

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-332**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
6 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SECOND
7 AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH JACKSONVILLE
8 UNIVERSITY TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT FOR A SECOND
9 ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR THE CONTINUING MANATEE
10 PROTECTION STUDIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND
11 FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AND TO INCREASE THE
12 MAXIMUM INDEBTEDNESS BY AN ADDITIONAL \$193,549
13 FOR A NEW TOTAL MAXIMUM INDEBTEDNESS
14 NOT-TO-EXCEED \$283,549, PURSUANT TO
15 APPROPRIATED FUNDS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY
16 ORDINANCES 2024-504-E AND 2025-504-E; PROVIDING
17 FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
18 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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20 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville has engaged Jacksonville
21 University to provide marine science support, particularly in
22 developing and refining the City's Manatee Protection Plan; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville University's Gerard Pinto, Ph.D., a
24 highly regarded expert on marine mammals, especially manatees, has
25 been the principal scientist under the contract with Jacksonville
26 University dated October 1, 2023 (the "Agreement") as authorized by
27 Ordinance 2023-832-E; and

28 **WHEREAS,** conflict, such as the differing regulatory approaches
29 to manatee protection and the debate over the status of the manatee,
30 indicates the continuing need for marine science support; and

31 **WHEREAS,** the City Council through Ordinance 2023-832-E invoked

1 Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code*, to waive competitive solicitation
2 and bidding due to Dr. Pinto's expertise; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2023-832-E provided for four (4) one-year
4 renewals to the Agreement; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City exercised the first one-year renewal option
6 and now desires to enter into a second one-year renewal option to
7 extend the term of the Agreement through September 30, 2026; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the term of the Agreement expired on September 30,
9 2025, however, Jacksonville University and Dr. Pinto have continued
10 to perform under the Agreement; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville University has compiled a comprehensive
12 database for the Duval County Manatee Protection Plan over the last
13 28 years; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville desires to continue the study
15 of manatees and boaters in the most cost-effective manner without
16 interruption; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Council would like to revive, ratify and amend
18 the Agreement to ratify the exercise of the first extension option
19 and authorize the exercise of the second extension option to renew
20 the Agreement for an additional one-year period to September 30, 2026
21 and increase the maximum indebtedness of the Agreement to cover the
22 services performed during fiscal year 2024-2025 and fiscal year
23 2025-2026; now therefore

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

25 **Section 1. Authorizing the Mayor and Corporation Secretary**
26 **to Execute a Second Amendment.** The Mayor, or her designee, and
27 Corporation Secretary are authorized to execute a Second Amendment
28 to the Agreement to exercise the second one (1) year renewal of the
29 contract term for the services of Dr. Gerard Pinto for continuing
30 manatee protection studies and increase the maximum indebtedness of
31 the Agreement by an additional \$193,549 for a new total maximum

1 indebtedness not-to-exceed \$283,549, to cover the services which were
2 performed during fiscal year 2024-2025 and the services currently
3 being performed during fiscal year 2025-2026 in substantially the
4 same form as contained in the document placed **On File** with the
5 Legislative Services Division.

6 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Planning and Development
7 Department shall oversee the Agreement described herein.

8 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Joelle Dillard

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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