

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

ORDINANCE 2026-463-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$703,183.22, INCLUDING (1) \$519,414.54 FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS - CITY VENUES SURCHARGE - BASEBALL PARK - BASEBALL PARK - BUILDING SYSTEMS - OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT, AND (2) \$183,768.68 FROM THE SPORTS COMPLEX CIP FUND, INCLUDING \$168,239.93 FROM THE BASEBALL PARK - BASEBALL PARK - BUILDING SYSTEMS - OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT AND \$15,528.75 FROM THE BASEBALL PARK - LANDSCAPE AND TURF - OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT, TO THE CITY VENUES CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - BASEBALL GROUNDS - MLB REQUIREMENTS - OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BASEBALL GROUNDS OF JACKSONVILLE, AS INITIATED BY REVISED B.T. 26-082; AMENDING THE 2026-2030 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2025-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 106.303 (FORMAT AND DETERMINATION OF AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED), SUBPART A (GENERAL PROVISIONS), PART 3 (APPROPRIATIONS), CHAPTER 106 (BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW MODIFICATION OF THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS EXHIBIT TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE

1 REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
2 ACT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND
3 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SECOND
4 AMENDMENT TO COSTS DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
5 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
6 JACKSONVILLE BASEBALL, LLC TO INCREASE THE
7 MAXIMUM INDEBTEDNESS UNDER THE COST DISBURSEMENT
8 AGREEMENT BY \$703,183.22 FOR A NEW TOTAL MAXIMUM
9 INDEBTEDNESS NOT-TO-EXCEED \$36,063,183.22;
10 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville ("City") and Jacksonville
14 Baseball, LLC ("Club") previously entered into that certain Public
15 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Costs Disbursement Agreement,
16 City Contract No. 71339-24, dated May 16, 2024 as authorized by
17 Ordinance 2022-849-E, as amended by that First Amendment to Cost
18 Disbursement Agreement authorized by Ordinance 2024-504-E
19 (collectively, the "Disbursement Agreement"), to construct certain
20 improvements to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville over a four-year
21 period, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$35,360,000, consistent
22 with the CIP Project entitled "Baseball Grounds - MLB Requirements";
23 and

24 **WHEREAS,** the Disbursement Agreement reflected the City's
25 commitment to cover certain costs with respect to certain improvements
26 to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville which were necessary to meet
27 additional Major League Baseball requirements in connection with the
28 Club's transition to AAA status; and

29 **WHEREAS,** additional Major League Baseball requirements were
30 instituted after the execution of the Disbursement Agreement,
31 including the relocation of the bullpen, and notwithstanding that the

1 Club is responsible for cost overruns under the Disbursement
2 Agreement, the City desires to include these required improvements
3 in the Disbursement Agreement; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the Club has requested the City to increase the
5 maximum indebtedness under the Disbursement Agreement by \$703,183.22
6 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$36,063,183.22, to cover costs with
7 respect to certain additional improvements to the Baseball Grounds
8 of Jacksonville which were necessary to meet additional Major League
9 Baseball requirements in connection with the Club's transition to AAA
10 status, including the relocation of the bullpen; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the City has determined that the construction of these
12 additional improvements was most efficiently and cost effectively
13 completed by the Club as part of the construction of the previously
14 approved project under the Disbursement Agreement; and

15 **WHEREAS,** the City recognizes the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp as
16 an economic driver in Jacksonville and in the Sports and
17 Entertainment District in Downtown Jacksonville; and

18 **WHEREAS,** it has been determined to be in the interest of the
19 City to enter into an amendment to the Disbursement Agreement and
20 related agreements authorized hereby and approve of and adopt the
21 matters set forth in this Ordinance; now therefore

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

23 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
24 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
25 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
26 listed in subsection (b):

27 (Revised B.T. 26-082 is attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled
28 as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev B.T. 26-082, June 15, 2026 - NCSPHS" and
29 incorporated herein by this reference)

30 (a) Appropriated from:

31 See Revised B.T. 26-082

\$703,183.22

(b) Appropriated to:

See Revised B.T. 26-082 \$703,183.22

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of funds including (1) \$519,414.54 from the Capital Projects - City Venues Surcharge - Baseball Park - Baseball Park - Building Systems - Other Construction Costs account, and (2) \$183,768.68 from the Sports Complex CIP Fund, including \$168,239.93 from the Baseball Park - Baseball Park - Building Systems - Other Construction Costs account and \$15,528.75 from the Baseball Park - Landscape and Turf - Other Construction Costs account, to the City Venues Capital Project Fund - Baseball Grounds - MLB Requirements - Other Construction Costs account to provide funding for the Baseball Grounds - MLB Requirements Project (the "Project").

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide additional funding for the Project including to pay for additional improvements to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville necessary to meet Major League Baseball requirements in connection with the Club's transition to AAA status, including costs incurred in connection with the relocation of the bullpen.

Section 3. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment. Ordinance 2025-505-E, adopting the 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is hereby amended to reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project, as more fully described in the Project Information Sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, and incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the community because such deferral could result

1 in a delay in the close-out of the Project.

2 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), Ordinance Code, enactment of
3 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
4 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
5 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
6 an amendment to Ordinance 2025-505-E. In all other respects, the
7 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2025-505-E
8 shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

9 **Section 4. Waiving the Provisions of Section 106.303,**
10 **Ordinance Code.** Section 106.303 (Format and determination of amounts
11 appropriated), Subpart A (General Provisions), Part 3 (Appropriations),
12 Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby
13 waived. This waiver is necessary to allow the modification of the
14 Appropriation of Funds Exhibit to be in the form attached hereto as
15 **Exhibit 1**, in order to facilitate compliance with the requirements of
16 the Americans with Disabilities Act. B.T. 26-082 in the form authorized
17 pursuant to Ordinance 2015-428-E and reflecting the Mayor's approval can
18 be found on file with the Budget Office.

19 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** The
20 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
21 authorized to execute and deliver a Second Amendment to the Costs
22 Disbursement Agreement between the City and the Club, in substantially
23 the form attached hereto as placed **On File** with the Legislative
24 Services Division, and incorporated herein by this reference (the
25 "Second Amendment"), to increase the City's maximum indebtedness
26 under the Disbursement Agreement by an additional \$703,183.22 for a
27 new total maximum indebtedness not-to-exceed \$36,063,183.22, to agree
28 upon the final budget for the improvements, and to provide that the
29 City's obligations under the Disbursement Agreement shall not extend
30 beyond September 30, 2026. The Second Amendment may include such
31 additions, deletions and changes as may be reasonable, necessary and

1 incidental for carrying out the purposes thereof, as may be acceptable
2 to the Mayor, or her designee, with such inclusion and acceptance
3 being evidenced by execution of the Second Amendment by the Mayor,
4 or her designee; provided however, no modifications to the Second
5 Amendment may increase the financial obligations of the City to an
6 amount in excess of the amount stated herein or decrease the duties
7 and obligations of the Club, and any such modifications shall be
8 technical only and shall be subject to appropriate legal review and
9 approval by the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Risk
10 Management for appropriate insurance and indemnification terms. For
11 the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "technical changes" is
12 defined as those changes having no financial impact to the City, and
13 any other non-substantive changes that do not substantively increase
14 the duties and responsibilities of the City under the provisions of
15 the Agreement.

16 **Section 6. Oversight.** The Department of Public Works shall
17 continue to oversee the project described herein.

18 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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