

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 15, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

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

## Rules Committee

*Nick Howland, Chair*

*Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair*

*Michael Boylan*

*Matt Carlucci*

*Mike Gay*

*Rahman Johnson*

*Chris Miller - Late Arrival 2:31 PM*

*Legislative Assistant: Vanessa Galan*

*Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher*

*Council Research: Colleen Hampsey*

*Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera*

*Administration: Bill Delaney*

**Meeting Convened: 2:02 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:32 PM**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Terrance Freeman, Michael Boylan, Matt Carlucci, Mike Gay, Rahman Johnson and Chris Miller

**Attendance:**  
**CP White - Visiting**

Council President White welcomed the committee.

Chair Howland reviewed the committee's charge and the process for the body this council year.

**Item/File No. Title History**

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**

Council Member Freeman inquired about why this item has been deferred so long.

2. [2024-0334](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 368.301 (Violations & Criminal Penalties), Pt 3 (Enforcement), Ch 368 (Noise Control), Ord Code, Sec 614.103 (Reserved), Ch 614 (Public Order & Safety), Ord Code, Sec 632.101 (Classes of Offenses), Ch 632 (Penalties), Ord Code, Sec 656.1309 (Unlawful Sign Messages), Pt 13 (Sign Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, & Sec 741.107 (Violations & Criminal Penalties), Pt 3 (Enforcement), Ch 741 (Zero Tolerance on Litter), Ord Code, to Enhance Civil & Criminal Penalties for Violations of City Codes When Such Violations Were Motivated by Hate; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Teal) (Introduced by CMs Peluso, Carlucci, Gaffney, Jr., Pittman, Clark-Murray & Johnson) (PD & PC No Position)  
4/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, LUZ  
5/6/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/6/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/7/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/14/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/28/24 CO PH Only  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/28/24

**DEFER**

Council Member Freeman said that there should be action taken soon on this item.

3. [2024-0371](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 106.708 (Meals), Pt 7 (Travel Expense Reimbursement), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Increase the Per Diem Rates of Travel Reimb for Certain Meals; Prov Codification Instructions (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
 5/14/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
 5/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 5/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 5/28/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 7/15/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0  
 7/16/24 F Amend/Approve 6-1 (Diamond)  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/28/24

#### AMEND/APPROVE

**Aye:** 6 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay and Johnson

**Excused:** 1 - Miller

Ms. Brosche, CFO, explained the bill and the need for the increase in travel reimbursements to offset current costs. She offered a floor amendment to expand the applicability of taxi fare to include ride sharing, and to permit tip allowances to be acceptable for other services besides baggage handling. Boylan/Johnson Motion/2nd on the floor amendment, approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### AMENDMENT

1. Revise "taxi fare" to "taxi and ride-hailing services" in Code Sec. 106.706
  2. Strike reference to "for transportation of baggage" regarding reimbursable tips in Code Sec. 106.706
  3. Update department name to "Finance Department" throughout Part 7 of Ch. 106
- Amends Code Sec. 106.708 (Meals) to increase the following reimbursement rates:
    - Breakfast: increase from \$10 to \$20
    - Lunch: increase from \$14 to \$25
    - Dinner: increase from \$26 to \$35
    - Per diem: increase from \$50 to \$80
  - Based on actual expenditures in fiscal year 21/22 and 22/23, the impact Citywide across all funds would be approximately \$65,000 and the impact to just the General Fund would be approximately \$45,000 if the number of travel days were to remain level

4. [2024-0373](#) ORD-MC Amend Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Subpt F (Planned Unit Development), Sec 656.341 (Procedures), Ord Code, to Add a New Subparagraph (f) to Prohibit PUD Zoning Applications Which Allow Deviations From Zoning Overlays Unless Appvd by a 2/3 Vote of the Full Council; Prov Codification Instructions (Teal) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (PD & PC Apv) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)  
 5/14/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, LUZ  
 5/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 5/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 5/21/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 5/28/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 6/11/24 CO PH Only  
 LUZ PH - 6/18/24, 7/16/24  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/11/24

**DEFER**

Council Member Carlucci shared his intention to hold some noticed meetings to discuss this bill.

5. [2024-0442](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Kevin Luhrs, a Duval County Resident, to the TRUE Commission, Replacing Clayton B. Levins, Pursuant to Sec 57.102 (Membership; Terms), Ch 57 (Taxation, Revenue, & Utilization Expenditures Commission), Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term to Exp 6/30/26 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)  
 5/28/24 CO Introduced: R  
 6/3/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 6/11/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 7/15/24 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay and Johnson

**Excused:** 1 - Miller

**APPOINTMENT****Scrivener's**

1. Pg. 1, lines 7 and 18: insert comma after "Taxation"
2. Pg. 1, lines 10 and 20: insert "of" after "Utilization"

6. [2024-0457](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; to Re-name a Portion of “15th Street East” Extending from Liberty St N to Walnut St to “Swisher Street”; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (h), Ord Code, Which Requires That All Street Name Changes Be for the Entire Length of the Street; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward This Ord to the Planning & Dev Dept for Processing, Implementation, & Coordination With the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering Div, 911 Emergency, Fire & Rescue Dept, the Post Office & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Dist. 7-Peluso) (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Miller)
- 6/11/24 CO Introduced: R, TEU  
 6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 6/18/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 7/15/24 R Approve 7-0  
 7/16/24 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
 TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 7/16/24  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the bill.

Council Member Miller talked about Swisher's contributions to the city.

- **Waives Section 745.105(h) requiring street name changes be for the entire length of the street**

7. [2024-0459](#) ORD Approp \$398,467.85 from the General Fund - Interfund Transfer in Acct Which Represents Returned Funding from the Termination of the JIA CRA Pursuant to Ord 2023-496-E, Including \$150,000.00 to the JU Women's Health Innovation Hub Proj & \$248,467.85 to Purchase Replacement Equipment for the JFRD; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & JU to Provide Funding for Certain Expenses Related to the JU Women's Health Innovation Hub 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 Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Prov for Carryover of Funds to FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-110) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/16/24 F Amend/Approve 6-1 (Pittman)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

**DEFER**

Dr. Joshi, Mayor's Office, spoke about this bill. Council Member Freeman asked about the direct contract and how the service provider was selected.

8. [2024-0460](#) ORD Approp \$100,000.00 from the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF), American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP Act) Grant Funds in the Amt of \$100,000.00 to JU Women's Health Innovation Hub Proj; Auth an Increase to the Maximum Indebtedness of an Agrmt btwn JU & the City Related to the Proj & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Docs btwn the City & JU to Provide Funding for Certain Expenses Related to 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 Compliance With Applicable ARP Act Grant Funding Requirements; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Prov for Carryover of Funds to FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-114) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

**DEFER**

9. [2024-0462](#) ORD Approp \$5,000 from a Designated Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Provide Funding to Imperfect People Center, Inc., for Health & Awareness Workshops That Address Critical Health Issues in Duval, as Described Herein; 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 Imperfect People Center, Inc.; 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 Imperfect People Center, Inc.; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Imperfect People Center, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/15/24 R Approve 7-0  
7/16/24 F Approve 6-1 (Diamond)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

### APPROVE

**Aye:** 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Council Member Johnson explained the bill and funding source (through contingency funds approved in the previous budget cycle).

- **Program will serve a minimum of 50 residents through prevention and testing efforts and will increase awareness and knowledge about HIV and STIs**
- **Grant period will be from 10/1/23 to 9/30/24**
- **Waives Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for direct contract with Imperfect People Center, Inc.**

10. [2024-0463](#) ORD Transferring \$110,225.00 from the General Fund - SERE Registration - Other General Governmental - Salaries Part Time Acct (513060) to Various Other Accts Within the Same Activity to Fund Salaries & Benefits for 2 New FT Positions Within the SOE Office; Apv Positions (R.C. 24-134) (B.T. 24-105) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/15/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0  
7/16/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

### AMEND/APPROVE

**Aye:** 6 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay and Johnson

**Excused:** 1 - Miller

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment. Jerry Holland, SOE, spoke on behalf of the bill and described the staffing changes to eliminate several part time positions and add 2 new full time positions. This appropriation will cover the salary costs for those positions through the end of this fiscal year and after that the salaries will be funded through the approved FY 24/25 SOE budget.

#### AMENDMENT

**1. Revise appropriation amount to \$22,897.19 to reflect funding for two months for the new positions**

**2. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to revise the appropriation amount**

- **Authorizes two additional full time positions within the Supervisor of Elections Registration activity**
- **Appropriates funding from part time salaries to fund the salaries and benefits for the two new positions through 9/30/24**

11. [2024-0466](#) ORD Approp \$785,000 from the General Fund - GSD Property Tax Acct to the General Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Provide Funding to Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc., for the Building Futures Together - a Goodwill Workforce Training Prog, as More Fully Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to 9/30/25; 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 Goodwill; 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 Goodwill; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc. for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray) 6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F 6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer 7/15/24 NCSPHS Approve 3-3 (J. Carlucci, Miller, Salem) (Deferred) Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

#### DEFER



There was some discussion about this bill and whether it should be deferred until after the Finance Committee's review of the Mayor's proposed 24/25 budget.

Chair Howland summarized the comments made during the NCSPHS Committee meeting.

Council Member Carlucci proposed a floor amendment to only appropriate a portion of the funds (\$350,000) until after the budget review.

Council Member Johnson explained the collaborative work that went to the crafting of this bill and his wish to keep the appropriation in tact.

Council Member Carlucci withdrew his floor amendment.

12. [2024-0475](#) ORD Approp \$310,713.50 from the Council President's Designated Contingency to the Mental Health Offender Prog (MHOP) to Pay for Contractual Svcs by I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. (Sulzbacher) for the Continued Operation of a Jail Diversion Prog for Mentally Ill Offenders Through the MHOP; Prov for Carryover to 9/30/25; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a Svcs Contract btwn the City & I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. for the Provision of Svcs for the MHOP; 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 Sulzbacher; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Johnson)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/15/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0  
7/15/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
7/16/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

#### **AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment. Council Member Boylan clarified that these funds come from the Council Contingency fund, not the General Fund.

**AMENDMENT**

**Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet) to include City specific guidance regarding motor vehicle purchases with City grant funds, including insurance, maintenance and monitoring through October 1, 2030**

- **Authorizes an agreement with I.M. Sulzbacher through 9/30/25 to provide funding for the Mental Health Offender Program (MHOP)**
- **Proposed grant includes \$50,000 for the purchase of a vehicle**
- **Waives Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for direct contract with I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.**

13.     [2024-0476](#)     ORD Approp \$154,100 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct for Mayport Waterfront, Inc., d/b/a Mayport Waterfront Partnership (MWP), to Provide Funding to Support Various Activities & Initiatives by MWP Related to Restoration of Mayport as a “Working Waterfront”; Prov for Carryover to 9/30/25; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & Mayport Waterfront, Inc. for Svcs Related to Restoration of Mayport as a Working Waterfront; 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 MWP; Prov for Oversight by the OED (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CMs Salem & Diamond) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Peluso) (JWC Apv)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, JWC  
6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/15/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0  
7/15/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
7/16/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**             7 -     Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment.

Council Member Freeman asked about the direct contract and shared his support for the bill.

Chair Howland asked about the Auditor's concern about reimbursements.

Ms. Carraher explained the quarterly installments and the terms in the agreement for non-compliance.

**NCSPHS AMENDMENT**

- 1. Clarify that \$110,000 of the funding will be used for a grant to Mayport Waterfront Partnership and \$44,100 will be used for property improvements and signage upgrades in Mayport Village to be managed by the Office of Economic Development**
- 2. Clarify that grant funding for positions can be used by Mayport Waterfront Partnership for an executive director, administrative personnel, and/or financial officer**
- 3. Strike reference to Florida Maritime Training Commercial Fisherman Apprenticeship Course within the purpose of appropriation**
- 4. Correct maximum indebtedness of Mayport Waterfront Partnership agreement to \$110,000**
- 5. Include waiver of Code Sec. 118.201(f)(7) to allow grant funding to be disbursed in four installments of \$27,500**
- 6. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct the account information**
- 7. Attach Mayport Waterfront Partnership grant term sheet and budget as a new exhibit**

- Appropriates \$154,100 from the Council President's designated contingency account to fund 1) a grant to Mayport Waterfront Partnership (\$110,000) and 2) capital improvements in Mayport Village (\$44,100)**
- Mayport Waterfront Partnership will use the grant funds to hire an executive director and grant writer and pay for operational expenses including office supplies, professional services, web maintenance, and marketing**
- Grant funds will be paid to Mayport Waterfront Partnership in four quarterly installments of \$27,500 beginning October 15, 2024**
- Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process in order to authorize a direct contract with Mayport Waterfront Partnership**

**CONCERN**

**The grant is being advanced in four quarterly installments as opposed to being paid on a reimbursement basis. If the grant recipient does not comply with the terms of the grant agreement, the City would have to pursue the clawback of the grant. However, the term sheet does include a requirement that the grant recipient demonstrate that the prior installment has been fully expended prior to receiving the next installment.**

14. [2024-0478](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 656.361.5.1 (Uses Permitted Generally-Applicable to All Overlay Districts Zoned CCBD), Sec 656.361.5 (Use Regulations), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Auth Temporary Parking for No Longer Than 4 Yrs on a Site That is Used Primarily for Govt Uses or for NFL Games or Other Special Events Occurring at the Stadium &/or Daily's Place Including Secondary Private Use When Not Required for Governmental Uses or Event Parking; Prov Codification Instructions (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
(Companion 2024-904)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, LUZ  
6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
LUZ PH - 8/6/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166.041(3)(c)(2)(b), F.S. & CR 3.601 - 7/23/24 & 8/13/24

**DEFER**

15. [2024-0496](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Kevin Craig, a Duval County Resident, to the Downtown Development Review Board, as a Full Time Employee at a Business or Professional Office Located within the Downtown Area Representative, Replacing Gary Monahan, 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 1st Full Term to Exp on 6/30/26 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)  
6/25/24 CO Introduced: R  
7/15/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

16. [2024-0497](#) RESO Conf the Jax Ethics Commission's Reappt of Kirby G. Oberdorfer, a Registered Duval County Voter, as the Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance & Oversight (ECO) for the City of Jax, Pursuant to Sec 602.612, Ord Code, for a 3-Yr Term Ending 9/30/27; Prov for a Prospective Effective Date (Johnston) (Req of Jax Ethics Commission & Co-Introduced by CMs Salem, White & Diamond) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)  
6/25/24 CO Introduced: R  
7/15/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

17. [2024-0499](#) ORD-MC re Ch 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Amend Sec 602.921 (Duties & Powers), Subpt B (Powers & Duties), & Secs 602.931 (Process for the Imposition of Sanctions & Penalties), 602.932 (Documents & Testimony), & 602.934 (Dismissal of Complaints), Subpt C (Procedures & Due Process), Pt 9 (Jacksonville Ethics Commission), Ch 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Ord Code, to Implement Recent Changes in State Law; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Johnston) (Req of Jax Ethics Commission & Co-Introduced by CMs Salem & White)  
6/25/24 CO Introduced: R  
7/15/24 R Emergency/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/23/24

### EMERGENCY/APPROVE

**Aye:** 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Trista Carraher, Auditor's Office, explained the emergency.

Council Member Carlucci spoke in support of the Ethics Office and the Ethics director.

Kirby Oberdorfer, Ethics Office, explained the details of the new state law regarding ethics complaints, specifically that complaints must be first hand, not anonymous and not self initiated by the Ethics Commission. She said that this bill will get the City in compliance with the new state statute. Ms. Oberdorfer said 60% of complaints currently received are anonymous. She explained the different definitions of hearsay.

Council Member Freeman talked about some situations he has experienced with ethics complaints.

Council Member Boylan asked about the role of the Ethics Commission going forward.

Members of the Ethics Commission, Ms. Dixon, Dr. Freiberger, and Ms. Palestrant shared their concerns about the impact of the new state statute.

### Scrivener's

1. Pg. 2, line 3: insert "the" before "Ordinance"
2. Pg. 2, line 26: strike ellipses

**• Amends Ch. 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code) to make the following changes pursuant to recent changes in State law which are effective immediately:**

**- Add requirement that complaints be based upon personal knowledge or information other than hearsay**

**- Delete the Ethics Commission's ability to initiate a complaint**

**- Clarify the Ethics Commission can receive referrals from the Council Auditor, Employee Services, Office of Inspector General, or the State Attorney's Office**

**- Delete the ability to receive anonymous complaints through the hotline**

**- Revise the Ethics Commission's duties and powers to remove prohibited actions and reference instead those included in the Charter**

**• A one cycle emergency has been requested in order to update the City's Ethics Code to be in compliance with State laws as soon as possible**

Public Comment: None

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 5, 2024.**

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

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Minutes: Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

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Posted: 7.17.24 5:00 pm