
12 shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

13 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
14 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
15 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
16 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
17 for a direct contract with UNF. This waiver is justified because UNF
18 provides a unique local educational institution workforce development
19 project tied to our local public schools in an emerging field.

20 **Section 5. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall not
21 lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2025-2026.

22 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
23 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the UNF
24 project described herein.

25 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Dylan Reingold

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Dylan Reingold

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