

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025

2:00 PM

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

Rules Committee

Chris Miller, Chair

Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair

Ken Amaro

Ron Salem

Randy White

Mike Gay

Michael Boylan

Legislative Assistant: Vanessa Galan

Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher

Council Research: Nayeli Jimenez

Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Administration: Garrett Dennis

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Meeting Convened: 2:00 PM**Meeting Adjourned: 4:03 PM**

Present: 7 - Chris Miller, Terrance Freeman, Ken Amaro, Ron Salem, Randy White, Mike Gay and Michael Boylan

Attendance:**CM Gaffney, Jr - 2025-472****CM Johnson - 2025-645, 2025-656, 2025-657, 2025-664, 2025-682, 2025-683****CM Peluso - 2025-690, 2025-691****Presentation by Employee Services Department**

Ms. Hayes of Employee Services presented an overview of the appointed official hiring process. She explained that appointed officials are full-time, at-will employees appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, receiving benefits similar to civil service but not under civil service rules. Positions may be filled without posting; if posted, Employee Services updates job descriptions, prepares postings, and screens applicants. Applications are evaluated using supplemental questions, degree verification, veterans' preference, and structured interviews emphasizing core competencies such as business acumen and emotional intelligence. Panels include senior leadership, HR, and subject matter experts. Tools like matrices are used to summarize candidates. Interviews focus on behavioral and situational questions. Following interviews, panels debrief and rank candidates. Ms. Hayes noted that the City does not use scoring for executive hires, emphasizing the importance of assessing qualitative skills.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Hayes, noting that the process lacks objective scoring measures, which in his view may reduce fairness compared to systems using scoring matrices. He referenced morale issues with JFRD's current scoring system as an example.

Council Member Amaro asked how the City's process compares to the private sector. Ms. Hayes responded that practices vary; some agencies sometimes use scoring, while others do not. She stressed the importance of consistency and confirmed satisfaction with current procedures, emphasizing due diligence and broad eligibility requirements.

Item/File No.	Title History
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1. [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

2. [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

Council Member Freeman asked if the legislation was tied to the ongoing lawsuit or other issues related to the Laura Street Trio, noting that Live Oak was no longer part of that project.

Mr. Peterson responded that the bill was not tied to the lawsuit but was introduced by then-Council President Carrico to address administrative and nuisance fines on the property. He confirmed he had also heard that Live Oak was no longer involved but had not spoken to the Council President since that development.

Council Member Freeman added that Live Oak had recently won the RFP for JEA and questioned whether this legislation remained necessary. He suggested reaching out to the Council President's office to see if the bill should continue to be deferred, noting that it had been pending since November 2024.

3. [2025-0472](#) ORD Approp \$125,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Northside Community Involvement - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funding to Northside Community Involvement, Inc. (NCI) for the Communities with Resources Working Together for the Betterment of Jax, FL Re-Grant Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 NCI; Waiving Subsec 118.301(a)(3)(iii) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow a Portion of the City Funds to Be Used for Contributions & Donations to Other Groups or Orgs Thru the Prog; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & NCI for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Gaffney, Jr.) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
6/24/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/14/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/14/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/15/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/22/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 NCSPHS Withdraw 5-0
9/15/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
9/16/25 F Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/22/25

AMEND/APPROVE

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

There was a motion and second to withdraw. Council Member Gaffney, Jr. explained that NCI, the intended recipient, remains on the noncompliance list but expects to resolve the issues within 30 60 days. He asked that the bill be amended rather than withdrawn so funds could be released once compliance is met.

Chair Miller requested clarification. Mr. Peterson outlined an amendment providing NCI until November 15 to come into compliance with funds reverting to reserves if the deadline is not met.

Council Member Boylan asked about procedure, Ms. Lopera explained the proper procedure. Council Member Freeman moved the withdrawal.

Mr. Peterson noted additional technical amendments required by the Grants Division, including regrant agreements, scoring rubrics, and approval of scoring members. Council Member Freeman expressed concern that another committee had already acted on withdrawal earlier in the day, and now the action was being reversed without giving that committee the same updated information. He said he might have to vote no without more time to review but wanted to support the intent.

Council Member Gaffney, Jr., responded that the idea for the amendment came from earlier committee discussions, and after speaking with NCI directly, he was confident compliance would be achieved within 30-60 days. He confirmed that NCI was present and prepared to answer questions.

Council Member Freeman said his concerns had been addressed, noting that the other committee members involved in the earlier action were present, and he was willing to move forward.

Council Member Boylan moved the auditor's amendment, and it was seconded. The auditor's amendment was passed via a voice vote.

Mr. Peterson outlined the auditor's amendment, which revised Exhibit 2 to require executed regrant agreements, copies of scoring rubrics, and approval of scoring committee members to ensure they were not on the noncompliance list.

Council Member Boylan moved the amendment, and it was seconded. The amendment was passed via a voice vote.

Both amendments were rolled together, and the bill as amended was approved.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Add provision that NCI must be removed from the Ch. 118 Non-Compliance List by 11/15/25 in order to be eligible for the funding**
- 2. Revise term of agreement to 10/1/25 - 9/30/26**
- 3. Include reversion of funds language**
- 4. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet and Budget) to revise term to 10/1/25 - 9/30/26 and incorporate changes recommended by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division**

- Council Strategic Initiatives funding**
- Appropriates \$125,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding to Northside Community Involvement, Inc. ("NCI") for the Communities with Resources Working Together for the Betterment of Jacksonville, Florida Re-Grant Program**
- \$112,500 will be allocated for re-grants for adult education, child development, crime prevention and intervention, clothing, housing, transportation, mental health services and utilities and \$12,500 will be allocated for administrative expenses of Northside Community Involvement**
- Re-grant recipients must be located in Council District 8**
- Authorizes carryover of funding through fiscal year 2025/26**
- Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to authorize a direct contract with Northside Community Involvement**
- Waives Code Sec. 118.301(a)(3)(iii) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds) in order to allow a portion of the funds to be spent on re-grants to other organizations**

AUDITOR NOTE:

Northside Community Involvement, Inc. ("NCI") is currently on the Ch. 118 Non-Compliance List for failing to complete the reporting requirements related to their FY 23/24 City grants totaling in excess of \$100,000. Pursuant to Ch. 118, Part 5 (Liability and Loss of Entitlement or Eligibility for City Grants), NCI is ineligible to receive a City Grant and further disbursements of City Grants shall be withheld until being certified by the Council Auditor as compliant.

4. [2025-0539](#) ORD re the Establishment of the Five Points Dependent Special Dist in Accordance with Sec 189.02, F.S.; Incorporating Recitals; Adopt a Charter for the “Five Points Dependent Special District” for the Purpose of Improving the Five Points Area with Svcs, Including But Not Limited to Security, Landscaping & Promotion; Estab the Dependent Nature of the Dist; Estab the Purpose, Powers, Functions & Duties; Estab a Geographic Boundary for the Dist; Acknowledging the Authority to Create the Dependent Special Dist; Recognizing the Best Alternative; Estab a 5 Member Board of Supervisors with Alternates Appointed by the City Council; Prov Add’l Requirements; Identifying the Method of Financing; Recognizing the Consistency with the Comp Plan (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
7/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
8/4/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/4/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/5/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/12/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/12/25

DEFER

5. [2025-0600](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 111.390 (Driver Education Safety Trust Fund), Pt 3 (Public Safety & Courts), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Increase the Civil Traffic Penalty from \$3 to \$5 Consistent with the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act, Sec 318.1215, F.S.; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)
8/12/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
8/18/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/18/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/26/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/26/25

DEFER

6. [2025-0601](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute a 6th Amdt to Amend & Restated Agrmt for Residential Waste & Recycling Collection & Transportation Svcs (Service Area III) btwn the City & Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., to Extend the Agrmt Term Thru 9/30/35, Replace the Rate Review Process with Annual CPI Adjustments Commencing 10/1/25 & Estab a Process for Extraordinary Rate Adjustment, Set Fuel Caps for FY 25-26, FY 26-27 & FY 27-28, Amend the Process for Conducting Residential Premises Counts, & Amend Certain Other Provisions, Including Collection Svcs, Vehicle Identification Requirements, Liquidated Damages, Dispute Res & Reporting Requirements; Waiving Sec 382.308(L) (Extension of Contract), Ord Code; Prov for City Oversight by the Solid Waste Div of the Office of Administrative Svcs (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
8/12/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
8/18/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/18/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/19/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/26/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/26/25

DEFER

7. [2025-0638](#) ORD-MC Estab Kings Creek II Community Dev Dist (Kings Creek II CDD), Pursuant to Sec 190.005, F.S., & Ch 92, Ord Code; Naming the Kings Creek II CDD; Describing the External Boundaries of the Kings Creek II CDD; Naming the Initial Kings Creek II CDD Board of Supervisors; Including the Grant of Special Powers; Amend Sec 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts), Ch 92 (Uniform Community Development Districts), Ord Code, to Include the Kings Creek II CDD; Prov Codification Instructions; Prov for Conflict & Severability (MacGillis) (Introduced by the TEU Committee Pursuant to Sec 92.09, Ord Code)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: R, TEU
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 & Sec 190.005, F.S. & Sec 92.11 Ord Code - 10/14/25

DEFER

8. [2025-0645](#) ORD Approp \$51,227 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Council for Fitness & Well-Being - Other Professional Svcs Acct, to Prov Funding for the Mayor's Council on Fitness & Well-Being to Retain the Svcs of a Consultant to Assist the Council in the Dev of a Strategic Plan for Community Wellness; Prov for Carryover (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,R, F
9/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 1-4 (Fail) (Salem, Gay, Amaro, Boylan)
9/15/25 R Amend/Approve 4-3 (Miller, Salem, Gay)
9/16/25 F Amend/Approve 6-1 (Salem)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/9/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 4 - Freeman, Amaro, White and Boylan

Nay: 3 - Miller, Salem and Gay

Ms. Carraher explained the NCSPHS amendment. Council Member Salem stated that the Mayor's Council on Fitness and Well-Being has not met since the COVID-19 pandemic and expressed concern over confusion regarding whether a consultant would be hired. He said he did not believe the bill was ready and would vote no.

Council Member Freeman noted he had served as liaison to the council, which met via Zoom during COVID. While he appreciated the members, he questioned the clarity of its mission and asked the bill sponsor to provide an update on the council's current role and use of funds.

The amendment passed via a hand vote, with Council Members Salem and Gay opposing.

Council Member Johnson thanked Freeman and clarified that no consultant was ever requested, noting that confusion arose from drafting. Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office confirmed this and apologized for the misstatement. Council Member Johnson said he was appointed liaison to the board, researched its history, and developed a plan to reactivate it. He explained the funds would support strategic initiatives in health, screenings, and community programs, and emphasized these are not "cookie jar" dollars but intended for public purpose. He noted he reduced his request from \$51,000 to \$31,000 after reallocations.

Council Member Freeman said he would remain consistent in supporting use of strategic dollars but expressed concern about funds being used for other agencies without council oversight. He asked how councils like this receive funding from the administration.

Mr. Peterson explained that no dedicated funds are provided in the mayor's budget; the dollars came from council's strategic initiatives, which were reduced across the board to 76% of requests. Council Member Johnson is seeking to move his allocation above the line for this purpose.

Council Member Freeman urged colleagues to use remaining funds in the current cycle and asked Council Member Johnson to report back on how the dollars are spent. Council Member Johnson confirmed all his initiatives include reporting requirements.

Chair Miller said his concern was not knowing specifically how the dollars would be used. While reassured that no consultant was planned, he remained cautious about funding additional strategic plans when the administration already has planners.

Mr. Peterson advised amending the bill language, noting it currently referenced a consultant, which does not reflect Council Member Johnson's intent and confirmed that would be the most transparent course.

Council Member Boylan said he would offer the amendment if Council Member Johnson clarified the purpose of the funds.

Council Member Johnson explained the funds would support community health and wellness events, screenings, and related initiatives. He noted this aligns with council's strategic priorities and that supporting documents had been provided to staff.

Ms. Lopera restated the amendment for clarification.

Council Member Boylan moved the amendment, which was seconded by Council Member Amaro.

Council Member Freeman expressed concern that the amendment shifted the bill from supporting a standing council to funding events. He questioned whether this aligned with his earlier support for strategic initiatives.

Council Member Johnson responded that the funds would support a public awareness campaign, branding, media outreach, screenings, and wellness events, not just event planning.

Chair Miller asked about timing, noting the lack of clarity before introduction. Mr. Peterson advised the dollars lapse on September 30 unless carried forward. He noted Council could place the funds in contingency for the board and re-appropriate next year with a plan.

Chair Miller supported that option and asked colleagues how to proceed. Council Member Boylan withdrew his amendment.

Council Member Freeman asked about continuity if Council Member Johnson is no longer liaison. Council Member Johnson replied his plan only sets a foundation, and leadership would transition once the board reactivates.

Council Member Salem reiterated his opposition, suggesting the bill be voted down and funds revert to reserves, with the possibility of re-appropriating for an active board in the future.

Chair Miller asked staff to clarify posture. Ms. Lopera stated the bill remained as amended by NCSPHS, reducing the appropriation to \$31,227.

Council Member Amaro said he supports colleagues' initiatives but noted the board has been inactive, and he was not convinced \$31,000 would revitalize it.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

1. Reduce appropriation to \$31,227

2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to reflect revised appropriation

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$51,227 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding for the Mayor's Council on Fitness and Well-Being**
- **Funding will be used to retain the services of a consultant to assist the Council in development of a strategic plan for community wellness**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through fiscal year 2025/26**

9. [2025-0646](#) ORD Prov for Carryover of Funds Originally Approp by Ord 2024-160-E to 9/30/26, So the Funds Remain Available for the Hiring or Retention of Legislative Counsel to the City Council Pursuant to Sec 7.01 of the City Charter & Ch 14 (Office of Legislative Counsel), Ord Code (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem & Miller)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: R, F
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0
9/16/25 F Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/9/25

APPROVE

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

Council Member Freeman stated that once the \$77,953 balance is approved, council will no longer control how the funds are spent. He questioned whether the money could be used for salaries and noted that the answer was no. He suggested it might be useful to ask the Council President or colleagues if there were plans for the funds, as he was left uncertain about their future use.

Council Member Amaro asked if this appropriation was part of the \$100,000 previously approved by council. Mr. Peterson confirmed, explaining that approximately \$22,000 had been spent with the Ballard Spahr law firm for review of the Laura Street Trio agreements in 2024. The remaining \$77,953 is the balance.

Council Member Amaro further asked if legislation was necessary to make this appropriation.

Mr. Peterson replied that the full \$100,000 was originally appropriated and carried forward until September 30 of this year. He added that the Personnel Committee had discussed carrying the remaining balance over into FY 2025-26 to cover future costs of legislative counsel for the City Council.

• **Authorizes the carryforward of unspent funds (\$77,953) originally appropriated by Ord. 2024-160-E through 9/30/26**

• **Funds are authorized to be used for the retention or hiring of Legislative Counsel to the City Council**

10. [2025-0651](#) ORD Approp \$385,467.00 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to Fund Various Crime Prevention & Law Enforcement Expenditures & Activities Including: (1) Transferring \$20,000.00 from the Fund to the Teen Driver Special Revenue Fund in Accordance with Sec 111.365, Ord Code, to Fund the Teen Driver Challenge Prog; (2) Transferring \$20,000.00 from the Fund to the Police Explorer Trust Fund in Accordance with Sec 111.340, Ord Code, to Fund the JSO Police Explorer Post; (3) \$77,867.00 for Security Camera Maintenance for JSO Facilities; (4) \$127,600.00 for Equipment for JSO Patrol Operations; & (5) \$140,000.00 to Downtown Vision Alliance, Inc. for Continued Operation of the Homeward Bound Prog, in Accordance with Sec 932.7055, F.S.; 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 Downtown Vision Alliance, Inc. for the Prog; Waiving 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 Downtown Vision Alliance, Inc. for the Prog; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City that Certain Misc Approps Agrmt btwn the City & Downtown Vision Alliance, Inc. (B.T. 26-006) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 4-0
9/15/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
9/16/25 F Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/9/25

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Ms. Carraher explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote.

AMENDMENT

1. Add oversight department for Homeward Bound agreement
2. Attach affidavit required by Sec. 118.107 as a new exhibit
3. Correct scrivener's errors
4. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Certification) to correct appropriation amount

11. [2025-0656](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the KHA Fund (10901) - ESP - Preteen & Teen Programming Essential Svcs Category, to Prov Funding to Indian Cultural Society of Jacksonville, Inc. (ICS) for the Indian Cultural Preservation & Community Education Progs as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Amend the 8th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Waiving Certain Requirements of Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provd by ICS from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of the KHA to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & ICS for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 NCSPHS Approve 3-2 (Defer) (Gay, Salem)
9/15/25 R Approve 5-2 (Gay, Salem)
9/16/25 F Approve 5-1 (Salem)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/9/25

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Miller, Freeman, Amaro, White and Boylan

Nay: 2 - Salem and Gay

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Scrivener's

Pg. 3, line 3: strike "quarter" and insert "four months"

- Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)
- Appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Indian Cultural Society of Jacksonville, Inc. ("ICS")
- Funding will be used for hosting educational/cultural workshops and cultural showcase events during the period of September 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
- Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 25/26
- Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with ICS

12. [2025-0657](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the KHA Fund (10901) - ESP - Out-Of-School Time Programming Essential Svcs Category, to Prov Funding to Jacksonville Arts & Music School Inc. (JAMS) for the JAMS "Created" Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Amend the 9th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Waiving Certain Requirements of Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provd by JAMS from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of the KHA to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & JAMS for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 NCSPHS Approve 3-2 (Defer) (Gay, Salem)
9/15/25 R Approve 5-2 (Gay, Salem)
9/16/25 F Approve 5-1 (Salem)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/9/25

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Miller, Freeman, Amaro, White and Boylan

Nay: 2 - Salem and Gay

Scrivener's**Pg. 2, line 14: strike "inc." and insert "Inc."**

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Jacksonville Arts and Music School Inc. ("JAMS")**
- **Funding will be used for professional development workshops and quarterly community events for the CreatED Program, which is a professional development and community arts engagement program**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 25/26**
- **Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with JAMS**

13. [2025-0658](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 15.108 (Annual Continuing Education & Training), Ch 15 (Jacksonville Sunshine Law Compliance Act), Ord Code, to Clarify the Requirements for Annual Training for Council Members & Executive Council Assistants on Government in the Sunshine, Open Meetings Laws & Ethics Laws; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Miller)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: R
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
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DEFER

Chair Miller deferred the bill by one cycle to allow the Ethics Commission to provide input.

Council Member Salem stated he values in-person ethics training and was concerned about moving away from annual attendance.

Chair Miller explained his intent was to provide flexibility, noting federal training is often done entirely by video.

Council Member Freeman acknowledged the burden of attending in person while managing multiple jobs but emphasized that the Ethics Office provides strong follow-up support. He supported added flexibility.

Council Member Amaro preferred live training but agreed video remains an option if in-person attendance is not possible.

Chair Miller concluded by reaffirming the deferral and noting further input will be considered after the Ethics Commission meeting.

14. [2025-0663](#) ORD Amend the JAA FY 24-25 Budget; Amend Ord 2024-504-E (the City of Jacksonville Budget Ordinance) by Amend Revised Schedule G (JAA Operating Budget) to Approp Add'l Revenues to Pay the Costs for Emerg Repair of the JIA Hourly Garage & Revised Schedule H (JAA Capital Budget) to Approp Funds for the New Capital Project Entitled "Hourly Garage Rehabilitation"; Prov for Carryover; Waiving Sec 3.106 (Method of Introduction of Certain Legislation), Ch 3 (Legislation; Legislative Records), Ord Code, to Allow Draft Minutes of the 8/7/25, JAA Brd of Dirs Meeting to Accompany This Legislation in Lieu of an Appvd, Certified Copy (Staffopoulos) (Req of JAA)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: R, TEU, F
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0
9/16/25 TEU Approve 6-0
9/16/25 F Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/9/25

APPROVE

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

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, line 17 strike "Operating" and insert "Non-Operating"

- Amends JAA's FY 24/25 budget to do the following:
 - Appropriate \$4 million in insurance proceeds and \$5.6 million from retained earnings within the Operating Budget to 1) cover \$2 million in emergency repairs to the hourly garage due to the fire, and 2) increase the Transfer to Operating Capital Outlay by \$7.6 million for the Hourly Garage Rehabilitation capital project
 - Appropriate a total of \$38 million within the Capital Budget for the new Hourly Garage Rehabilitation capital project, which includes the \$7.6 million of Operating Capital Outlay and \$30.4 million of future insurance proceeds
- Waives Code Sec. 3.106 (Method of introduction of certain legislation) to attach the draft version of JAA's board minutes instead of a certified copy

15. [2025-0664](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the KHA Fund (10901) - ESP - Out-Of-School Time Programming Essential Svcs Category, to Prov Funding to Mentoring Families & Kids Inc. (MFK) for the MFK Community Outreach Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Amend the 10th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Waiving Certain Requirements of Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provd by MFK from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of the KHA to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & MFK for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 NCSPHS Approve 3-2 (Defer) (Gay, Salem)
9/15/25 R Approve 5-2 (Gay, Salem)
9/16/25 F Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/9/25

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Miller, Freeman, Amaro, White and Boylan

Nay: 2 - Salem and Gay

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to Mentoring Families and Kids Inc. (“MFK”)**
- **Funding will be used for 1) MFK’s Achievement Awards Program, which acknowledges the accomplishments of MFK’s program participants, including high school graduates, Robotics Club members, and math achievers, and 2) math workshops, which focus on algebra I, geometry, and pre-calculus and are designed to prepare students for national standardized tests**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 25/26**
- **Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with MFK**

16. [2025-0669](#) RESO Reappt Rochelle Gross, a Duval County Resident, as a Member of the Jax-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs, as the Council Dist 9 Rep, Pursuant to Ch 82, Ord Code, for a 2nd Full Term Exp 6/30/27 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman & Johnson)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: R
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

Ms. Gross explained her background and qualifications for her reappointment. Council Member Salem questioned her attendance rate. Ms. Gross confirmed she has attended all meetings. Council Member Freeman spoke in support of her reappointment and asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

REAPPOINTMENT

The Executive Director of the Council on Elder Affairs was unable to confirm Ms. Gross' attendance record for her first full term of 3/26/24 – 6/30/25. As a result, Ms. Gross has been requested to appear before the Rules Committee pursuant to Council Rule 4.1101.

17. [2025-0670](#) RESO Conf the Council President's Reappt of Alex Moye, a St. Johns County Resident, to the Public Nuisance Abatement Brd, as a Community Advocate, Pursuant to Ch 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board), Ord Code, for a 2nd Full Term Ending 9/30/28; Estab a Substantial Economic Business Interest in Duval County, Pursuant to Sec 50.102 (Members of Boards & Commissions), Pt 1 (Organization), Ch 50 (Organization of Boards & Commissions), Ord Code (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Carrico) (Co-Sponsor CM Freeman)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: R
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Ms. Carraher explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote.

REAPPOINTMENT

Has attended 24 of 25 or 96% of meetings during first full term of 10/1/23 – 9/30/25

AMENDMENT

Correct term end date to September 30, 2027

18. [2025-0671](#) RESO Conf the Council President's Reappt of Josh Cockrell, a Duval County Resident, to the Public Nuisance Abatement Brd, as a Community Advocate, Pursuant to Ch 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board), Ord Code, for a 3rd Full Term Ending 9/30/28 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Carrico) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Salem, White, Gay, Freeman, Amaro, Boylan)
8/26/25 CO Introduced: R
9/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/9/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Ms. Carraher explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote. Council Members Salem, White, Gay, Boylan, Miller, Freeman, and Amaro asked to be added as co-sponsors.

REAPPOINTMENT

Has attended 24 of 25 or 96% of meetings during second full term of 10/1/23 – 9/30/25

AMENDMENT

Correct term end date to September 30, 2027

19. [2025-0680](#) ORD Approp \$24,750 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Revitalize Arlington - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Provide Funding to Revitalize Arlington, Inc. (RA, Inc.), for the Woodland Acres Money Smart Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 RA, Inc.; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Revitalize Arlington, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem & Freeman)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/15/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 5-0
9/15/25 R Emergency/Approve 7-0
9/16/25 F Emergency/Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/23/25

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

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

Ms. Carraher explained the emergency. The emergency passed via a voice vote.

- Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)
- Appropriates \$24,750 from the Special Council Contingency account to Revitalize Arlington, Inc.
- Funding will be used for personnel costs, curriculum, printing and advertising, facilitator training, participant recognition, and transportation assistance for participants for the Woodland Acres Money Smart Program, which will provide financial literacy training and practical money management skills to residents of Woodland Acres
- Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 25/26
- Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures) in order to authorize a direct contract with Revitalize Arlington, Inc.
- A one cycle emergency has been requested because the funds being appropriated will lapse on 9/30/25

20. [2025-0682](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the KHA Fund (10901) - Essential Svc Plan-Special Needs Essential Svcs Category, to Prov Funding to River Cty Pearls Foundation, Inc. ("RCPF, INC.") for the Soaring to Greater Heights of Svc Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Amend the 12th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Waiving Certain Requirements of Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provd by RCPF, Inc. from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of the KHA to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & RCPF, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
- 9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
- 9/15/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 4-1 (Gay)
- 9/15/25 R Emergency/Approve 5-2 (Gay, Salem)
- 9/16/25 F Emergency/Approve 5-1 (Salem)
- Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/23/25

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Miller, Freeman, Amaro, White and Boylan

Nay: 2 - Salem and Gay

Ms. Carraher explained the emergency. Council Member Freeman asked about the funding source and lapse date. Ms. Carraher confirmed it is the same source and lapses on September 30. Council Member Freeman questioned why this bill was an emergency. Ms. Carraher said it was due to a later filing. Council Member Johnson explained the River City Pearls Foundation filed late while capacity checks were completed. The emergency passed via a voice vote.

Scrivener's

Pg. 3, line 3: strike "Eleventh" and insert "Twelfth"

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the River City Pearls Foundation, Inc. ("RCPF")**
- **Funding will be used to provide food packs to students filled with breakfast, dinner, snacks, and drinks, and educational and leadership workshops to children at the Sulzbacher Village as part of the Soaring to Greater Heights of Service Initiative, which focuses on programs directly impacting youth in the community**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 25/26**
- **Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with RCPF**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested because the funds being appropriated will lapse on 9/30/25**

21. [2025-0683](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the KHA Fund (10901) - Esp - Out-of-School Time Prog Essential Svcs Category, to Prov Funding to Academy of Scholars, Inc. ("Academy") for the Healing Thru Arts Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; Amend the 11th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2024-511-E; Waiving Certain Requirements of Sec 77.111 (Contracts; Contract Administration; Carryover), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Prov by the Academy from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of the KHA to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & Academy of Scholars, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsor CM Freeman)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/15/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 3-2 (Defer) (Gay, Salem)
9/15/25 R Emergency/Approve 5-2 (Gay, Salem)
9/16/25 F Emergency/Approve 5-1 (Salem)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/23/25

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Miller, Freeman, Amaro, White and Boylan

Nay: 2 - Salem and Gay

The emergency passed via a voice vote. Council Member Freeman asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

- Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)
- Appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to Academy of Scholars, Inc.
- Funding will be used to reimburse the organization for costs incurred for their Healing Through Arts Program, which was an eight-week summer program that occurred in June-August 2025 that provided a mobile, arts-based, trauma-informed, high-quality creative program to underserved and system-impacted youth
- Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 25/26
- Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with Academy of Scholars, Inc.
- A one cycle emergency has been requested because the funds being appropriated will lapse on 9/30/25

22. [2025-0685](#) ORD Approp \$112,962.00 in Fund Balance from the Environmental Protection Fund to Provide Funding for the 18th State of the River Report for the Lower St. Johns River Basin; Prov for Waiver of Sec 111.755 (Environmental Protection Fund), Pt 7 (Environment & Conservation), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Authorize Utilization of Funds from the Fund to Continue Funding the Annual State of the River Report; Prov for Waiver of Sec 360.602 (Uses of Fund), Pt 6 (Environmental Protection Fund), Ch 360 (Environmental Regulation), Ord Code, to Allow for the Utilization of Funds from the Fund to Continue Funding the Annual State of the River Report; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & JU for the Proj; Invoking the Exemption in 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Subpt a (General Regulations), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract with JU for the Proj; 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 a Direct Contract with JU; Prov for Carryover of Funds into FY 25-26; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Environmental Quality Div; Requiring Annual Reports (B.T. 25-117) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) 9/9/25 CO Introduced: R, TEU, F, JWC
9/15/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/16/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/16/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/23/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2025-0687](#) ORD Approp \$76,525 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Step by Step 4 Help Foundation - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funding to Step-by-Step 4 Help Foundation, Inc. (Step-by-Step), for the Pathways to Potential After-School Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 Step-by-Step; Waiving Subsec 118.301(a)(3)(IV) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow a Portion of the City Funds to Be Expended for Costs of Amusements, Social Activities & Incidental Costs Relating Thereto; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Step-by-Step for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/15/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 5-0
9/15/25 R Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
9/16/25 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/23/25

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

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

Ms. Carraher explained the emergency. The emergency passed via a voice vote. Ms. Carraher explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote.

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet and Budget) to reference waiver of Sec. 118.301(a)(3)(iv)

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$76,525 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Step-by-Step 4 Help Foundation, Inc.**
- **Funding will be used for operational costs of the Pathways to Potential After School Program, which provides after school programming to elementary, middle, and high school students in and near the Westside Community Recreational Center in partnership with New Town Success Zone**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 25/26**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures) in order to authorize a direct contract with the Step-by-Step 4 Help Foundation, Inc.**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.301(a)(3)(iv) (Expenditure of appropriated funds) in order to authorize a portion of the City funds to be spent on the cost of amusements, social activities and incidental costs relating thereto, including student incentives and field trips, parent engagement events, food and beverages, and participant t-shirts**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested because the funds being appropriated will lapse on 9/30/25**

24. [2025-0690](#) ORD Approp \$70,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Riverside Avondale Preservation - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funding to Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc. (RAP), for the Preserving & Restoring the Merchant Districts of Riverside & Avondale Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 RAP; Waiving Sec 118.602 (Responsibility), Subpt a (Cultural Service Grant Program), Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grants & Art in Public Places), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Auth Award of This Funding to RAP in Addition to Cultural Service Grant Funding That Has Been, or May Be, Awarded by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Inc.; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & RAP for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
- 9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
- 9/15/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 5-0
- 9/15/25 R Emergency/Approve 7-0
- 9/16/25 F Emergency/Approve 6-0
- Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/23/25

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

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

Ms. Carraher explained the emergency. The emergency passed via a voice vote.

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$70,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc. (RAP)**
- **Funding will be used for various maintenance and repair activities including litter and waste removal, landscaping, power washing and other improvements to the area, as well as the costs for contractual services, equipment and supplies to support these activities**
- **Authorizes the funds appropriated by this legislation to carryover through fiscal year 25/26**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures) in order to authorize a direct contract with RAP**
- **Waives the provision in Code Sec. 118.602 that no cultural organization may make a request for operating, program, or special project support except through an allocation from the Cultural Service Grant and Capital Grant Program**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested because the funds being appropriated will lapse on 9/30/25**

25. [2025-0691](#) ORD Approp \$5,000 from the Special Council Contingency Acct to the Florida Ave. Main Street, Inc. - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov Funding to Florida Avenue Main Street, Inc. (FAMS), for the OutEast Engagement Initiative as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 25-26; 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 FAMS; Waiving Subsec 118.301(a)(3)(IV) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow a Portion of the City Funds to Be Expended for Costs of Amusements, Social Activities & Incidental Costs Relating Thereto; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & FAMS for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/15/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 3-2 (Defer) (Gay, Salem)
9/15/25 R Emergency/Approve 4-3 (Freeman, Gay, Salem)
9/16/25 F Emergency/Approve 5-1 (Salem)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/23/25

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 4 - Miller, Amaro, White and Boylan

Nay: 3 - Freeman, Salem and Gay

The emergency passed via a voice vote. Council Member Salem said he would vote against the bill, noting that \$5,000 was too small to justify the compliance process and that he would have preferred a larger appropriation.

Council Member Freeman expressed concern about the low amount and asked if Council Member Peluso would consider withdrawing the bill and carrying the dollars over below the line. He noted that \$10,000 had become the expected minimum and suggested Council Member Peluso could add to it later with his upcoming \$1 million district allocation.

Council Member Peluso responded that while he understood the concern, he did not want the funds to lapse into reserves, which would make them harder to access. He emphasized that the funds were intended for immediate needs such as security during Jaguar season.

Council Member Freeman reiterated his position, saying he would vote no on \$5,000 but would support placing the funds below the line for future use, especially since Council Member Peluso would soon have significant district funds to support the initiative.

After the vote, Chair Miller explained his reasoning for his vote.

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding (note: changed from the original proposed request)**
- **Appropriates \$5,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to Florida Ave.**

Main Street , Inc.

- **Authorizes the funds appropriated by this legislation to carryover through fiscal year 25/26**
- **Funding will be used to pay for various costs to host community events, including security, advertising, venue rentals, event supplies, refreshments, and promotional materials**
- **Waives the prohibition in Code Sec. 118.301(a)(3)(iv) that prohibits City funds from being used for the costs of amusements, social activities and related incidental costs**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures) in order to authorize a direct contract with Florida Ave. Main Street , Inc.**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested because the funds being appropriated will lapse on 9/30/25**

26. [2025-0693](#) RESO Expressing the Council's Support for Local Bill J-2, to Be Considered by the Duval County Legislative Delegation, Which Would Amend Ch 2004-464, Laws of FL, as Amended by Ch 2005-328, to Rename the Jacksonville Aviation Authority as the "Jacksonville Aviation & Aerospace Authority," to Prov That the Authority Shall Be Responsible for Economic Development of Cecil Airport as a Regional, State & National Aerospace & Related Industry Hub, to Require 1 Member Aptd by the Mayor & 1 Member Aptd by the Governor to the Governing Body for the Authority Shall Be from the Aerospace & Related Industry, to Define "Aerospace & Related Industry," & to Require Annual Submittal of an Economic Dev Plan for Cecil Airport to the City Council for Review Concurrent with Its Review of the Authority's Annual Budget; Prov for the State J-Bill Process & Responsibilities of the Local Proponent; Directing the Duval Delegation Coordinator to Forward to Civic Plus a Copy of Any Special Act of the State Legislature That Would Effectuate This Req (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Howland)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
9/15/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

27. [2025-0694](#) RESO Reappt Hallie Williams-Bey, a Duval County Resident, as a Member of the Jax - Duval County Council on Elder Affairs, as the Council Dist 7 Rep, Pursuant to Ch 82, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Exp 6/30/27 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

28. [2025-0695](#) RESO Expressing the City Council's Support for Local Bill J-1, to Be Considered by the Duval County Legislative Delegation, Which Would Amend Ch 92-341, Laws of FL, as Amended, by Amend Sec 7.01, Charter of the City, to Auth the DCSB to Employ a GC Who Shall Be Independent of the City's OGC & Who Shall Not Be Subject to the Opinion, Binding or Otherwise, of the GC of the City; Prov the State J-Bill Process & Responsibilities of the Local Proponent; Directing the Duval Delegation Coordinator to Forward to Civic Plus a Copy of Any Special Act of the State Legislature That Would Effectuate This Req (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
9/15/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

29. [2025-0697](#) RESO Honoring the Life & Service of Mary Frances Griffin Sparks, the First Black Female Corrections Officer with Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (Russell) (Introduced by CMs Gaffney, Jr., Johnson, Amaro, Howland, Pittman, White, Salem, & Boylan) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

30. [2025-0698](#) RESO Honoring the United States Navy, Established on October 13, 1775, Upon Its 250th Anniversary (Hampsey) (Introduced by CMs Amaro, Lahnen, Pittman, Freeman, White, Howland, Salem, Peluso, Arias, & Diamond) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Johnson, Boylan, Gay)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

Council Members Boylan and Gay asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, line 6, strike "U.S" and insert "U.S."

31. [2025-0700](#) RESO Honoring & Commending Pat Geraghty for His Years of Leadership, Service, & Innovation, & Recognizing His Extensive Community Impact & His Lifetime of Accomplishments Upon His Retirement From Guidewell (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsors CMs Pittman, Salem, Freeman & Gay)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

Council Member Salem asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

32. [2025-0701](#) RESO Honoring Le Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville 2025 for Bringing Culture, Unity, & Magic to the City of Jacksonville, Celebrating Its Contribution to the Artistic, Social, & Civic Fabric of Our Community, & Recognizing It as a Distinctive Cultural Movement that Elevates the City’s Creative Spirit (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

33. [2025-0702](#) RESO Commending Lieutenant Travis J. Cox for Being Named a Monthly Winner of the 2025 National Life Group Do Good Heroes Award in Recognition of His Exemplary Community Service (Jimenez) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem & Miller)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

Scrivener's

Pg. 1, line 21, strike “MailVai” and insert “MaliVai”

34. [2025-0703](#) RESO Celebrating & Commending Meltonia Jenkins May & the Legendary Jenkins Family for Sixty-Eight Years of Unparalleled Culinary Excellence, Cultural Impact, & Community Service through Jenkins Quality Barbeque, & Recognizing their Enduring Legacy as a Cornerstone of Jacksonville Heritage (Hampsey) (Introduced by CMs Johnson, Amaro, Salem, Peluso, J. Carlucci, Gaffney, Jr., & Miller) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

35. [2025-0704](#) RESO Celebrating October 2025 as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month (Russell) (Introduced by CM Miller) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Pittman, Freeman & Boylan)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

Council Member Boylan asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

36. [2025-0705](#) RESO Declaring the Month of October 2025 to be Polish American Heritage Month in Jacksonville (Russell) (Introduced by CM Miller) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem & Freeman)
 9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
 9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

37. [2025-0707](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Reappt of Ennis Davis, a Duval County Resident, to the DDRB as an Urban Planner Rep, Pursuant to Sec 656.361.9 (Downtown Development Review Board), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, for a 2nd Full Term to Exp on 6/30/27 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
 9/15/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

38. [2025-0708](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Reappt of Linzee Ott, a Duval County Resident, to the DDRB, as a Full Time Employee at a Business or Professional Office Located within the Downtown Area Rep, Pursuant to Sec 656.361.9 (Downtown Development Review Board), Ord Code, for a 3rd Full Term to Exp 6/30/27 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
 9/15/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

39. [2025-0709](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Reappt of Carl D. Dawson, Jr., a Duval County Resident, to the DDRB, Pursuant to Sec 656.361.9 (Downtown Development Review Board), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, as a Contractor, Developer or Realtor Rep, for a 2nd Full Term to Expire on 6/30/27 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Salem)
 9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
 9/15/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

40. [2025-0710](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Daniel Blanchard, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Housing Authority, Replacing Lisa Strange Weatherby, Pursuant to Sec 51a.103 (Appointment, Qualifications, & Tenure of Commissioners; Hiring of Employees), Ch 51a (Jacksonville Housing Authority), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp on 9/16/26, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 9/16/30; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Miller, Gay, Amaro, White, Freeman, Boylan & Johnson)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Emergency/Approve 7-0

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

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

Ms. Carraher explained the emergency. The emergency passed via a voice vote. Mr. Blanchard explained his background and qualifications for his appointment. Council Member Salem, Amaro, Freeman, Boylan, Peluso, and Miller all spoke in support of his appointment. Council Members White, Freeman, Boylan, Amaro and Gaffney, Jr. asked to be added as co-sponsors.

APPOINTMENT

- **A one cycle emergency has been requested to fill a vacant seat as soon as possible to facilitate the Jacksonville Housing Authority's ability to conduct board business**

Council Member Boylan referenced the Council Strategic Initiatives summary, noting the original intent of the fund was to support initiatives benefiting the community as a whole, not to serve as individual members' projects. He expressed concern over money being swept between accounts outside the budget process and stressed that appropriations must serve a clear public purpose rather than supporting organizations themselves. He also highlighted frequent waivers of RFPs in favor of direct contracts, contrasting this with his own use of an RFP for district preservation efforts. He suggested Council should refocus on true strategic initiatives and consider requiring unused funds to revert automatically to operating reserves.

41. [2025-0719](#) RESO Honoring the Life, Leadership, & Legacy of Russell Harper, President of the N FL Central Labor Council & Former Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
(Co-Sponsors CMs Gay, Freeman, Salem, Miller, Amaro, White & Boylan)
9/9/25 CO Introduced: R
9/15/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

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

Council Members Miller, Freeman, Amaro, Salem, White, and Gay asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Public Comment

John Nooney (Speaker Card- did not speak)

Final Comments

Council Member Freeman commended Chair Miller on leading the Committee.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 6, 2025.

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

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