

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

9:30 AM

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

Finance Committee

Nick Howland, Chair

Randy White, Vice Chair - Excused Early Departure 12:41 p.m.

Raul Arias

Kevin Carrico

Reggie Gaffney, Jr.

Will Lahnen

Ju'Coby Pittman

Legislative Assistant: Maritza Sanchez

Legislative Assistant: Vanessa Galan

Council Auditor's Office: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor

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

Council Research: Jeff Clements, Chief

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Scott Wilson

Meeting Convened: 9:33 A.M.**Meeting Adjourned: 12:59 P.M.**

Present: 7 - Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Randy White, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Kevin Carrico, Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., Council Member Will Lahnen and Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

Attendance

Council Members Chris Miller, Michael Boylan, Ron Salem, Reggie Gaffney, Jr., Joe Carlucci, Tyrone Clark-Murray, Jimmy Peluso, Rahman Johnson; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Brian Parks – Council Auditor's Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Michael Fackler, Mary Staffopoulos, Gaby Young, Jason Teal, Shannon McGillis, Lawsikia Hodges – Office of General Counsel; Scott Wilson – Mayor's Office; Merriane Lahmeur, Maritza Sanchez, Vanessa Galan – Legislative Services Division; Anna Brosche – Finance and Administration Department; Property Appraiser Jerry Holland; Sheriff T.K. Waters

Chairman Howland convened the meeting and the council members introduced themselves for the record. Mr. Howland announced that 2024-45 and -46 will be taken up first on the agenda after the City Council Strategic Plan discussion, then the rest of the agenda will follow in order. The Council Auditor presentations will be made at the end of the meeting.

Public Comment

Carnell Oliver said the partisan political infighting needs to end and elected officials need to pay attention to the real needs of the community. There are too many intentional distractions from the real issues.

John Nooney said 2024-34, which appropriates FEMA flood mitigation funding, should have been referred to the Waterways Committee. More public access to waterways is needed.

Discussion on City Council Strategic Plan

Mr. Howland said that 0.5% of the current year's General Fund budget – the amount allocated for next year's City Council strategic priorities - amounts to \$8.8M, of which \$5M is proposed to be allocated to a major downtown capital projects reserve fund and the remaining \$3.8M will be divided among the 19 council members at \$200,000 apiece.

A motion was made to allocate \$5M to a reserve for strategic downtown projects (stadium, jail, waterfront parks, etc.) – the motion was approved unanimously.

The Chair asked council members to briefly describe their proposed projects in the order listed on the handout. Mary Staffopoulos of the Office of General Counsel said that almost all the proposed projects meet the public purpose test to be eligible for funding; the few that have not yet been determined to meet that test can likely be approved with the receipt of some additional information before the budget process begins. CM Clark-Murray asked that item #16 on the list, her request #1 of \$200,000 for purchase of a blighted community center and park on Woodside Street, be withdrawn from consideration.

With regard to item #18, CM Miller's request for \$200,000 for a shade/rain protection structure at the Veterans Memorial Wall, CM Peluso said that as the Jacksonville Jaguars plan for a renovated stadium and surrounding area development, the City should make clear to the team its intention to keep the Veterans Memorial Wall at its current location in the stadium complex. CM Miller said he inquired of the Jaguars through the City's Military and Veterans Affairs Department about their plans for the memorial wall area and was told that they currently have no plans to request relocation of the memorial.

Regarding item #19, CM Johnson's request for \$100,000 for Edward Waters University for staff to increase operating hours of the Community Athletic Center, Council President Salem said he recalled that the university committed to the facility being open to the public when the City allocated \$500,000 to its construction. Mr. Johnson said it is open to the public, but not as many hours as he would like to see due to limited staffing availability. This request is to provide resources to hire staff to expand opening hours.

The committee discussed item #20 (CM Johnson's request #2 for \$125,000) which, combined with the \$100,000 from item #19, would exceed the \$200,000 cap per council member. The group's consensus was to approve the additional \$25,000 for Mr. Johnson's combined requests.

Chairman Howland noted that the listed projects utilize all but \$265,000 of the \$8.8M and one council member has not submitted a funding request, having been on leave from the Council due to military duty. CM White suggested moving the final \$65,657 to the Miller proposal for the sun/rain shade structure at the Veterans Memorial Wall.

Motion: approve the Strategic Plan Priorities request list as submitted, with a deletion of item #16 (Clark-Murray #1) for \$200,000 and the addition of \$65,657 to item #18 (Miller #1) – approved

CM Boylan noted that a system needs to be developed to accommodate the growing number of council member requests for district-specific projects in order to eliminate the need for Ordinance Code waivers for direct contracting and the like. Chairman Howland noted that these strategic priority items will go through numerous steps and have several public hearing opportunities before they are finalized in next year's budget.

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

DEFER

2. [2023-0621](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, an Amendment 2 to Redev Agrmt By & Among the City, DIA, Fuqua BCDC One Riverside Project Owner, LLC (Developer), Assignee of Fuqua Acquisitions II, LLC, & TBR One Riverside Owner, LLC, as Partial Assignee of Developer, Amend the Redev Agrmt Dated 12/20/21 Previously Auth by Ord 2021-796-E, as Previously Amended by Amendment 1 to Redev Agrmt Dated 10/12/22, as Auth by Ord 2022-493-E, (Collectively, the "Agreement"), to Modify the Performance Schedule & Associated Terms of the Agrmt; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmts & Transactions, & Auth Tech Changes to the Docs (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/19/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/26/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/26/23

DEFER

3. [2024-0026](#) ORD Approp \$3,500,000.00, from the Gen Fund - Fund Balance to Fund the City Closing Fund Grant to Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., as Previously Authorized by Reso 2019-596-A (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: F
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Lori Boyer, CEO of the Downtown Investment Authority, explained the history of this grant originally approved in 2019 and now payable after completion of the project. Chairman Howland said he understands that the administration plans to start budgeting for DIA incentive commitments annually in future budgets. CM Arias suggested the need to cap future liabilities by fiscal year so that there are not unlimited liabilities and extreme costs in some years. Ms. Boyer said the Rise Doro apartment project was awarded a 65%, 15-year REV grant which is not payable until the project is completed and begins paying taxes. After the recent fire the developer is planning to rebuild at the site, although perhaps not the exact building that was destroyed.

- **Appropriates \$3.5 million from General Fund Operating Reserves to fund the Closing Fund Grant previously authorized by Res. 2019-596-A for the expansion of Fidelity’s corporate headquarters, including construction of a new office building and associated parking garage**
- **Closing Fund Grant is to be paid upon substantial completion of the expansion of Fidelity’s corporate headquarters with a minimum capital investment of \$130 million and compliance with the terms and conditions of the previously approved Agreement**

4. [2024-0027](#) ORD Approp \$134,615.00 in Grant Funding from the U.S. DOJ, Office of Justice Progs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to Fund the Purchase of Locative Tracking Devices & Related Supplies; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-034) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

JSO budget officer Bill Clement described the purpose of the grant.

- **Funding will be used for the purchase and maintenance of 200 locative tracking devices**

- 5. [2024-0028](#) ORD Approp \$98,005.00 from Available Revenue Balance in the Domestic Battery Surcharge Trust Fund to Estab the FY 23-24 Operating Budget for the Fund & to Provide Add'l Training to Law Enforcement Personnel in Combating Domestic Violence (B.T. 24-035) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Miller, Johnson & Pittman)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 2/6/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. JSO budget officer Bill Clement described the use of the funds for police officer training.

AMENDMENT

- 1. **Correct appropriation amount to \$98,005.21**
- 2. **Strike inapplicable local match and ongoing maintenance language**

- 6. [2024-0029](#) ORD Approp Grant Funds in the Amount of \$249,953.00 from the U.S. DOJ, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), to Fund the Expansion of the Integrating Communications, Assessment, & Tactics (ICAT) Course Including the Purchase of Virtual Reality Equipment & Other Related Expenses; Prov for City Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-036) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

JSO budget officer Bill Clement described the purpose of the grant.

- **Appropriation includes funding for trainer salaries and the purchase of equipment and software**

7. [2024-0030](#) ORD Approp \$11,424,000.00 in Grant Funds from the FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to Provide Funding for the Northbank Riverwalk - Northbank Bulkhead Proj; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & FDEP Re the Proj; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 24-042) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Pittman) (JWC Apv)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
2/6/24 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Steve Long of the Public Works Department described the use of the grant for bulkhead work along the Northbank Riverwalk.

Scrivener's

1. Pg. 2, line 6, strike “(“FDEP)” and insert “(“FDEP)””
2. Pg. 2, line 14, strike “strengthen” and insert “strengthen”
3. Pg. 2, line 26, strike “incorporated” and insert “incorporated”

- **Required local match will be met with previously appropriated funds**
- **CIP Sheet indicates a total project cost in excess of \$80 million**

8. [2024-0031](#) ORD Approp \$229,962.47, in Grant Funds Awarded by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Through the FL Dept of State, Div of Elections, to Provide Reimbursement to the City for the Costs of Purchasing Goods &/or Svcs for Voting Technology Upgrades or Enhancements; Prov for Carryover of Funds; Prov Oversight by SOE (B.T. 24-022) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

DEFER

Mary Staffopoulos said that CM Matt Carlucci is no longer pursuing this bill as an emergency and he will have representatives of the program available at the next committee meeting to discuss the current status of the project.

9. [2024-0032](#) ORD Approp \$1,139,658.14 (\$1,100,000.00 from the Traffic Signalization - Countywide Proj & \$39,658.14 from the Countywide Intersection Imp - Intersection Proj) to the Projs Titled Monument Rd at Regency Square Blvd Intersection & ITS Improvements, Arlington Rd at Oakwood Dr Intersection Improvements & St. Johns Bluff at Bahia/Theresa Intersection Improvements; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Projs (B.T. 24-038) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
 1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 R Withdraw 6-0
 2/6/24 F Withdraw 7-0
 2/6/24 TEU Withdraw 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

WITHDRAW

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

In response to a question from CM Lahnen about the withdrawal, Traffic Engineer Chris LeDew said that an old cost estimate was used for the project budget and this project will be resubmitted in a revised form.

10. [2024-0033](#) ORD Approp \$2,500,000.00 from the Northbank Riverwalk - Northbank Bulkhead Proj to the Southbank Bulkhead Proj to Pay for Increased Construction Costs; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Transfer Funding to the Southbank Bulkhead Proj (B.T. 24-041) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso) (JWC Apv)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Steve Long of the Public Works Department described the shift of funding from the Northbank to Southbank bulkhead work.

• **Southbank Bulkhead project estimated at \$14.5 million**

11. [2024-0034](#) ORD Approp \$508,030.00 in Grant Funding from FEMA Funded Through the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog, Through the FL Div of Emergency Mgmt (FDEM), to Fund the Acquisition of Property Located at 5123 Martha Ann Dr, Jax, FL 32207 (RE # 133973-0140) & the Demolition of the Residential Structure Located Thereon; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City That Certain Federally-Funded Subaward & Grant Agrmt # B0205 btwn the City & FDEM; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by ORD 2023-505-E to Provide Funding for the Proj Entitled “Acquisition & Demo of a Floodprone Property - Martha Ann Drive”; Prov for Oversight by JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div (B.T. 24-040) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 F Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 TEU Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Chief Andre Ayoub of the Emergency Preparedness Division described the work to be done with the grant. This will be the fourth property acquired on this street for demolition. Noah Ray from the division said there are approximately 300 repetitive flood loss properties in the county and they are purchased voluntarily for their appraised price.

- **Property is located in Council District 5**
- **Upon completion of the project, the property will be converted to green space**

12. [2024-0036](#) ORD Apv & Auth the CEO of DIA, or Her Desig, to Execute a Redev Agrmt btwn the DIA & Creekside at Timuquana LLC, to Support the Renovation & Rehab by Developer of a Historic Bldg Located at 208 N. Laura Street; Auth 3 DPRP Loans, in an Aggregate Amt not to Exceed \$4,969,900.00, to the Developer in Connection with the Proj, to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Designating DIA as Contract Monitor for the Redev Agrmt; Prov for Oversight of the Proj by DIA; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Redev Agrmt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs; Prov a Deadline for Developer to Execute the Redev Agrmt (Dillard) (Req of DIA) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
- 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 - 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/5/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 - 2/6/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 - Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Excused: 1 - White

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Lori Boyer said both this building and the building covered in 2024-37 fully comply with the DPRP guidelines. The ROI calculation on both buildings appears low because they are both eligible to apply for historic preservation tax credits; without those credits the taxes paid would produce ROIs that would meet the 1.0 threshold.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Pg. 2, line 9: strike “and”**
- 2. Place revised Redevelopment Agreement on file to correct amounts within Section 4.2 and correct scrivener’s error**

- **Authorizes Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program (DPRP) Loans of \$4,969,900 (of the total, \$3,975,900 can be forgiven and \$994,000 will be repaid with interest), subject to future appropriation by Council**
- **DPRP funding will be used to renovate and rehabilitate the building located at 208 N. Laura Street into approximately 44,000 sq. ft. of leasable commercial office space and 11,000 sq. ft. of retail/restaurant space on the first floor and within the basement of the building, but no less than 49,500 total leasable sq. ft.**
- **Construction must commence within 6 months of the effective date of the agreement and be completed within 18 months of the commencement date**
- **DPRP funding will be paid upon completion of the project for eligible costs incurred after August 18, 2023**
- **DPRP funding is subject to repayment if the property is sold or used for any purpose not contemplated by the agreement or the DPRP Guidelines within 5 years of disbursement**
- **DIA has calculated an ROI of 0.60 based on a 20-year valuation**

- 13. [2024-0037](#) ORD Apv & Auth the CEO of DIA, or Her Desig, to Execute a Redev Agrmt btwn the DIA & CLL Jones Bros LLC, to Support the Renovation & Rehab by Developer of a Historic Bldg Located at 520 N. Hogan St; Auth 3 DPRP Loans, in an Aggregate Amt not to Exceed \$6,033,500.00, to the Developer in Connection with the Proj, to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Designating DIA as Contract Monitor for the Redev Agrmt; Prov for Oversight of the Proj by DIA; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Redev Agrmt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs; Prov a Deadline for Developer to Execute the Redev Agrmt (Dillard) (Req of DIA) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)**
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
2/6/24 F Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

- Aye:** 6 - Howland, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman
- Excused:** 1 - White

In response to a question from CM Arias, Ms. Boyer said that DPRP incentives are available as soon as a project is completed and verification documents are provided.

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, line 8: strike "and"

- **Authorizes Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program (DPRP) Loans of \$6,033,500 (of the total, \$4,826,800 can be forgiven and \$1,206,700 will be repaid with interest), subject to future appropriation by Council**
- **DPRP funding will be used to renovate and rehabilitate the building located at 520 N. Hogan Street into a minimum of 1,700 sq. ft. of co-work office suite space on the first floor open to both the public and residents of the building and a minimum of 28 apartments located on the second through the seventh floors**
- **Construction must commence within 6 months of the effective date of the agreement and be completed within 24 months of the commencement date**
- **DIA has calculated an ROI of 0.50 based on a 20-year valuation**

14. [2024-0038](#) ORD Appropriating \$200,000 From a Designated Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to Springfield Preservation & Revitalization Council, Inc. (SPAR), for the Springfield Cleanup Corps Prog Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 24-25; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With SPAR; 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 SPAR; Waiving Sec 118.602 (Responsibility), Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grant Program), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Auth Award of this Funding to SPAR in Addition to Cultural Service Grant Funding Awarded by the Cultural Council; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & SPAR For the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Miller) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso & Howland)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/5/24 R Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Excused: 1 - White

Phillip Peterson explained that this project was approved during last year’s budget process and has been on hold pending development of a term sheet. CM Howland asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Scrivener’s

Pg. 3, line 13: correct punctuation

- **Appropriates \$200,000 from a designated contingency account that was established as part of the FY 23/24 budget process to provide funding to the Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council, Inc. (SPAR)**
- **Funding will be used for the Springfield Cleanup Corps Program, which will consist of providing cleaning, litter removal, and blight reduction services in the Springfield community**
- **City funds will pay for the salary and benefits of an Operations Manager and three Operations Associates, a portion of the Executive Director’s salary and benefits, and operating expenses needed to administer the program**
- **Authorizes carryover of funds to FY 24/25 to allow the City grant to be spent through February 28, 2025**
- **Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process to allow a direct contract with the SPAR**
- **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**

15. [2024-0040](#) ORD Prov Forgiveness to the Boselli Foundation, Inc., a FL Not-for-profit Corp, for Non-Compliance with the Reporting Requirements of Sec 118.201 (Release of Appropriations), Pt 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code; Auth the Council Auditor to Remove the Boselli Foundation from the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List; Prov for City Oversight by the Office of Grants & Contract Compliance (Brown) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman & Arias)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 R Approve 8-0
 2/6/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Excused: 1 - White

Phillip Peterson explained the purpose of the non-profit corporation grant recipient non-compliance form and the request for removal of the organization from the list.

- **Boselli Foundation was placed on the Non-Compliance List on 8/29/17 for failing to provide an audit for the period ending April 30, 2017 and subsequently failed to provide an audit for the period ending April 30, 2018**

16. [2024-0041](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 111.920 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 9 (Neighborhood Development), Ch 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Prov for Funding of Homelessness Initiatives through Certain Economic Development Agrmt Incentives (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci, Boylan, Arias, Amaro, Pittman, Freeman, Lahnen, Clark-Murray, Gaffney, Jr., Howland & Carrico)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/5/24 R Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 F Approve 5-0-1 (Pittman)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr. and Lahnen

Excused: 1 - White

Abstain: 1 - Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the purpose of the bill to provide an on-going funding source for homelessness issues. CMs Carrico, Howland and Gaffney requested to be added as co-sponsors. CM Pittman announced that she would be abstaining from the vote because her agency deals with homelessness and may be an applicant for use of the funds. Chairman Howland noted that a homelessness-related bill is making its way through the Florida Legislature that might require local governments to expend more funds to deal with homelessness issues.

Scrivener’s

Pg. 2, line 25: insert “to” before “be”

• Amends Code Sec. 111.920 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund) to:

1) Allow for disbursements from the Fund at the request of the Director of the Department charged with overseeing the initiative for which funding is sought (subject to appropriation by Council)

2) Designate funding for homelessness initiatives to be equal to 4% of approved economic development incentives located outside the boundaries of an established Community Redevelopment Area approved during previous calendar year to be included in next annual budget (similar to JUMP apprenticeship and workforce training programs dedicated 1%)

• Based on the economic development incentives approved in calendar year 2023, a total of \$1,240,000 would need to be appropriated in the FY 24/25 budget for the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund (from General Fund revenues or other designated funds)

17. [2024-0043](#) ORD Approp \$75,000 From a Designated Contingency Acct Within the Gen Fund to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct Within the KHA Fund to Prov Funding to Elevate Jax Inc. for the Elevate Jacksonville at Westside High School Prog Described Herein; Amend the 3rd Revised Schedule M to Ord 2023-511-E; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With Elevate Jax; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svc to be Provided by Elevate Jax From Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City or KHA & Elevate Jax for the Prog (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Miller & Johnson)
- 1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 2/5/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0
 2/6/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Excused: 1 - White

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

1. Correct scrivener's errors
2. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account information

- Appropriates \$75,000 from a designated contingency account that was established as part of the FY 23/24 budget process to provide funding to Elevate Jacksonville Inc.
- Funding will be used to pay for the salary and benefits of a teacher-mentor and the partial cost of a site coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year at Westside High School who will teach accredited elective classes that focus on building character and life skills
- 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 Elevate Jacksonville

18. [2024-0045](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 112.307 (Claims & Suits Brought Against the City for Monetary Relief), Pt 3 (Settlement of Claims & Suits by & Against City), Ch 112 (Claims by & Against City), Ord Code, & Sec 128.313 (Settlement of Claims), Subpt C (Settlement & Special Counsel), Pt 3 (Self-insurance Program), Ch 128 (Risk Management Program), Ord Code, to Require Notice to & Appvl by Any Constitutional Officer of Any Settlement of Claims Brought Against Such Individual, Their Agency or Any of Their Employees for Whom Coverage is Provided Pursuant to Sec 128.104, Ord Code, or for Which Settlement is Auth Pursuant to Sec 112.307, Ord Code; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Young) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Howland, Miller, Arias, J. Carlucci, Amaro, Lahnen, Freeman, White & Carrico)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/5/24 R Amend/Approve 6-1 (Johnson)
 2/6/24 F Amend/Approve 8-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen, Pittman and Salem

Lara Mattina, Chief Strategic Officer for the Sheriff's Office, described the officer-involved shooting and subsequent civil lawsuit and settlement that led to the introduction of this legislation, noting that the officer was absolved of wrong-doing by both the State Attorney and the JSO's use of force review board. The settlement was done without any consultation with or notice to the Sheriff, and that settlement has irreparably damaged the reputation of the officer and the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff and all constitutional officers deserve a seat at the table when any settlements involving their office are being considered. Chairman Howland briefly described how the settlement process currently works at different dollar amounts. Gaby Young of the General Counsel's Office described the 3 amendments made yesterday in the Rules Committee.

CM Carrico said he agreed with most of the Rules Committee amendments but would offer an amendment to Rules amendment #5 to designate the Council President, rather than the full Council, to settle disputes between Risk Management and a constitutional officer regarding a settlement to eliminate the need for a council "shade" meeting and the production of a meeting transcript that would later become a public record. At the request of President Salem, Ms. Young described the parties involved in settlement negotiations and approvals under the Ordinance Code. President Salem and CM White expressed support for the CM White's addition to the Rules amendment. In response to a question from CM Gaffney Jr., CFO Anna Brosche said the administration is supportive of the Rules amendment but has issues with other parts of the legislation. Chairman Howland asked if there is any legal issue with the Council delegating its settlement authority to the Council President; General Counsel Michael Fackler said there is not.

In response to a question from CM Johnson, Josh Becksmith with Brown & Brown, Inc., the City's private insurance broker, said the Carrico amendment helps somewhat with the concerns that insurance carriers would have about the settlement process, but the proposed changes in this ordinance and the amendments deviate from the City's current risk management practices and therefore could be a cause of concern to the carriers. In response to a question from CM Johnson, Ms. Young described the approval requirements in the Code for cases of different dollar amounts.

The Carrico amendment to the Rules amendment was approved unanimously, as was the Rules amendment as amended, which will be filed as the Finance amendment.

In response to a question from CM Gaffney Jr., Ms. Brosche described the administration's remaining concerns about the ordinance and cautioned against the possibility of unintended consequences. She committed the administration to improving communication with constitutional officers and said that new regulation is not needed. She said the major concerns involve the potential risk to the City's insurability and its reputation with the insurance industry, which may affect future premiums. In response to a question from CM Pittman, Ms. Brosche said her team is committed to developing a better communication protocol for handling settlement cases with all affected parties.

Mr. Becksmith said Jacksonville's consolidated city/county status and wide range of independent authorities and functions makes it a huge and very diverse insurance client for insurance agencies to deal with so there are few companies that are willing and able to handle an entity so large, varied and expensive. Those companies are very interested in the specifics of how cases are handled and who has authority to settle what. He said a trend in the courts the last few years is the prevalence of "nuclear verdicts" where juries award huge verdicts to plaintiffs. He urged the addition of settlement amount

caps for varying levels of approval and cautioned that insurance companies are not liable to pay large verdicts that could have settled for less.

CM Pittman said the root of this problem seems to have been a lack of communication, which the administration has admitted and committed to rectify, so better communication should be tried before legislation that has the potential to put the City at risk. CM Carrico spoke in favor of the bill and asked to be added as a co-sponsor. CM Arias said the excuse that “this is a new administration and they need time to get acclimated” is unacceptable; there have been too many mistakes in the first few months of the administration. In response to a question from CM Arias, Mr. Becksmith said he couldn’t speculate about what future insurance premiums might be if this change is adopted. CM Arias asked to be added as a co-sponsor. President Salem said the constitutional officers are all reasonable people and will take the best interests of the City into account in dealing with settlements. He said he will support the bill, but it can be changed in the future if circumstances indicate that is necessary. CM White said the reputations of police officers and other City employees are important and deserve to be protected. CM Johnson said he opposed the ordinance because of the possibility that a decision by one person could subject the City to tremendous financial liability. CM Boylan suggested the need for clarification that the Finance Committee Chair should not be involved in any meetings in which the Council President acts as the tie-breaker to make a final determination on a settlement in order to avoid Sunshine Law implications.

CM White proposed an amendment to provide that the Council President would be among the authorized parties making a recommendation to the Mayor for settlement of claims within a certain dollar amount in lieu of the Finance Committee Chair as currently provided in the Ordinance Code. The White amendment was approved and all amendments were rolled up into a unified Finance amendment.

Mr. Fackler said institutions like hospitals don’t let a doctor make the final call on the settlement of a malpractice claim in which they are sued because of their “principled interest” that could influence their judgement as to whether to settle or not. He said the fact that the degree of damage to the City is not quantifiable is not a reason to go to court rather than settle. There is always risk when you go to court and information or allegations will come out during those proceedings that can damage reputations. The policy call on this ordinance is the Council’s to make, but he thinks this would be a bad policy call. He and his staff are fully committed to full and open communication with all their clients and will do their best to facilitate good decisions in the future.

Sheriff Waters said every decision that comes out of his office is carefully reasoned and not based on emotion. The morale of his department is crucial to the City’s safety. More often than not he will be in agreement with the Risk Management Division because they are the professionals in that area. He believes in rules and procedures and said codifying this new procedure will ensure that the constitutional officers get their legitimate voice in the process.

The committee was in recess from 12:09 to 12:15 p.m.

FINANCE AMENDMENT

- 1. Clarify language in Sec. 128.313 regarding approval of employees**
- 2. Correct scrivener's errors**
- 3. Revise language in Sec. 128.313 to**
 - a) exclude claims for workers' compensation or property damage and**
 - b) clarify that only employees acting within the course and scope of their employment can approve settlements**
- 4. Amend Sec. 128.408 to reference applicable approvals required in Sec. 112.307 and 128.313**
- 5. Add a provision requiring the Council President to make a final determination on settlement in instances in which Risk Management and the applicable Constitutional Officer disagree.**

- Amends Code Sec. 128.313 to require written approval of the appropriate Constitutional Officer (Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, or Supervisor of Elections) or their employees for all settlements of claims against them or their employees, regardless of amount (claims arising from any of the risks covered by the City's Self-Insurance Program – i.e. personal injury and property damage cases)**
- Amends Code Sec. 112.307 to require written approval of the appropriate Constitutional Officer (Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, or Supervisor of Elections) for settlements over \$10,000 (claims and suits against the City, whether in litigation or not, that are not covered by the Self-Insurance Program)**

AUDITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- Requiring approval of a Constitutional Officer adds another layer to what is currently a business decision made by experts in the field of risk management that is designed to promote fiscal responsibility and protect the City**
- Unfavorable financial outcomes resulting from the decision to go to trial versus settle will ultimately be borne by the City, not the applicable Constitutional Officer**
- The City maintains excess insurance coverage for claims in excess of the self-insured retention amount. Per Risk Management, there may be negative impacts to the City's excess insurance coverage (such as denial of coverage or increased rates) if Constitutional Officers are required to approve settlements.**
- As proposed, the legislation does not provide the same settlement approval rights to**
 - 1) individual Council Members, who are also Constitutional Officers**
 - 2) City employees not reporting to a Constitutional Officer**

- 19. [2024-0046](#) ORD-MC Amend Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Pt 4 (Fiscal Management), Subpt E (Miscellaneous Provisions), Sec 106.441 (Acceptance of Gifts, Donations, Etc.) Ord Code, to Limit the Use of Monetary & In-Kind Gifts or Donations for Capital Improvement Projs & Any Other Purposes Without Council Approp; Amend Ch 113 (Gifts to City), Ord Code, Pt 1 (Major Monetary Donations), Secs 113.101 (Scope) & 113.102 (Acceptance), & Part 2 (Non-major Monetary Donations), Secs 113.201 (Scope) & 113.202 (Acceptance), Ord Code, to Include In-Kind Donation of Goods or Svcs & Require City Council Approp; Prov Codification Instructions (Teal) (Introduced by CMs Salem, Gay, Howland, Miller & White) (Co-Sponsor CM Arias)
1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/5/24 R Substitute/Approve 7-1 (Johnson)
2/6/24 F Substitute/Approve 7-1 (Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Salem

Nay: 1 - Pittman

Lawsikia Hodges of the General Counsel’s Office explained the Rules Committee substitute approved yesterday. Council President Salem said the substitute represents a broad consensus on issues by the General Counsel’s Office and urged support of the substitute.

AS SUBSTITUTED:

- **Amends Code Sec. 106.441 (Acceptance of gifts, donations, etc.) to prohibit the Mayor from accepting a donation without Council approval if the donation involves:**
 - 1) **the alteration, relocation, demolition, or removal of any portion of a statute, obelisk, or monument**
 - 2) **services for capital improvements, including, but not limited to capital improvements identified in the CIP**
- **Amends Code Sec. 111.105 to prohibit the Parks Director from using funding or in-kind services donated under the Parks Trust Fund for the demolition, alteration, relocation, or removal of any portion of a statue, obelisk or monument**
- **Amends Code Chapter 113 (Gifts to City) to:**
 - 1) **Allow the Mayor to accept in-kind services donations without Council approval except for the following:**
 - a) **In-kind services for capital improvements**
 - b) **In-kind services that include the demolition, alteration, relocation, or removal of any portion of a statue, obelisk, or monument**
 - c) **In-kind services with a monetary value exceeding \$100,000**
 - 2) **Allows the Mayor to execute contracts regarding in-kind services that do not require prior Council approval**
 - 3) **Allows the Mayor to recognize donors**
- **Amends Code Chapter 122, Part 6 (Capital Improvement Plan) to:**
 - 1) **Amend the definition of a capital improvement project to include the "removal, alteration, demolition, rehabilitation" of a capital asset**
 - 2) **Require a donation agreement and prior Council approval of an in-kind services donation for a Capital Improvement Project**
- **Amends Code Chapter 126 (both current language and prospectively) to require prior Council approval for in-kind services awards or contracts that required Council approval pursuant to Sec. 106.441 and Ch. 113, Part 5**

20. [2024-0068](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor or Her Desig & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver: (1) a 1st Amendment to Option Agrmt & Purchase & Sale Agrmt; & (2) a Parking Lot License Agreement, Each btwn the City & RP Sports Investments, Inc., to Extend the Commencement Date for Construction of the Proj to 7/31/24, to Extend the Substantial Completion Date for Construction of the Proj to 3/1/26, to Reduce the Min Square Footage of the Office Bldg from 25,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft, & to Provide for the Use by the City of a Min of 531 Parking Spaces to Partially Fulfill the City's Parking Obligations for the Annual FL-GA Football Game & Game Day Parking Obligations Under the Jaguars Lease; Prov for Oversight by OED With Regard to the License (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

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21. [2024-0069](#) ORD Amend Sec 2 of ORD 2021-838-E Which Established a Dependent Special Dist Known as the "Baymeadows Community Improvement District" (BCID); Amend BCID Charter Sec 2 to Auth Issuance of Bonds; Deleting the Limit on Annual Adjustments to Assessments; Rev the Updated Annual Maxims for Assessments; Adding & Incorporating by Reference the Proposal Special Assessment Allocation Report; Removing the Ex Officio Requirement; Amend the Initial Election Date (Bowles) (Introduced by CM Arias)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/5/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

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22. [2024-0070](#) ORD Approp \$66,000.00 in Grant Funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin Funded Through the FY 23-24 State & Community Highway Traffic Safety Prog, Through FDOT to the PSBU Grants/Occupant Protection Proj FY24 to Increase Safety Belt Use; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City That Certain FDOT Subgrant for Highway Traffic Safety Funds # G2S39 Between the City & FDOT; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-052) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2024-0071](#) ORD Approp \$25,000.00 in Grant Funding from Florida Animal Friend, Inc. to Pay for Spay & Neuter Svcs for Stray & Resident-Owned Free Roaming Cats & Kittens in the Community; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Animal Care & Protective Svcs Div (B.T. 24-047) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

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24. [2024-0072](#) ORD Approp \$84,651.22 from Public Parking Fund Bal to the Downtown Parking Garage Maintenance Proj to Pay for Reviews & Reports Related to Structural & Maintenance Assessments of the Ed Ball Garage & the Duval Street (Library) Garage; Amend the 24-25 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Public Bldgs Div (B.T. 24-043) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

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25. [2024-0073](#) ORD Approp \$122,091.00 in Fund Bal from the Environmental Protection Fund to Assist in the Ecological Restoration of Hogans Creek by Prov Funding to Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc. for a Water Quality Credit Pilot Proj in the Branches Off of Hogans Creek; Prov a Carryover of Funds thru 9/30/25; Invoking the Exception of Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract With Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver That Certain Funding Agrmt btwn the City & Groundwork Jacksonville, 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 a Partial Advance Payment by the City; Prov for City Oversight by the Neighborhoods Department, Environmental Quality Div; Req Annual Reports & a Final Report to Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (B.T. 24-054) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU, JWC
2/5/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2024-0074](#) ORD Approp \$200,000.00 in Grant Funding from FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Operation Players Club (OPC) Proj FY 23-24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-049) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Clark-Murray)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

27. [2024-0075](#) ORD Approp \$150,000.00 in Grant Funding from FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Fentanyl Overdose Death Investigations (FODI) Proj FY 23-24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-050) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Clark-Murray)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

28. [2024-0079](#) ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the Florida Inland Navigation Dist (FIND) for 2024 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Projs; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver All Grant Agrmts btwn the City & FIND, as Well as All Docs Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Meet Funding Requirements; Prov for City Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Comm Svcs (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

29. [2024-0080](#) ORD Approp \$531,652.61 in Available Revenue From Various Accts Within the Downtown Northbank CRA Trust Fund to the Northbank Shipyards W CRA Proj & Deapprop \$27,963.86 From the Downtown Northbank CRA Trust Fund - Courthouse Reef Parking Acct (B.T. 24-025) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

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30. [2024-0081](#) ORD Approp \$512,866.00 From the Bldg Inspection 159 Fund Bal & General Fund to Various Accts Within the Bldg Inspection Fund to Fund Salaries & Benefits for 10 FT Employees; Apv & Auth (1) An Increase to the Employee Cap for the Bldg Inspection Div of the Planning & Dev Dept From 118 to 124 in Order to Allow for the Addition of 2 New Permit Assist Sr Positions, 2 New Professional Engineer Positions, & 2 New Bldg Plans Examiner Sr Positions, & (2) An Increase to the Employee Cap for the Development Svcs Div of the Planning & Dev Dept From 51 to 55, in Order to Allow for the Addition of 1 New City Planner III Position, 1 New Professional Engineer Position, 1 New Associate Engineer Position, & 1 New Traffic Technician Principal Position, All Within the Bldg Inspection Fund (Fund 15104) (B.T. 24-044) (R.C. 24-035) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Carlucci & Peluso) 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

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31. [2024-0082](#) ORD Approp \$400,000 From Gen Fund Operating Reserves to Prov Add'l Funding for the Home Roof Initiative Described & Appvd by Ord 2023-807-E; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Housing & Community Dev Div; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Gaffney, Jr. & Clark-Murray) 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

32. [2024-0083](#) ORD Approp \$100,000.00 in Grant Funding From FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Fentanyl & Opioid Eradication (FOE) Proj FY 24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by the JSO (B.T. 24-051) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Clark-Murray) 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

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Council Auditor Reports

Council Auditor Kim Taylor briefly discussed two reports issued by her office since the last Finance Committee meeting:

- Report #878: Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2023/24: the report contains a great deal of useful information on the original budget proposed by the Mayor and changes made by the Council during the adoption process, including many tables and charts.
- Report #879: Council Auditor's Office 2022/23 Annual Report: the report contains statistics and information on the work of the office over the past fiscal year, which involved the production of six performance audit reports, which identified 52 Findings, 19 Internal Control Weaknesses, and 17 Opportunities for Improvement aimed at improving the City's operations and protecting the City's assets. Of the items easily quantifiable, the performance audits identified over \$95,000 in lost revenues and \$280,000 in reduced costs. The office also issued 19 reports that were follow-ups on prior audits to determine whether recommendations from the audits were implemented. Staff assisted the external auditors on the audit of the City, saving the City over \$50,000. Over 600 pieces of Council legislation were reviewed as part of the legislative support function.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

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

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