

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes - Amended

Monday, April 6, 2026

9:30 AM

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

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Mike Gay, Chair

Randy White, Vice Chair

Ken Amaro, Late Arrival 9:43 AM

Chris Miller

Ron Salem, Early Departure 10:00 AM

Michael Boylan

Tyrona Clark-Murray

CM J. Carlucci, Visiting

Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton

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

Council Research: Colleen Hampsey, Chief

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Bill Delaney

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Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 10:48 AM

Present: 7 - Mike Gay, Randy White, Ron Salem, Chris Miller, Ken Amaro, Michael Boylan and Tyrona Clark-Murray

Attendance:

CM J. Carlucci - Visiting

Presentation by Northeast Florida Regional Council

Tyler Nolen, Special Projects Coordinator for Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC), presented on the NEFRC's support of the City of Jacksonville Public Safety. He stated that NEFRC provides funds to public safety entities. One example of this was the Local Emergency Planning Committee for Hazardous Materials (LEPC), which is required in every state by the federal government. He added that the Florida Statutes require these committees to focus strictly on hazardous materials. He said they also have the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition, which he described as the emergency-preparedness sector of healthcare. NEFRC, in general, can provide support to fire and rescue, sheriff's offices, and emergency management offices upon request.

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of LEPCs and explained that they were created by the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 in response to a series of disasters in the 1980s. In Florida, the Division of Emergency Management pushes contracts to all regional councils to implement the program and support hazardous materials teams. He added that there are three hazardous material teams in Northeast Florida. He continued, stating that JFRD was so large that Jacksonville, in effect, had two type one hazardous material teams in the City. He defined type one teams as those with the means to respond to any incident regardless of any chemical or radiological components. Because of this, the Florida Division of Emergency Management updated its regional maps for the regional councils to better align with existing programs in each region. These state and federal mandates are funded.

He explained that one of the biggest parts of his role is communicating with municipalities and that he works most closely with JFRD's hazardous materials teams. He provided an overview of Hazardous Materials Training initiatives accomplished thus far for FY 25-26. This included sending 15 JFRD personnel to the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium; sending 2 JFRD personnel to Advanced Hazardous Materials Life Support training in April, with plans for additional personnel to attend the June course; and sending 3 JFRD personnel to a Maritime Hazardous Materials response course.

He said they have been working on training in a variety of gas responses, which will conclude in April 2026 with a class on responding to chlorine gas. This follows June 2023 training on anhydrous ammonia, a February 2025 CSX rail training, and an October 2025 training on liquified/compressed natural gas. He said they have also been working on an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) training, which was recently approved for recurring federal funds. Once they have conducted the initial pilot class, they will be able to offer the course more regularly to not only first responders with fire and rescue but also to sheriff's offices.

Mr. Nolen then provided more details on their Healthcare Coalition. He explained the coalitions were a federal initiative funded through the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and focused on emergency preparedness in the healthcare sector. He said the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition serves an 18-county region across North Florida, with many healthcare networks centered in Jacksonville. The alliance has over 980 members across 550+ organizations, agencies, and facilities.

Mr. Nolen then explained their Hazardous Materials Shelter-in-Place program, which is a combined effort between the LEPC and the Healthcare Coalition. He said they were able to provide training to over 30 facilities in Jacksonville and intend to conduct an exercise at those facilities soon.

Mr. Nolen provided a list of some equipment they have been able to purchase through their various initiatives including six tabletop exercises for first responders and receivers, multiple training

opportunities for radiological, nuclear, and WMD response, and \$61,000 in project funding to Jacksonville area facilities, which included mass casualty stretcher packs and evacuation sleds, pediatric restraints for JFRD Rescue Units, and evacuation sleds for long-term care facilities. He also detailed other NEFRC initiatives supporting the City of Jacksonville, including a Northeast Florida Military Installation Readiness Review, a JEA Hurricane Exercise, and a Regional Resilience Action Plan.

CM Boylan asked how NEFRC intended to address increased traffic flow in parts of the City. Mr. Nolen said that NEFRC conducted a Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow study, which involved randomly sampling the number of trucks carrying hazardous materials in a given area using the UN-mandated placards on those vehicles. He said they have not done a report in a while but are looking at how to use traffic cameras and artificial intelligence to conduct those studies in the future.

CM Amaro thanked Mr. Nolen and the NEFRC for their work.

Item/File No.	Title History
1. 2024-0966	ORD Apv an Agrmt for Settlement of Fines Imposed by the Municipal Code Enforcement Brd/Special Magistrate btwn the City & Live Oak Ancient City Living, LLC, a Delaware LLC, & Directing the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver the Agrmt on Behalf of the City or Auth the Agrmt to Become Effective without the Mayor’s Signature; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Agrmt & Auth Tech Changes as Herein Defined; Prov for Oversight of the Agrmt by the Municipal Code Compliance Div of the Neighborhoods Dept; Req Emergency Passage Upon Intro (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) 11/26/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F 12/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/10/24

DEFER

2. [2025-0361](#) ORD Concerning Retiree Adjustment Payments; Incorporating Recitals; Auth a Retired Employee Adjustment Payment to Retirees & Beneficiaries of the Correctional Officers, General Employees & Police & Fire Pension Funds of the City; Prov for Funding from Pension Liability Surtax; Requiring Certification of Eligibility by the Administrator of the General Employees' Pension Plan & Executive Director of the Police & Fire Pension Plan; Prov for Timing of Payments (Reingold) (Introduced by CM White) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Gay, Carlucci, Amaro, Gaffney, Jr., Carrico, Peluso & Pittman)
5/13/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/19/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/20/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/27/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/27/25

DEFER

3. [2026-0005](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations), Ord Code; Estab an Honorary Street Desig & Associated Roadway Markers for Cedric Burrell; Estab an Honorary Street Desig on 16th St E Extending btwn Main St & Hubbard St in Council Dist. 7 for Cedric Burrell; Prov for the Installation of 2 Honorary Roadway Markers to Be Located in Appropriate Locations on the Desig Road in Council Dist. 7; Waiving the Requirement of Subsec 745.105(i)(2), Ord Code, that the Honoree to Be Deceased for at Least 5 Yrs; Waiving the Requirement of Subsec 745.105(i)(3), Ord Code, that the Honoree Reside in the Community within 5 Miles of the Street Being Desig for at Least 10 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward a Copy of this Ord, Once Enacted, to the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering & Addressing Divs, for Processing, Implementation & Coordination with the Applicant & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsors CMs Pittman, Johnson, Carlucci & Gaffney, Jr.)
1/13/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU
1/20/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/20/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/21/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/27/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/3/26 TEU PH Only
3/17/26 TEU PH Only
4/6/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
4/6/26 R Amend/Approve 7-0
4/7/26 TEU PH Amend/Approve 6-0
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 2/3/26 & 4/7/26
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/27/26 & 4/14/26

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The amendment was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment.

The amendment passed unanimously. The bill was moved as amended and seconded.

CM Clark-Murray said she had done some research on Mr. Burrell and asked how long his restaurant had been in operation and what he had done for the community. Cherry Pollock from the Office of General Counsel said the restaurant has operated for more than 20 years. She added that Mr. Burrell had relocated to Jacksonville and owned several properties, including the restaurant that brought the community together.

CM Amaro asked who generated the legislation and for the rationale behind it. Ms. Pollock said Mr. Burrell's wife submitted an application and paid the fees.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Reflect that additional notices were sent to two affected property owners and reflect revised results of noticing**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 3 (Results) to reflect the results of the additional noticing**
- 3. Attach Revised Exhibit 4 (Responses) to exclude responses associated with the two parcels that were re-noticed**
- 4. Place revised notices on file to reflect additional noticing**
- 5. Correct Scrivener's**

- Waives Code Sec. 745.105(i)(2) which requires that the honoree has been deceased for at least five years**
- Waives Code Sec. 745.105(i)(3) which requires that the honoree have resided in the community within five miles of the honorary street designation for at least ten years**

4. [2026-0140](#) ORD Re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations), Ord Code; Renaming Confederate St Extending Btwn Hubbard St & Liberty St to “Rose Arbor Way” in Council Dist 7 Pursuant to Sec 745.105 (Public Street Name Changes), Ord Code; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward a Copy of this Ord, Once Enacted, to the Public Works Dept, Dev Svcs Div, Addressing Sec, for Processing, Implementation, & Coordination with Various City Depts & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
2/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU
3/2/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/2/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/3/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/10/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 TEU PH Only
4/6/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-2 (Gay & Salem)
4/6/26 R Amend/Approve 4-3 (Gay, Salem & Freeman)
4/7/26 TEU PH Amend/Approve 5-1 (Johnson)
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 3/17/26 & 4/7/26
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/10/26 & 4/14/26

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - White, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

Nay: 2 - Gay and Salem

The amendment was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously.

CM Boylan moved an amendment to limit the name change to the segment of Confederate Street between Market and Liberty Street, leaving the name intact for the segment between Hubbard and Market Street. He explained that this amendment solves two problems: it recognizes the historical nature of Confederate Street and its location while addressing the concerns of the entity taking over the building on Liberty and Confederate. The amendment was seconded.

CM Amaro said he seconded the amendment because it seemed like a good compromise.

CM Miller asked for clarification on the amendment, and CM Boylan provided it.

CM White said he had planned to offer an amendment to withdraw the bill but was interested in CM Boylan’s amendment.

The amendment was approved 6-1 (CM Salem opposed). Chair Gay rolled the amendments up. The bill was moved as amended and seconded.

AMENDMENT

1. Revise renaming to include the portion of Confederate Street from Market Street to Liberty Street
2. Include waiver of Code Sec. 745.105(h) to authorize a portion of the street to be renamed rather than the entire length
3. Reflect that a second notice was sent to one affected property owner and reflect non-response
4. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Notice) to include second notice
5. Page 1, line 31 and page 2, line 12, strike “745.105(j) (10)” and insert “745.105(c)”

• “Rose Arbor Way” commemorates the historic rose arbor in Springfield Park

5. [2026-0179](#) ORD Apv the Baymeadows Community Improvement Dist Dependent Special Dist Proposed FY 26-27 Budget Pursuant to Ord 2021-838-E, as Amended by Ord 2024-69-E, & Sec 189.02, F.S. (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP pursuant to Ord 2021-838-E)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
4/7/26 F Approve 6-1 (Diamond)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 3/24/26

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

CM Clark-Murray asked if residents consented to the three percent increase. Mr. Peterson said that there was no required consent from the affected property owners. He explained that the charter, established in 2021, authorized a maximum annual increase in assessments of three percent.

CM Salem asked how the special district was proceeding, noting that the issue was contentious when it was passed. Mr. Peterson said he could not answer that specific question but could provide some financial statistics from last year. He said the Council authorized a \$1.1 million budget for the special district, and they still have about \$400,000 available. He said they are clearly spending money on needed improvements but indicated it would take some time to complete all the updates needed in the area.

CM Boylan recalled that much of the contention with the special district stemmed from newer neighborhoods that had current infrastructure. He said that things seemed to be moving in the right direction.

- Approves the Baymeadows Community Improvement District's budget for the 7/1/26 – 6/30/27 fiscal year
- The proposed budget includes a total assessment of \$1,184,990 from 2,554 parcels
- Assessments are increasing by 3% over the prior year

6. [2026-0180](#) ORD Approp \$4,500,000 from the Tree Protection & Related Expenses Trust Fund (Ordinance) to the Level 2 Tree Planting Prog to Prov Funds for Tree Plantings Administered by the Dept of Public Works on Public Property; Prov for Contd Oversight by the Dept of Public Works (MacGillis) (Introduced by CM Arias) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
4/7/26 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 3/24/26

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The amendment was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment was passed unanimously. The bill was moved as amended and seconded.

CM Boylan asked whether they had already disbursed funds for the Level 1 Tree Planting program. Mr. Peterson said he did not recall funding for Level 1 and added that they have funded Level 2 every two years. He said that as those funds are drawn down, the Tree Commission will take up an item to replenish them, and that there was about \$26 million between the two funds. CM Boylan asked the Administration what they were doing to encourage people to identify areas where trees could be planted. Bill Delaney from the Administration said that he would look into it and get back with CM Boylan. Ms. Sickler from Public Works said they were working on ways to identify projects. She said that one was the 100 Tree Challenge in each district, spearheaded by former Council President White, and that nearly every district managed to plant trees. She said they continue to work with each council member to identify locations within their districts where more trees are needed, which is why they need additional funding.

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 1, line 15: correct bill number to 2017-397-E
2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct amount of appropriation and account
3. Correct scrivener's error

7. [2026-0181](#) ORD Approp \$359,000.00 in Grant Funding from the FL Dept of Financial Svcs, Div of State Fire Marshal to the JFRD to Prov Support for Fire Specialty Teams; Prov for Oversight by the JFRD (B.T. 26-047) (Smith) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
4/7/26 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The amendment was moved and seconded. The amendment passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT

Place Department of Financial Services (state) grant agreement on file

- **Funds will be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies**
- **Grant period ends June 30, 2026**
- **No City match required**

8. [2026-0182](#) ORD Approp \$500.00 in Funding from the Tractor Supply Company Foundation to the JFRD for Lawn & Kitchen Supplies; Prov Oversight by the JFRD (B.T. 26-045) (Smith) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Withdraw 7-0
4/7/26 F Withdraw 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

WITHDRAW

Aye: 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

9. [2026-0183](#) ORD Amend the 26-30 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2025-505-E to Revise the Scope of the Proj Entitled “Fire Station 18” to Eliminate Propty Acquisition & Parking Expansion & Add Exterior Elements to Improve Aesthetics & Safety (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
4/7/26 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The amendment was moved and seconded. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously.

CM Clark-Murray asked why the additional property was not acquired. Chief Golden of JFRD said the purchase of the additional land fell through because the asking price was too high.

CM Salem said he was philosophically opposed to using debt funding for art and asked how enthused Chief Golden was about the art funding component. Chief Golden said it was a holistic purchase, including art, lighting, and other upgrades, that would improve the corridor. CM Salem asked who would design the mural. Chief Golden said they were still in the planning stages and would want someone from the community to design the mural. CM Salem said he would support the bill despite his reservations.

Mr. Peterson clarified that the project’s cost was not \$9,000. Rather, of the \$1.5 million appropriated, roughly \$10,000 was spent, and the project’s total estimate is just over \$1.3 million. CM Clark-Murray asked how the \$10,000 was spent. Mr. Peterson said it was spent on their preliminary work attempting to acquire the parking lot. CM Clark-Murray asked how much the art portion of the project would cost. Chief Golden said that \$161,000 would go toward the fire station design, \$800,000 toward construction, \$200,000 toward a contingency, and \$150,000 toward CEI. He said they had not yet confirmed an amount for the mural.

CM Amaro said he liked the approach and would support the bill.

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (CIP) to correct prior years appropriations

- **Amends Fire Station #18 (Myrtle Avenue) project scope to:**
 - **Eliminate property acquisition and parking expansion (public parking)**
 - **Add an art mural, landscaping improvements and exterior lighting**
- **\$1.5 million in debt funding appropriated in FY 23-24 for original project scope with \$1,490,003 remaining available**

10. [2026-0184](#) ORD Approp \$120,000.00 in Grant Funding from the FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FWC”) for Reimb of Certain of the City’s Costs to Construct a Marine Artificial Reef Complex in the Harm’s Ledge Permitted Area; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Admin Svcs, EQD (B.T. 26-051) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
4/7/26 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Gay, White, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

CM Clark-Murray asked for the project’s status. Terry Carr from the Environmental Quality Division said the project was in the planning phase and that they were working to confirm bids.

- **The project must be completed by September 1, 2026**
- **No City match is required**

11. [2026-0185](#) ORD Approp \$100,000.00 from the City Hall St. James - Judgements Recovered Acct within the Public Bldg Allocations Fund, to Pay the Costs for Repairs to the St. James Bldg (City Hall) Elevators; Prov for Project Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Public Bldg Div (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

DEFER

12. [2026-0186](#) ORD Approp \$314,900 From Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the FRFO Admin Svcs - Fire Control - Specialized Equipment Acct, to Prov Funding to the JFRD for the Purchase & Installation of Infant Safety Devices Commonly Referred to as “Baby Boxes” at 14 Fire Stations Throughout Duval County; Prov for Carryover to FY 26-27; Prov for Oversight by the JFRD (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Amaro, J. Carlucci, Howland, Salem, Arias, Lahnen & Pittman)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

DEFER

CM Boylan asked about the bill's demand. Chief Golden said there was not a high need for this, as all fire stations are currently safe havens. He said the boxes were for people who did not want to be identified. He said he did not have any specific numbers. CM Boylan moved an amendment to reduce the number of boxes to four, with one in each quadrant of the city. He reasoned that it would reduce the price to roughly \$100,000 and would allow them to see if expansion of the program was warranted.

Ms. Staffopoulos said that the current locations for the boxes were listed by fire station address in the legislation and expressed concern that staff would be left to identify locations for CM Boylan's amendment, but that should be determined by the Council. She suggested offering the amendment at a future committee meeting to allow time to identify and discuss locations. CM Boylan withdrew his amendment and requested that Chief Golden assist in identifying potential locations for his amendment.

CM White suggested deferring for one cycle to allow Chief Golden to determine the appropriate number of boxes and locations. Chair Gay deferred the bill and allowed CMs to discuss further.

CM Clark-Murray said she respected the amendments and deferral and asked about the funding source, noting that, currently, funding would come from reserves. She said the cause was worthy but thought another source may be more appropriate.

CM Amaro asked if it was correct that the rationale for the boxes in each district was to increase access, convenience, and anonymity. Chief Golden confirmed that it was the rationale and said they would be looking to identify locations near interstates and major thoroughfares. CM Amaro asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

CM Miller said he was concerned about the funding source and wanted to see it adjusted before he would co-sponsor the bill, though he was ultimately supportive of the bill.

Chair Gay said he would defer the bill and support it.

Scrivener's

Pg. 1, line 20: strike "newborns" and insert "newborn"

13. [2026-0187](#) ORD Approp \$30,000 from the Multiyear Prog & Initiatives - Council Dist 1 CBA - Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funding to North FL School of Special Education, Inc. ("NFSSE") for the NFSSE Vocational Training/Community Integrated Employment Program ("Program") as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 26-27; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process; Waiver & Disclosures), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With NFSSE; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt Btwn the City & NFSSE, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Johnson & Miller)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/16/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

DEFER

CM Amaro requested a deferral to allow the recipient to resolve issues with the Council Auditor's Office. Chair Gay deferred the bill.

AMENDMENT

Include waiver of Section 118.503, Ordinance Code, to allow the North Florida School of Special Education, Inc. to receive a City Grant while being on the City's Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List

- **Appropriates \$30,000 from the Council District 1 Community Benefits Agreement contingency account to provide funding for a direct contract with the North Florida School of Special Education, Inc. (“NFSSE”) for the period of March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027**
- **NFSSE will use the funding to pay for a portion of salaries for their vocational training/community integrated employment program**
- **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 NFSSE**

COMMENT

NFSSE is currently on the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List for failing to provide the City with required reporting by 3/25/26

14. [2026-0188](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Stipulation of Parties for the Permanent Closure of 8th St E Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing, FDOT Crossing No. 713594W, & the Opening of Otis Rd Public Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing, btwn the City & the FDOT; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
4/7/26 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Gay, White, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

The amendment was moved and seconded. The amendment passed unanimously.

15. [2026-0189](#) ORD Approp \$32,500.00 from the Tax Collector Misc Rev Acct, to the Repairs & Maintenance Acct, for the City's Use Toward Refurbishment of the Westside Tax Collector Branch Premises btwn the 61st & 72nd Month of the Lease Term; Prov for Oversight by the Tax Collector (B.T. 26-052) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
4/7/26 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Gay, White, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

CM Clark-Murray asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

16. [2026-0190](#) ORD Apv a Change Order in the Amt of \$44,897.19, in Connection with the Buildout of the Tax Collector Office Located at 11160 Beach Blvd, Pursuant to a Lease Agrmt btwn the City, for & on Behalf of the Tax Collector (Tenant), & St. Johns Square Land Trust (Landlord), as Auth by Ord 2025-328-E, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Any Related Change Orders Arising Under the Lease, Prov that Such Change Orders Do Not Exceed the Total Amt Approp for the Proj & Do Not Exceed 10% of the Originally Agreed Upon Buildout Costs, & Any Lease Amdt Related to Same; Prov for Oversight by the Tax Collector (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
4/7/26 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Gay, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

17. [2026-0207](#) ORD Approp \$355,000 from the Jax Recreation & Environmental Land Acquisition Fund - Investment Pool Earnings Acct to the McDuff Ave Park Proj - Land Acquisition Cost Acct to Prov Funding for the City's Purchase of 6 Properties Located at 0 McDuff Ave N (R.E. # 056005-0000, 056006-0000, 056007 0000), 957 McDuff Ave N (R.E. # 056008-0000), 961 McDuff Ave N (R.E. # 056009-0000), & 971 McDuff Ave N (R.E. # 056010-0000), Jax, FL, in Council Dist 9 (Collectively, the Property), Near Westbrook Center & Park, to be Used as a Passive Park; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Real Estate Purchase & Sale Agrmt Btwn the COJ & Kevin Thigpen & William Taylor, & All Closing & Other Docs Contemplated Therein or Relating Thereto, & to Otherwise Take all Necessary Action to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agrmt to Purchase the Subj Propty at a Negotiated Purchase Price not to Exceed \$350,000; Amend the 26-30 5-year CIP Appvd by Ord 2025-505-E to Reflect this Appropriation of Funds to a New Proj Entitled "McDuff Ave Park;" Prov for Oversight by the Real Estate Div of the Public Works Dept for the Acquisition of the Propty & by the Parks, Recreation, & Community Svcs Dept Thereafter (Wilson) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Miller, Gay, Amaro, J. Carlucci & Peluso)
3/10/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/17/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/24/26 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
4/7/26 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/24/26

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Gay, White, Miller, Amaro, Boylan and Clark-Murray

CM Clark-Murray explained the bill. She said she was acquiring the property from the owner for \$350,000 despite the land being appraised for \$375,000. She said that Parks and Recreation would oversee the property.

CM Miller asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

CM Amaro asked for the property's acreage and the timeline for converting it into a passive park. CM Clark-Murray said there were six parcels equal to 1.3 acres. She said she did not have a timeline yet. CM Amaro asked to be added as a co-sponsor. Chair Gay also asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

- Subject property appraised at \$375,000
- Subject property will be used as a passive park and connect with the Emerald Trail (future funding would be needed for construction of boardwalks and sidewalks for connection to Emerald Trail)
- Phase II of the Environmental Site Assessment authorized pursuant to 2025-894-E is still pending

18. [2026-0214](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a 1st Amdt to FY 25-26 City Grant Agrmt for the United Way 2-1-1 Program (City Contract #701375-26), Btwn the City & United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc., to Amend the Prog Budget Detail & Narrative; Prov for Cont Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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19. [2026-0215](#) ORD Approp \$75,000.00 from the Solid Waste Disposal Fund - Contributions from Private Sources Acct, to Prov Funding for Beautification Initiatives Including St Sweeping Trash & Debris from Roadways; Prov for City Oversight by the Division of R/W & Stormwater Maintenance of the Dept of PW (B.T. 26-053) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,TEU, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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20. [2026-0216](#) ORD Making Certain Findings; Apv the Appl of GFL Solid Waste Southeast LLC for Renewal of Its Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CON) to Operate a Construction & Demolition Debris Processing & Recycling Facility with a Modification to Operate the Facility as a Construction & Demolition Debris & Yard Trash Transfer Station & a Clean Debris Recycling Facility; Prov for Conds of Said Renewal (Dillard) (Introduced by the CP pursuant to Ch 380, Ord Code)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to CH 380, Ord Code- 4/21/26
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/28/26

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21. [2026-0217](#) ORD Approp \$25,000.00 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund for Donation to First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc., in Accordance with Sec 932.7055(5), F.S., to Support Drug Treatment, Drug Abuse Education, Drug Prevention, Crime Prevention, Safe Neighborhood, & School Resource Officer Program(s); Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City that Certain Misc Approp Agrmt btwn the City & First Coast Crime Stoppers, 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 First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc.; Prov for Oversight by the JSO (B.T. 26-055) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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22. [2026-0218](#) ORD Making Certain Findings, & Apv & Auth the CEO of the DIA, or His Desig, to Execute a Redev Agrmt btwn the DIA & Historic Urban Core, LLC, to Support the Renovation & Rehab by Developer of a Historic Bldg Located at 38-44 W. Monroe St; Auth 3 Downtown Preservation & Revitalization Prog Loans, in an Aggregate Amt Not to Exceed \$1,620,655.00, to the Developer in Connection with the Proj; Desig the DIA as Contract Monitor for the Agrmt; Prov for Oversight of the Proj by the DIA; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs; Timeline for Execution of Agrmt by the Developer (Lavie) (Req of DIA)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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23. [2026-0219](#) ORD Making Certain Findings, & Apv & Auth the CEO of the DIA, or His Desig, to Execute a Redev Agrmt btwn the DIA & Global Solution Partners, Inc., to Support the Renovation & Rehab by Developer of a Historic Bldg Located at 231 N. Laura St; Auth 3 Downtown Preservation & Revitalization Prog Loans, in an Aggregate Amt Not to Exceed \$1,907,345.00, to the Developer in Connection with the Proj; Desig the DIA as Contract Monitor for the Agrmt; Prov for Oversight of the Project by the DIA; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs; Timeline for Execution of Agrmt by the Developer (Lavie) (Req of DIA)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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24. [2026-0222](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute on Behalf of the City that Certain Declaration of Restrictive Covenant btwn the City & the FL Dept of Environmental Protection Pertaining to those Portions of the Lomax St & Bishop Gate Ln R/W Located Adjacent to 500 & 555 Bishop Gate Ln, Jax, FL 32204 (R.E. # 090148-0100 & 090143-0000); Prov for Oversight by the PW Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
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25. [2026-0223](#) ORD-MC Repealing Sec 154.502 (Downtown Entertainment District Boundary), Pt 5 (Downtown Entertainment District), Ch 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ord Code; Creating a New Sec 154.502 (Downtown Entertainment District Boundary), Pt 5 (Downtown Entertainment District), Ch 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ord Code, to Include Brooklyn Dist within the Boundaries of the Downtown Entertainment Dist & to Update the Downtown Entertainment Dist Map; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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29. [2026-0224](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a 1st Amdt to FY 25-26 City Grant Agrmt for the Operation of 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Prog (City Contract #701382-26), btwn the City & United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc., to Amend the Prog Budget Detail & Narrative; Prov for Cont'd Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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30. [2026-0225](#) ORD Approp \$90,576.00 from the Mosquito Control State Fund 00112 Fund Bal to Be Used for Mosquito Control Div Operational Expenses, Including the Purchase of Equipment & Supplies, During FY 25-26 (B.T. 26-049) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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31. [2026-0226](#) ORD Approp \$77,440.00 in Grant Funding from the FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission for Reimbursement of the City's Costs to Remove & Dispose of 4 Derelict Vessels Located in Public Waterways All within Duval County; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Admin Svcs, Environmental Quality Div (B.T. 26-054) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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26. [2026-0227](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 106.330.1 (Prohibition on Expenditures for Abortions &/or Related Services), Subpt B (Special Provisions), Pt 3 (Appropriations), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Prohibit Expenditure of City Funds to Pay for Abortions &/or Related Svcs; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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27. [2026-0231](#) RESO Expressing City Council's Support for Protected Bicycle Lanes Downtown on Portions of Beaver St, Monroe St, Hogan St & Liberty St (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NSCPHS, R, TEU
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

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28. [2026-0237](#) RESO Apv Certain Revisions to the City of Jax Comprehensive Emerg Mgmt Plan, Originally Adopted by Reso 2004-277-A, as Amend in Reso 2005-710-A, 2006-1018-A, 2009-904-A, 2010-907-A, 2012-465-A, 2017-709-A & 2022-38-A, & Required by Ch 252, F.S., & Ch 674, Ord Code; Prov for City Oversight by the JFRD (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/26 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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32. [2026-0248](#) ORD Estab the FY 26-27 Allocation of Funding Percentages for the Opioid Settlement Proceeds Funded Categories, & Estab the FY 26-27 Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant Appl Process, in Accordance with Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code (Staffopoulos) (Req of OSUD Grants Committee)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/14/26

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33. [2026-0249](#) ORD Approp \$200,000 from the PSG - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to the EDED Equal Bus Opportunity Office - Financial & Admin - Other Professional Svcs Acct to Prov Funds for the JSEB Micro-Grant Prog; Prov for Carryover to FY 26-27 (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Freeman)
3/24/26 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/6/26 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/26 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 20, 2026.

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

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Public Comment:

Carnell Oliver commented on 2026-0218, 2026-0219, and 2026-0207.

Blake Harper spoke in favor of 2026-0227 and 2026-0186 and opposed 2026-0140.

Sally Barnes spoke about a rezoning project on McDuff Ave.

Latavia Harris expressed concern about the selection of board appointees to the Eastside CBA Board and urged rejecting all appointees except Larry Swink.

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Posted: 4/8/26, 2:00 p.m.