

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-651

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: September 12, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization to execute economic development agreement; designation of oversight agency; affirmation of compliance with Public Investment Policy

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$80,000 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund to provide a grant to DPC Jax, LLC d/b/a Driver Performance Center to assist in funding stormwater infrastructure improvements for an automotive training, handling and testing center on the project site. The bill authorizes the Mayor to execute an economic development agreement between the City and DPC Jax, LLC and designates the Office of Economic Development to administer and monitor the Agreement and to handle the City's responsibilities thereunder. Finally, the bill declares that this ordinance conforms to the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund Guidelines.

Background Information: DPC Jax, LLC proposes to construct a driver safety training center on a 16 acre parcel of land at the intersection of Interstate Center Drive, Broward Road and Zoo Parkway on the Northside. The \$4.1 million facility will include a 1.5 mile road course with obstacles and a 300 linear foot polished concrete wet skid pad, both of which will be used to help train drivers to safely handle their vehicles in a variety of conditions and safety circumstances. The facility will be the only one of its kind not affiliated with a racetrack within a 200 mile radius of Jacksonville and is anticipated to hire 10 full-time employees at an average wage of \$35,000. The company has requested a Northwest Business Infrastructure Grant (BIG) in the amount of \$80,000 to offset a portion of the drainage and stormwater retention costs of developing the site.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$80,000 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund as an infrastructure development grant.

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