

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

9:30 AM

**Council Chamber,
1st Floor, City Hall**

Finance Committee

Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair

Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair

Raul Arias

Rory Diamond - Excused Late Arrival 10:07 AM

Nick Howland

Will Lahnen

Ju'Coby Pittman - Excused

Legislative Assistant: Steven Libby

Council Auditor's Office: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor

Council Research: Jeff Clements, Chief

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Scott Wilson

Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM**Meeting Adjourned: 11:07 AM**

Present: 6 - Chair Ron Salem, Vice Chair Terrance Freeman, Council Member Nick Howland, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Will Lahnen and Council Member Rory Diamond

Excused: 1 - Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

Attendance

CM Matt Carlucci (2024-847), CM Clark-Murray (2024-802, -803 & -804); Merriane Lahmeur, Steven Libby, Naw Wendy – Legislative Services Division; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Heather Reber, Brian Parks – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Mary Staffopoulos, Carla Lopera, Dylan Reingold – Office of General Counsel; Scott Wilson, Phil Perry, Joe Inderhees, Mike Weinstein - Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche – Finance Department

Chairman Salem convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chairman reviewed the agenda which will include 2 presentations, one on the City’s FY22-23 audited financial report and the other on the FY24-25 public service grant application rankings. Ordinance 2024-807 will be taken up after Council Member Diamond arrives at the meeting. At the end of meeting there will be discussion of the City Council strategic plan and discussion of City employee travel issues.

Presentation by Carr, Riggs and Ingram on the City’s audited financials for the fiscal year ending 9/30/23

April Shuping of Carr, Riggs and Ingram, the City’s external auditor, said the firm issued an unmodified report, which is the top tier report. Some material weaknesses were identified by the audit, but none that were considered significant deficiencies. The audit of federal and state grants was also deemed unmodified, although with qualifications. She noted that the FY22-23 audit showed substantial improvement in the City’s financial system and records following the implementation of the 1Cloud ERP system, although there are still a few outstanding issues being addressed by management. The City’s financial management team has been very cooperative with the audit and provided all information required. Council Member Lahnen asked if work on the 3 outstanding identified issues has been completed; CFO Anna Brosche said she understands it has been.

Presentation on FY 24/25 Public Service Grant final rankings

Maribel Hernandez, Chief of the Grants and Contract Compliance Division, said over 100 grant applications were submitted this year requesting a total of \$14.5M, of which 55 agencies were approved for funding totaling the \$7.2M allocated by Council. She noted that all 55 contracts with the recipients were negotiated and completed between early October and the November 15th deadline. Ms. Hernandez also discussed the division's contract oversight program which has 5 components: compliance, oversight, technology, training, and process improvements. She said all positions (12) in the division are currently filled and described the distribution of staff functions. Council Member Lahnen congratulated the division on the process improvements and said he would be communicating with the staff about their ideas for making improvements to the Public Service Grant ordinance. Council Member Freeman thanked the PSG Council for their hard work and asked Ms. Hernandez if her division's process improvements could be exported to other agencies, such as the Kids Hope Alliance. Ms. Hernandez said she is in communication with the KHA and both agencies have already shared ideas.

Council Member Howland said he has philosophical objections to the Council allocating so much funding through various programs to numerous grant-making agencies that control \$70M of City funds to be distributed by non-elected officials. He believes the Council could better allocate some of those funds to immediate needs as they arise. He asked if the Sulzbacher Center can get both PSG grants and budget funding; Council Auditor Kim Taylor said there is a prohibition in the Ordinance Code against that but sometimes it is waived. Agencies may receive funding in multiple PSG categories without needing a waiver. Council Members Howland and Arias said they would have funded some of the applications differently than the PSG Council did. Mr. Arias said some agencies seem to be awarded much more funding than others year after year while others are shut out of funding. Ms. Hernandez said that this year there is a new allocation of \$200,000 for microgrants to very small agencies that aren't competitive against the larger agencies in the normal PSG process. In response to a question from Mr. Arias, Ms. Hernandez explained how the applications are scored and ranked and said the final decisions on funding are made shortly after the Council approves the annual budget with a final PSG amount.

Chairman Salem said he is pleased to hear that grant compliance is finally getting under control after years of problems. He asked if all City grants and contracts could be put under the purview of the Grants and Contract Compliance Division; CFO Anna Brosche said there has been discussion of centralization and economies of scale in that regard.

Item/File No.	Title History
1. 2023-0307	ORD-MC re the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Amend Sec 22.12 of the Charter of the COJ; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees & CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman) 5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F 5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23

DEFER

2. [2024-0627](#) ORD-MC Concerning the Mayor's Transfer Authority; Amend Secs 106.304 (Mayor's Transfer Power) & 106.308 (Capital Improvement Transfers, Appropriation Amendments & Change Orders), Subpt A (General Provisions), Pt 3 (Appropriations), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Limit the Mayor's Transfer Authority to \$100,000 Among the Capital Improvement Projs Listed in the CIP Appvd by the Council & to \$100,000 During Any FY into or Out of Any Agency, Nondept or Dept Existing Line Item; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)
8/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
8/19/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/20/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/27/24

DEFER

3. [2024-0636](#) ORD Approp \$3,781,211.73 from Gen Fund Operating - Fund Level Activities - Transfer Fund Balance & Mayor Cure Violence Prog - Contingency to Fund the Jax Journey Forward Strategic Initiative; Prov for Carryover of Funds into FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-136) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci & Johnson)
8/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
8/19/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/19/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/20/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/24 NCSPHS Withdraw 6-0
11/4/24 R Withdraw 7-0
11/6/24 F Withdraw 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/27/24

WITHDRAW

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

- 4. [2024-0796](#) ORD Approp \$5,000,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Madison Palms Dev Loan - Loans Acct to Fund a Dev Loan to Madison Palms, Ltd, as Assigned from the Vestcor Companies, Inc., as Originally Authorized by Ord 2022-784-E & Amended by Ord 2024-491-E; Prov for Reverter of Funds (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)
 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 11/6/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

- **Previously approved (2022-784-E) development loan, as amended, includes the following terms:**
 - **17-year loan term with 1% interest per year**
 - **Interest-only payments through maturity and a balloon principal payment at the end of the term**
 - **Loan can be repaid in full or in part by developer at any time with no penalty**
 - **If the project no longer qualifies as affordable housing during the term of the loan, the loan will become due and payable to the City**
- **Project is anticipated to include 240 units held for affordable housing**

- 5. [2024-0797](#) ORD Approp \$586,950.00 From General Fund- GSD Fund Bal to Fund Certain Obligations Related to Lifeguard Duties Under the City’s Interlocal Agrmt with the City of Neptune Beach, as Amended, as Auth by Reso 81-1072-403-A & 97-1143-A (B.T. 24-153) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Clark-Murray)
 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Withdraw 6-0
 11/6/24 F Withdraw 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

WITHDRAW

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

6. [2024-0798](#) ORD Approp \$500,000.00 in Grant Funding from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Drone Replacement Prog; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-154) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Lahnen)
 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 11/6/24 F Approve 6-0
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APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

- **JSO will purchase 20 drones with an estimated unit cost of \$26,768**
- **While no City Match is required, an over match of \$35,360 is anticipated to cover costs in excess of the grant award**
- **JSO will relinquish current inventory of drones to the state**

7. [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
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

DEFER

8. [2024-0801](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Contributing Structure in the Riverside-Avondale Historic Dist Located at 2728 Herschel St, Owned by Phillip Tyler Wallace & Hannah Elizabeth Palmer; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)
 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 11/6/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

9. [2024-0802](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the I'm A Star Foundation, Inc. to Support the Westside Stars Leadership Prog as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with I'm A Star; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions)...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Freeman, Miller & Carlucci)
 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/14/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 11/4/24 R Approve 7-0
 11/6/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

- Appropriates \$10,000 from General Fund Operating Reserves, representing a portion of unspent funding originally appropriated in FY 23/24 for Council District 9 budget enhancements, to provide funding for a direct contract with I’m a Star Foundation, Inc. for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025
- I’m a Star Foundation will use the funding for salaries and program supplies to support the Westside STARS Leadership Program at Lake Shore Middle School which will serve at least 25 students
- Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process in order to authorize a direct contract with I’m a Star Foundation

10. [2024-0803](#) ORD Approp \$25,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Inc. (MLK Foundation) to Support the 2025 MLK Holiday Grand Parade Event as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with MLK Foundation; Waiving Sec 118.107...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Carlucci & Johnson)
 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 10/14/24 NCSPHS & R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 11/4/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0
 11/6/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Clark-Murray explained the need for the funding for the parade separate from the MLK Week of Service funds. Council Member Arias suggested that the parade receive its funding through the Week of Service allocation. Mary Staffopoulos with the Office of General Counsel said that the Mayor’s Office receives numerous requests for funding from all kinds of entities and could include funding for the parade in the proposed budget. Council Member Freeman said the City could support the parade with in-kind services rather than via an appropriation

RULES AMENDMENT

- 1. Revise oversight department to the Grants and Contract Compliance Division**
- 2. Include waiver of Code Sec. 118.301(a)(3)(iv)**
- 3. Add provision that the Office of Sports and Entertainment will provide assistance to the Foundation in the implementation of the parade with the level of assistance to be determined by the Sports and Entertainment Officer**

- Appropriates \$25,000 from General Fund Operating Reserves, representing a portion of unspent funding originally appropriated in FY 23/24 for Council District 9 budget enhancements, to provide funding for a direct contract with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Inc. (“MLK Foundation”) for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025**
- The MLK Foundation will use the funding for professional fees and services related to the 2025 MLK Holiday Grand Parade in Jacksonville scheduled for January 20, 2025**
- Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process in order to authorize a direct contract with the MLK Foundation**

- 11. [2024-0804](#)** ORD Approp \$10,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the North Riverside Community Development Corp (NRCDC) to Support Establishment of the North Riverside Community Resource Center as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With NRCDC; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with NRCDC; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso & Carlucci)
 10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/14/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 11/4/24 R Approve 7-0
 11/6/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

- Appropriates \$10,000 from General Fund Operating Reserves, representing a portion of unspent funding originally appropriated in FY 23/24 for Council District 9 budget enhancements, to provide funding for a direct contract with the North Riverside Community Development Corporation (“NRCDC”) for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025
- NRCDC will use the funding for occupancy expenses and to purchase furniture, computers, and office supplies to support the establishment of a community outreach/resource center at 2955 Edison Avenue
- Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process in order to authorize a direct contract with NRCDC
- Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 110.112 that City funds be provided on a reimbursement basis to allow an advance payment of 50% (\$5,000) to NRCDC upon execution of the City grant agreement

AUDITOR CONCERN

Half of the grant is being advanced to the recipient. If the grant recipient does not comply with the terms of the grant, the City would have to pursue the clawback of the grant.

12. [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) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
 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
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 11/6/24 F Approve 6-0
 11/6/24 TEU Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

- **New Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) will:**
 - **Extend 60% AMI affordability restriction through 2074**
 - **Increases affordable units from 20% to 100%**
 - **Remove age related restriction on housing**
- **Project is anticipated to include 151 units**

13. [2024-0806](#) ORD Amend the JEA FY 23-24 Budget; Incorporating Recitals; Amend Ord 2023-504-E (the COJ Budget Ord) by Amend Schedule C (JEA Consolidated Operating Budget) & Schedule D (JEA Consolidated Capital Budget) to Approp Surplus Funds from FY 22-23 & Add'l Funds from the Environmental - Rate Stabilization Fund for the Electric System & Water & Wastewater System to Increase the Transfer to Operating Capital Outlay in the Operating Budget, to Approp Excess Investment Income Rev in the District Energy System Operating Budget to Transfer to Operating Capital Outlay, & to Approp the Add'l Transfer from Operating Capital Outlay in the Electric System, Water & Wastewater System, & District Energy System Capital Budget (Staffopoulos) (Req of JEA)
10/8/24 CO Introduced: F
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

DEFER

Phillip Peterson explained the need for the amendment and the use of reserves from the operating budget to transfer to the capital budget and reduce the need for borrowing. The bill was deferred in the absence of a JEA representative to answer questions about the bill.

14. [2024-0807](#) ORD Dissolving the Hogpen Dependent Special Dist Per Ch 189, F.S. (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Diamond) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, White, Arias, Lahnen, Salem, Freeman & Howland)
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, JWC
10/14/24 NCSPHS & R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
11/4/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0
11/6/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Diamond advocated for passage of the bill. Council Members Salem, Freeman and Howland asked to be added as co-sponsors. Scott Wilson of the Mayor's Office said the administration does not see a public purpose in dredging this waterway and has no plans to fund it in future budgets.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

1. Add language directing the Legislative Services Division to forward a copy of the enacted ordinance within 30 days to the Special District Accountability Program, Tax Collector's Office, and the Hogpen Dependent Special District

2. Revise language to reflect that the District will resolve any debts and refund any remaining unspent and unobligated moneys collected as assessments

15. [2024-0835](#) ORD Adopt a Modification to the City's 2045 Comp Plan for the Purpose of Amend the Capital Improvement Element Schedule of Projs to Include the 301 Villages Water, Wastewater & Reuse Water Facilities & Updating the 2045 Mobility System Schedule of Projs within the Capital Improvements Element to Include Braddock Rd from Lem Turner Rd to Dunn Ave & Acree Rd Extension from New Kings Rd to Old Kings Rd as Mobility System Projs in the Corridor Mode to Mobility Zone 4 (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: F, LUZ
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

16. [2024-0836](#) RESO Apv & Auth the Execution of an Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Project Paper, to Support the Establishment of Company's Mortgage Technology Div National HQ at a New Facility Located in Jax; Auth a 13-Yr REV Grant Not to Exceed \$10,000,000; Auth a Business Expansion Grant Not to Exceed \$5,000,000; Auth an Employment Retention Grant Not to Exceed \$3,000,000; Auth a Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant Not to Exceed \$3,000,000, at a Rate of \$6,000 Per New Job; Apv & Auth the Execution of Docs by the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec; Auth Appvl of Tech Amends by the Executive Dir of the OED; Prov for Oversight by the OED; Prov a Deadline for the Company to Execute the Agrmt; Waiver of that Portion of the Public Investment Policy Adopted by Ord 2024-286-E, to Auth the Business Expansion Grant & the Employment Retention Grant, which Are Not Authorized by the Public Investment Policy, & to Authorize the Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant at a Rate Above the \$5,000 Per New Job Permitted by the Public Investment Policy; Req 2-Reading Passage Pursuant to C.R. 3.305 (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: R, F

DEFER

Council Member Howland said this bill may be amended to adjust the mix of the incentives and move to a greater use of REV grants.

17. [2024-0837](#) ORD Approp \$301,038.70 from the Opioid Settlement Fund Investment Pool Earnings to the Opioid Settlement Fund - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Provide Add'l Funds for Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Settlement Proceeds Grants in FY 24-25 (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

18. [2024-0838](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from a Special Council Contingency to the Pre-Trial Operations Activity - Contractual Svcs Acct within JSO, to Procure the Professional Svcs of CGL Management Services, LLC, to Conduct a Population Study of the Duval County Jail as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with CGL Management Services, LLC; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & CGL Management Services, LLC, for the Provision of Svcs to Complete the Study; Prov for Oversight by JSO (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2024-0839](#) ORD Approp \$500,000 from a Designated Special Council Contingency to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the Boselli Foundation, Inc. to Support Boselli's Teacher Fellowship & Mentoring Progs as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with Boselli for the Progs; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with the Boselli Foundation, 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 Advance Payment to Boselli as Described Herein; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & Boselli for the Progs; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM White) 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

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20. [2024-0841](#) ORD Approp \$32,311.41 from the Insured Progs Fund - Permanent & Probationary Salaries Acct to the Self Insurance Fund - Interfund - Transfer in Acct to Provide Funding for the Position of Risk Operations Manager; Auth 1 FT Position within the Self Insurance Fund & the Deletion of a FT Position within the Insured Progs Fund (R.C. 25-007) (B.T. 25-010) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) 10/22/24 CO Introduced: R, F
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2024-0842](#) ORD Transferring \$32,696,664.00 from Gen Fund Collective Bargaining Contingency & Reducing \$5,808,869.00 from the International Association of Fire Fighters/Fraternal Order of Police Health Trust Acct within the Group Health Fund to Fund the Wage Increase Appvd by 2024-630-E for & Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Union Employees for FY 24-25; Purpose of Approp; Amend 2024-504-E, the FY 24-25 Budget Ord, to Replace Schedule B1B in Order to Auth an Increase by \$771,098 in the Local Grant Match from the City for the Community Oriented Policing Svcs - COPS Hiring Prog Grant from the U.S. DOJ/Office of Community Oriented Policing Svcs (B.T. 25-011) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

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22. [2024-0843](#) ORD Transferring \$19,825,414.00 from Gen Fund Collective Bargaining Contingency, Reducing \$1,459,446 From the International Assoc of Fire Fighters / Fraternal Order of Police Health Trust Acct within the Group Health Fund & Approp \$54,285.00 from Fund Balance within the Bldg Inspection Fund to Fund the Wage Increase Appvd by 2024-629-E for International Assoc of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Union Employees for FY 24-25; Purpose of Approp (B.T. 25-009) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

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23. [2024-0846](#) ORD Transferring \$6,000,000 btwn Expense Accts in the Chaffee Rd Project; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds within the Proj; Declaring the Public Necessity for Acquiring Fee Simple Title, Temporary Construction Easements, & Permanent Drainage Easements, through Condemnation by Right of Eminent Domain to & Over Certain Real Property in Council Dist. 12, Such Real Property Interests Being Near or Adjacent to a Portion of Chaffee Rd S Including the Properties Listed in Exhibit 1, as Required for the Chaffee Rd Widening from Normandy Blvd to I-10 Proj; Auth the Acquisition of the Properties by Negotiation or Eminent Domain; Auth the Chief of Engineering Construction Div of the Dept of Public Works to Make a Good Faith Deposit Into the Court Registry; Auth the Chief of the Real Estate Div of the Dept of Public Works, or Her Desig, to Make Offers & Negotiate for the Purchase of the Properties, Subject to Certain Conditions; Auth the Chief of the Real Estate Div of the Dept of Public Works, or Her Desig, at the Direction of the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works, to Make Offers & Negotiate Claims for Business Damages, Attorneys' Fees, & Costs Related...(B.T. 25-014) (Garrett) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

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24. [2024-0847](#) ORD-MC Amend the Restore Endangered Historic Adaptable Bldgs Special Rev Fund Guidelines Previously Appvd by Ord 2023-316-E to Simplify the Application Process, Improve Prog Efficiency, & Ensure Compliance by Adding an Annual Reporting Requirement; Req One-cycle Emerg Passage (Lopera) (Introduced by CM Carlucci)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
11/4/24 R Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
11/6/24 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The request for emergency action was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Phillip Peterson explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 2, lines 20-21: strike “Upon Introduction”

2. Attach revised Exhibits 1 and 2 (Revised REHAB Guidelines) to a) clarify that grants will be subject to repayment in the event of default, sale, or transfer of the property within five years of disbursement and b) require that the applicant provide a notarized affidavit attesting that they are current on all taxes

- **The nature of the emergency is that applications have been submitted and the administrators desire to process them under the revised guidelines in a timely manner**
- **Proposed changes to the guidelines include:**
 - a) **Clarify that work done after an application is submitted but prior to final grant approval may be eligible for reimbursement, but reimbursement is not guaranteed**
 - b) **Change completion deadline for projects from 5 years to 3 years from date of grant approval**
 - c) **Change limit on grant amount from 40% of total development costs to 50% of total construction costs (acquisition cost/market value of property no longer counts toward total)**
 - d) **Remove requirement for applicant to provide 3-year pro forma financial statements**
 - e) **Remove requirement for applicant to provide tax returns for the most recent two years**
 - f) **Remove requirement for applicant to be current on income taxes**
 - g) **Remove requirement that a certificate of occupancy be issued prior to distribution of grant funds**
 - h) **Clarify that Local Landmark status must be obtained prior to distribution of grant funds (if the structure was not already designated a contributing structure to a historic district)**
 - i) **Require an annual report from the property owner or applicant for the five years following disbursement of grant funds**

- 25. [2024-0848](#) ORD Approp \$21,465.00 From the Hazard Mitigation Grant - Safe Room - HMGP DR 4486-131-R Contingency to Hazard Mitigation Grant - Safe Room - HMGP DR 4486-131-R Engineering & Design, to be Used for Add'l Design & Engineering Costs Associated With Construction of a Hurricane Safe Room for First Responders as Originally Auth by Ord 2023-370-E; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for City Oversight by JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div (B.T. 25-013) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24**

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- 26. [2024-0849](#) ORD Approp \$7,600,000 from the Gen Fund Operating Reserves to Provide a Construction Loan to Fuqua BCDC One Riverside Project Owner, LLC, Assignee of Fuqua Acquisitions II, LLC, Pursuant to the Settlement Agrmt & Amendment 2 to Redev Agrmt Previously Authorized by Ord 2024-452-E; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (B.T. 25-018) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 6-0
 11/6/24 F Emergency/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The motion for emergency action was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

• The nature of the emergency is that lapsed funds need to be ready to fund construction loan as not to delay the Project

- 27. [2024-0852](#) ORD Approp \$4,200,000.00 in Funds Partially Available from the \$2,800,000 Million Settlement of a Contract Dispute btwn the City & Applications Software Technology LLC (AST) to a New Proj for Network Infrastructure Upgrade; Apv the Settlement of a Contract Dispute btwn the City & AST; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, a Settlement Agrmt btwn the City & AST; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr IT System Dev Plan Appvd by Ord 2024-507-E; Amend Ord 2024-504-E, the FY 24-25 Budget, to Replace the Schedule A4; Prov for Oversight by the Technology Solutions Dept (B.T. 25-012) (Pinkstaff) (Req of Mayor)
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

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28. [2024-0853](#) ORD Approp \$200,000 from a Special Council Contingency to the San Mateo Little League Complex - Other Construction Costs Acct to Provide Funds for Construction of a Storage Facility at the San Mateo Little League Park; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Expand the Scope of the “San Mateo Little League Complex” Proj to Include Construction of a Storage Facility & to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj for this Purpose (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Gay)
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

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City employee travel

Chairman Salem said that documentation on Mayor Deegan’s economic development trip to London was received by the Council Auditor yesterday so he will give them 2 weeks to analyze that information and give a report at the next committee meeting. Additional information has been requested of the administration by the Auditor’s Office. Council Member Freeman said he is interested in the Mayor’s extension of the London business recruitment trip into a personal vacation and in the succession order of City leadership when the Mayor is out of town. Council Member Lahnen said he has requested historical information about the cost of previous mayoral London recruitment trips. Mike Weinstein of the Mayor’s Office said his office has received inquiries about Chairman Salem’s travel and asked how he would prefer they be answered; Mr. Salem said any inquiries about his travel should be referred to him.

City Council Strategic Plan

Chairman Salem said the Council used to have a Budget Stabilization Fund to be used by the Council for different priorities that may arise during the year rather than using reserve funds and he likes that concept. The Council could allocate the \$9.8M for its strategic plan priorities for next fiscal year through such an account. Kim Taylor said that stabilization fund used to be allocated from available funds left on wrap-up day at the last budget hearing.

Council Member Howland said the Council has been asking the mayor to include funds for its strategic plan priorities in her proposed budget, but the Council could just as easily do it itself since it controls the budget. He said the Council has made several very large-scale strategic priority decisions in the last few months (stadium renovation, Community Benefit Agreement priorities, including district-specific funds) and advocated for using the \$9.8M for fiscal responsibility instead of more spending. Council Member Arias said there needs to be a system and guidelines for how that fund would be used and fairly distributed among all the districts. Council Member Freeman said it will take a 2/3 vote to utilize these dollars from a reserve fund and suggested that solving the City's solid waste enterprise fund finances is a pressing need. Chairman Salem urged council members with pressing district needs to speak to the Mayor's Office about getting funding in the budget for those needs. Mary Staffopoulos said the strategic plan process is laid out in the Ordinance Code and oversight of the process has generally been delegated by the Council President to the Chair of the Finance Committee. She said the Council may wish to amend the Ordinance Code to reflect the changing nature of the process as it has evolved in recent years. Council Member Freeman described how the strategic planning process worked in years past. In response to a question from Mr. Arias, Ms. Staffopoulos said the Council could waive the Code requirements if necessary and try a new process for the upcoming budget year to see how it works and then consider a Code amendment thereafter.

Council Member Freeman read the Ordinance Code provision on City leadership succession – Mayor, Council President, Council Vice President; the Council may by ordinance provide for further succession. Chairman Salem said the provision was enacted before the era of cellphones and instant communication, which may change the determination of when a mayor is deemed unavailable to perform the duties of the office.

Council Member Lahnen said JTA representatives will be at the TEU Committee meeting this afternoon talking about local option gas tax projects and the Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) project if anyone is interested in hearing about those topics. He also said the Florida constitutional amendment passed last night to index the homestead exemption amount to the inflation rate will affect future City revenue. Kim Taylor said the Auditor's Office will begin examining how that might impact the budget.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

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

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