

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes - Amended

Monday, December 4, 2023

9:30 AM

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

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Michael Boylan, Chair

Will Lahnen, Vice Chair

Matt Carlucci

Tyrona Clark-Murray

Terrance Freeman

Mike Gay, Excused Absence

Jimmy Peluso

Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton

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

Council Research: Eamon Webb

*Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy
Administration*

Meeting Convened: 9:30 am

Meeting Adjourned: 1:31 pm

Rollcall

Present: 5 - Chair Michael Boylan, Vice Chair Will Lahnen, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray and Council Member Mike Gay

Excused: 2 - Council Member Terrance Freeman and Council Member Jimmy Peluso

Attendance:

CP Salem - 2023-804, 2023-807 & 2023-847

CM Howland - 2023-807 & 2023-847

CM J. Carlucci - 2023-807 & 2023-847

CM Arias - 2023-807 & 2023-847

CM Miller - 2023-807 & 2023-847

CM Amaro - 2023-807

Item/File No.

Title History

1. [2023-0441-E](#) ORD Approp \$2,392,309.57 in Reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance Prog (Round 2) Grant Funds from the U.S. Dept of Treasury to the Community Dev Fund Miscellaneous Grants & Aids Acct to Prov Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance to Eligible Households in Duval County Through 9/30/25, to be Administered by the Housing & Community Dev Div of the Neighborhoods Dept in Accord With the Emergency Rental Assistance Prog Estab by Sec 501, Div N, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; Prov for Oversight (B.T. 23-102) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/8/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Substitute/Approve 6-0
12/5/23 TEU Substitute/Approve 6-0
12/12/23 CO Substitute/Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

- Funds may be used for payment of rent, rent arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to affordable rental housing incurred by eligible households due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic, between March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2025
- The Neighborhoods Department has proposed to contract for the following projects:
 - \$1 million to Jacksonville Housing Authority (JHA) for construction of 5 new single-family units
 - \$1 million to Ability Housing for development and construction of a 90 unit apartment community off 103rd St.
 - \$392,309.57 to Jacksonville Community Land Trust for the construction of 2 new single-family units

CM Lahnen introduced the substitute.

Travis Jeffrey, Chief of Housing and Community Development, explained that the bill is being substituted and amendment to reflect its focus on the construction of affordable housing, with the Neighborhoods Department contracting with Ability Housing, Jacksonville Housing Authority, and Jacksonville Community Land Trust.

Mary Staffopoulos of the General Counsel's Office stated that the Committee could amend the bill to reflect that the bill focuses specifically on affordable rental housing. The Committee universally approved this amendment, and the bill was moved as substituted and amended.

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. [2023-0764-E](#) ORD Approp \$284,000.00 From the General Fund Mayor's Task Force Contingency to the Subsidies & Contributions To Private Orgs Acct Within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Activity to Support the MLK Week of Service Programming to Be Held 1/13/24 Thru 1/20/24; 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 United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. For Planning & Oversight of the MLK Week of Srvc Prog; 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 United Way; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & United Way; Prov Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Revised B.T. 24-016) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso, Carlucci, Amaro & Gaffney, Jr.)

10/24/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F

11/6/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/7/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/14/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/4/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0

12/4/23 R Amend/Approve 4-1 (Miller)

12/5/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0

12/12/23 CO Amend/Approve 16-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/14/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

- **The City will direct contract with the United Way of Northeast Florida for the MLK Week of Service activities**
- **The United Way will be partnering with other organizations to carry out the activities**
- **The FY 23/24 Council approved budget includes \$56,711 for MLK Jr. Breakfast activities which is separate from the Week of Service activities**

Mary Staffopoulos of the Office of the General Counsel explained the floor amendment, introduced by CM Clark-Murray, which attached a Scope of Services for United Way, execution authority for the Mayor to sign the resulting contract, and a waiver of the section of the Ordinance Code that would require a competitive process to procure services from a non-profit organization.

CM Boylan asked who would be the oversight department of the project, and Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office clarified that Grants & Compliance would be the proper oversight department. Mr. Peterson also explained that a small schedule change needed to be included.

CM Boylan asked Dr. Parvez Ahmed about who would be the oversight department. Mr. Peterson explained that if Grants & Compliance were to be the oversight department, the funds would need to be placed into the General Fund and out of Special Events. The event was originally scheduled as a City event, which would allow the funds to be used from Special Events, but due to the fact that the City will be contracting with United Way to run the event, the funds must be placed in the General Fund.

Ms. Staffopoulos explained that all discussed points were already reflected in the amendment.

The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Dr. Ahmed explained that this program is an expansion from a day of service to a week of service to celebrate MLK's legacy. CM Boylan asked whether UW would be responsible for any deliverables, and Dr. Ahmed responded that funding received by non-profit organizations through UW would be on a reimbursement basis.

CM Gay asked about the logic behind the City's choosing to directly contract with UW instead of using a competitive bid process for the services, and Dr. Ahmed explained that this is an expansion of a previous UW project. CM Boylan said that the administration may want to use a competitive process in the future, and Dr. Ahmed agreed.

4. [2023-0793](#) ORD Naming the City-Owned Bldg Located at 6360 Commerce St, Jax, FL 32211, in Council Dist 1, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, To be Known As the "Rita F. Reagan Building" (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CMs Salem & Amaro) (Co-Sponsor CM Carlucci)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 1/3/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24
Public Hearing Add. Per Sec. 122.105 - 1/23/24

DEFER

5. [2023-0797](#) ORD Making Certain Findings; Apv the Application of Gaston Tree Debris Recycling, L.L.C. For Renewal of Its Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CON) to Operate a Yard Trash Recycling Facility With a Modification to Allow for the Expansion of the Facility onto an Adjacent Parcel; Prov for Conds of Said Renewal (Dillard) (Introduced by CP Salem)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 380, Ord Code - 1/3/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

DEFER

6. [2023-0800-E](#) ORD Concerning Emergency Mgmt; Making Findings; Apv & Auth the Mayor, Or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec To Execute & Deliver a New Statewide Mutual Aid Agrmt; Prov for City Oversight by the Emergency Preparedness Division (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Approve 7-0
12/12/23 CO Approve 17-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

Tim Smith of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department explained that this bill adopts the new Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement required to receive State of Florida Division of Emergency Management funds.

7. [2023-0801-E](#) ORD Concerning a Continuation Grant; Approp \$1,000,000.00 From the Dept of Homeland Security, With No City Match, to Prov Funding for the FY 23 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Prog (RCPGP) to Fund a Comprehensive Risk Analysis to Assess Impacts of Climate Extremes; Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Accept, for & On Behalf of the City, the RCPGP Award Docs Btwn the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security & the City;

Prov for City Oversight by the Emergency Preparedness Division (B.T. 24-021) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Approve 7-0
12/12/23 CO Approve 17-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

- **Funding will be used to conduct a comprehensive risk analysis to assess the escalating impact of climate extremes on critical infrastructure and identify mitigating solutions**
- **Funding will also be used to provide education, tools and training to increase the resilience of disadvantaged communities**
- **Grant period ends 9/30/2026**

Noah Ray, Emergency Preparedness Supervisor, explained that the bill appropriates a federal grant to pay for a risk analysis to assess the impacts of climate extremes on critical infrastructure, with a specific focus on identifying harms to disadvantaged communities.

CM Boylan asked whether the City had received all of its federal funding regarding Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma costs, and Mr. Ray explained that it had not. He added that this funding will also be received on a reimbursement basis.

8. [2023-0802-E](#) ORD Approp \$350,850.00 from the Jax Upward Mobility Prog - Contingency to the Jax Upward Mobility Prog - Trust Fund Auth Expenditures, to be Used for Progs for the Training, Education & Maintenance of a Sustainable Workforce in the City; Purpose of Appropriation (B.T. 24-020) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Miller, Gay, Carlucci & Clark-Murray)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
12/5/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0-2 (Carrico, Pittman)
12/12/23 CO Approve 14-0-2 (Carrico, Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the creation of the Jax Upward Mobility Program, led by CM Freeman and the specifics of its funding mechanism. 1% of the value of approved economic development agreement incentives, excluding CRAs, are required to be transferred to this subfund.

CM Boylan stated that this funding mechanism could be a model for a Homelessness Trust or other similar initiatives.

CM Gay and CM Carlucci requested to be added as co-sponsors.

Dr. Saralyn Grass explained the importance of the program and some of its recent successes in aiding the youth of the City.

9. [2023-0803-E](#) ORD Approp \$1,000,000 from a Desig Special Council Contingency to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to United Way of NE Florida, Inc. for The Eviction Diversion Prog Described Herein; Prov for Carryover of Funds 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 United Way; 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 United Way; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver On Behalf of the City an Agrmt... (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Boylan) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso & Carlucci)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
12/4/23 R Amend/Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
12/12/23 CO Amend/Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

AMENDMENT

Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet) to strike reference to landlord form and include line item budget

- **Appropriates \$1,000,000 for the eviction diversion program from a designated contingency account that was established as part of the FY 23/24 budget process**
- **The program will be a collaboration of the United Way of Northeast Florida, Jewish Family and Community Services, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, and the Duval County court system**
- **The program will provide up to three months of rent and/or utility payments to ensure a family reaches stability and is not evicted**
- **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 United Way of Northeast Florida for the eviction diversion program**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which strikes the reference to a landlord form and includes a line item budget. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Melanie Patz, CEO of United Way, explained the program, which will station representatives at courthouses to identify possible participants who have the financial means to pay rent but are still facing possible eviction. Ms. Patz explained that other communities have implemented similar programs successfully.

CP Salem suggested that Ms. Patz speak with the Special Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing and drew a distinction between populations serviced by the Homelessness Diversion Trust and those served by this initiative.

CM Clark-Murray asked about the reasons the specific commencement dates were chosen, and Ms. Patz responded that the date is set to give the program time to get up and running, which should happen in January. CM Clark-Murray suggested expediting the process of communicating to potential participants, as many tenants have month-by-month contracts. Ms. Patz explained that the purpose of UW's partnering with Jacksonville Legal Aid is to assist with these contract-by-contract specifics. CM Clark-Murray inquired about UW's communication with landlords, and Ms. Patz responded that UW has been in contact with some of the larger landlords in the City.

CM Boylan expressed his excitement for this program, and he stated that the \$1 million amount need only be a starting point if the program proves successful.

CM Carlucci requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

- 10. [2023-0804-E](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 111.270 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 2 (Health & Human Services), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Auth Expenditure of Up to 10% of Funds Approp from**

the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to Homeless Diversion Svcs Providers for Admin Costs; Approp \$200,000 from the Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct within the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to Prov Funding to I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. for the Homeless Diversion Prog 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 Sulzbacher...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Carlucci & Clark-Murray)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
12/4/23 R Amend/Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
12/12/23 CO Amend/Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

AMENDMENT

Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet) to include line item budget

- **Appropriates \$200,000 from the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to provide funding to the Sulzbacher Center for a homeless diversion program**
- **\$200,000 will be allocated for diversion assistance (hotel assistance, vehicle repairs, moving assistance, child-care assistance, and security and utility deposits) and with prior approval from the City, \$20,000 of that amount may be reallocated to partially fund a Diversion Case Manager**
- **Amends Code Sec. 111.270 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund) to allow any entity receiving funds from the Fund to spend up to 10% of funds received for administrative costs**
- **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 I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless for the homeless diversion program**
- **Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.301(a)(3)(ii) to allow a portion of the City funds to be used for security and/or utility deposits for qualified households receiving assistance through the program**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which attaches a revised Term Sheet. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CP Salem requested that the Committee consider an amendment to change the name of the Trust to include "Diversion" in its name. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee, and the two amendments were wrapped up into one.

CP Salem emphasized the distinct roles of this Trust and the Special Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing. CM J. Carlucci, the chair of this Special Committee, affirmed this difference. CM Boylan explained that members of the Special Committee had a meeting with members involved with the Miami Homelessness Trust Fund, and CM J. Carlucci noted several takeaways, including specialization of board roles and the importance of strategic planning, from this meeting.

11. [2023-0807-E](#) ORD-MC Approp \$11,031,214.50, Consisting of \$2,696,000 From the General Fund Mayor's Task Force Contingency Acct, \$7,635,214.50 From the American Rescue Plan Fund Maor's Task Force Contingency Acct, \$200,00 From the Disabled Parking Fines Fund, & \$500,000 From the Tree Protection Fund to Fund a Portion of the Mayor's Task Force Progs & Initiatives as Follows: (1) \$500,000 for Youth & Families Which Includes \$150,000 to Accountability Tracker, \$250,000 to City's Pool Plan, & \$100,000 to Wi-Fi in COJ Parks Expansion, (2) \$2,750,000 for Progs for the American Dream Which Includes \$2,000,000 to Downpayment Assistance Prog, & \$750,000 to Attainable Housing Tap in Prog, (3) \$996,000 For Homelessness which includes a Home Roof Initiative...(Revised B.T. 24-023) (Hodges) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Carlucci, Johnson & Gaffney, Jr.)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Substitute/Rerefer 12-1-4 (Carlucci) (Carrico, Pittman, Amaro, Clark-Murray)
12/4/23 NCSPHS Amend(14x)/Approve 5-0
12/4/23 R Amend (15x)/Approve 6-0
12/5/23 F Amend (5x)/Approve 7-0
12/12/23 CO Amend(6x)/Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

AMEND(14X)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

• **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to authorize direct contracts with the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, the United Way of Northeast Florida, Riverfront Parks Conservancy, and Opportunity Development Inc/Center for Independent Living Jacksonville for the programs authorized through this legislation**

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account codes**
- 2. Remove Exhibit 2 (UNF Small Business Development Term Sheet) as terms and scope reflect current contract**
- 3. Swap the use of ARP dollars that could result in the return of funds and use General Fund dollars for these programs instead**
- 4. Include provision requiring Council approval for any substantial changes to the program scope, criteria and guidelines included in the Task Force Initiatives Summary (on file document)**
- 5. Allocate 10% of funding within the Direct Grants for Artists (\$750k) for administration of the program**
- 6. Appropriate \$30,000 from the Council President Contingency Account for administration (\$15k) and maintenance (\$15k) for the CPAC Public Art Initiative**
- 7. See separate handout for approved Council Member amendments**

CM Boylan explained that much discussion had already been held on this legislation in CM Howland's workshops and stated that discussion on each amendment would be limited to two minutes.

CP Salem explained that the goal of assigning this bill to the committees to which it was assigned was to maximize the amount of discussion on the bill in committee rather than at the full Council meeting.

CM Carlucci expressed concern with the two-minute speaking limit, stating that it was bad precedent to limit speaking time in committee. CM Boylan explained that there was a scheduled Special Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing at noon.

CM Boylan specified that the committee would start by discussing amendments that focused on addressing homelessness.

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained a technical amendment, which corrected account codes and removed a term sheet of a contract with UNF. The amendment was unanimously approved by the committee.

Mr. Peterson explained an auditor-recommended amendment, which swapped ARP dollars with General Fund dollars, similar to the amendment to 2023-847 (the City would risk paying money back to the federal government by funding contracts with one-time federal ARP dollars). The auditor-recommended amendment was unanimously approved by the committee.

Mr. Peterson explained a second-auditor recommended amendment, which required the administration to stick to the spending guidelines in the bill and approve any technical amendment through the Office of the General Counsel (similar to the amendment to 2023-847). The auditor-recommended amendment was unanimously approved by the committee, and the technical amendment and the two auditor-recommended amendments were rolled into one.

Mr. Peterson spoke to the amendments involving appropriations funding programs overseen by the Cultural Council. The Cultural Council is required, by City Ordinance, to reserve a portion of funds dedicated to specific programs to administrative costs. Amy Palmer, Director of Grants Administration for the Cultural Council, clarified that the Cultural Council would need administrative funding in addition to the appropriated amount. Anna Brosche stated that the administration would be in support of an amendment setting aside funding for administrative fees. Mary Staffopoulos of the Office of the General Counsel explained that such language is typically included as percentage amounts.

CM Boylan asked whether administrative costs are typically paid on a reimbursement basis or up-front, and Diana Donovan, Executive Director of the Cultural Council, clarified that these amounts are paid up-front when used to help facilitate the Competitive Service Grant (CSG) process but are paid on a reimbursement basis for public arts initiatives.

CM Lahnen submitted an amendment allowing for 10% of the appropriated amount to be used for administrative costs for the Direct Grants for Artists program. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Mr. Peterson explained that the Public Arts Initiatives funding would also need money set aside for

maintenance and administrative costs or a waiver of the section of the Ordinance Code requiring this amount. He added that it is standard procedure in arts installation projects to allocate 10% of the appropriated amount for maintenance and up to 10% for administrative costs. He added that there were three options for the committee: 1) to take the 10% out of the appropriated amount, 2) to add 10% to the appropriated amount, or 3) to waive the section of the Ordinance Code requiring this amount.

CM Boylan asked Ms. Donovan whether she thought that taking the 10% out of the project's funding would compromise the efficacy of the program, and she stated that it would make the scoping process difficult for the Cultural Council given the relatively small nature of this program (\$25,000 for each CPAC district). CM Boylan noted that taking the 10% out of the existing appropriated amount would decrease funding for each CPAC district by 20% (from \$25,000 to \$20,000).

CM Lahnen introduced an amendment to set aside 10% for maintenance and up to 10% for administrative costs. CM Clark-Murray moved to amend the amendment to change the percentage amount to 5%/5%. Ms. Donovan explained why the maintenance portion of the set-aside funding was vital, and Kat Wright, Director of Public Art for the Cultural Council, explained that the Ordinance code was amended in 2017, changing the maintenance set-aside from 5% to 10%, which caused difficulty in that some existing projects have a 5% set-aside while others have a 10% set-aside. CM Boylan noted that the set-aside funds would exist in an account from which the Cultural Council would be able to draw out of for maintenance costs, and Mr. Peterson confirmed that this was the case. He stated that he would be able to get the amount that exists in this maintenance fund.

Mr. Peterson added that changing the percentage amount for maintenance specifically to 5% rather than 10% would still need a waiver to the Ordinance Code.

CM Arias and CM J. Carlucci stated that the committee should trust the experts on this topic, and CM J. Carlucci added that he would not want the Cultural Council to have less than the amount necessary to maintain these arts projects effectively. CM Clark-Murray clarified that it was not her intention to discount expert opinion with her amendment; she was attempting to ensure that as much funding as possible go toward the art installation projects themselves. CM Clark-Murray withdrew her motion to amend the amendment.

CM Lahnen clarified that his intention with the amendment was to add the 10%/10% rather than take it out of the existing funds, and Mr. Peterson clarified that the Council would need a funding source to approve this amendment. CP Salem stated that the Council could take these funds out of the President's Contingency.

The amendment to add 10% of the funding amount for maintenance and up to 10% for administrative costs using Council President Contingency funds was unanimously approved by the committee.

CP Salem explained Salem amendment #1, which funds a Permanent Supportive Housing Pilot program run by Ability Housing. Ability Housing has agreed to report to the Special Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing. Ms. Staffopoulos clarified that the creation of the Pilot program and the identification of the funding source was already approved in 2023-847, and the portion of the amendment that existed in 2023-807 was the reduction of the Home Roof Initiative's funding by \$50,000. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

CM Miller explained Miller amendment #1, which was separated into two separate items. Miller amendment #1, part 1 made mobile homes eligible for the Home Roof Initiative. CM Miller specified that his goal with this amendment was to make all homes eligible; he added that the amendment could be amended to specify that vehicles do not qualify for the initiative. CM Carlucci stated that the word "repair" should be replaced with "replace" to ensure that the people who need this help the most receive it. CM Boylan noted that an amendment further on the agenda included such a revision.

CM Clark-Murray asked whether the language should be changed from "mobile home" to "manufactured home." Josh Gideon, Interim Director of Planning and Development and Chief of the Building Inspection Division, explained that there is a distinction between the two. "Manufactured home" is a term loosely-used to refer to both modular and mobile homes. Modular homes are constructed in a factory in accordance with the Florida building code, and mobile homes are on wheels and regulated by Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, which presents some limitations as to how the local government can regulate mobile homes. Ms. Staffopoulos clarified that the amendment could be written to explain that all homes except those regulated by the DMV would qualify for the initiative. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

CM Miller explained Miller amendment #1, part 2, which was designed to encourage a "pay-it-forward" mentality by encouraging community service through this program. CM Boylan clarified that this amendment only required "encouragement," and Travis Jeffrey, Chief of Housing and Community Development, added that the department will research opportunities that it could attach to program materials. CM Carlucci added that exposing those involved with the program to volunteer opportunities could also expose them to job opportunities. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

Ms. Staffopoulos explained Arias amendment #1, which moved funds from the Home Roof Initiative back into the Operating Reserves. She added that the dollar amount had changed due to Salem amendment #1. CM Arias explained that this transfer would not eliminate the program but that the smaller amount was wiser given the fact that this program was a Pilot program. CM Carlucci stated that he did not support the amendment because many of the applications for program funds will be time-sensitive, and moving some of the funds back into reserves would add another hoop for the program to jump through. Mr. Jeffrey stated that while this a program is a pilot program, the Housing and Community Development department had administered many rehabilitation programs previously, and many constituents have already inquired about the program, demonstrating need.

CM Lahnen asked whether the inclusion of modular homes increased demand and whether the \$400,000 remaining after Arias amendment #1 would be sufficient to get the program up and running. CM Arias pointed out that the repair/replacement cost of roofs for manufactured homes would be, on average, lower than that of other homes. CM Lahnen asked for clarification as to the specific definition of "below the line," and Mr. Peterson responded that, if this amendment passed, the administration would need to come back to the Council for approval for the remaining amount at a later time.

CM Gay asked whether existing insurance is a requirement for qualifying for the program, and Mr. Jeffrey responded that there would be a small amount of people who could qualify because of Code compliance issues but that most of the applicant pool would qualify through an insurance letter. CM

Gay explained that he was concerned that some constituents, specifically elderly constituents, who do not have insurance could be left out of receiving needed repairs. Mr. Jeffrey specified that the program would be able to help those without insurance.

CM Howland expressed his support for Arias amendment #1, stating that it would encourage fiscal responsibility.

CM Clark-Murray stated that she understands the great need for this program and expressed her skepticism regarding moving funds out of the program. She asked CM Arias to explain the purpose of the amendment. CM Arias explained that the program would need to work through its administrative and marketing structure before servicing constituents, and this transfer would ensure that City dollars are efficiently spent.

CM Carlucci confirmed that a solid process would already be in place by the time any funds were given to constituents through the program. He said that he does not support Arias amendment #1 because of the great need for roofing replacements and the time sensitive nature of needing a roof replaced.

CM J. Carlucci added that the committee could add a 1-year prior coverage requirement to qualify via insurance so that people do not take advantage of the system by prematurely canceling their insurance. CM Arias added that this example of how one may find loopholes in the program solidifies his point to have the program develop their procedures before giving it the full amount. CM Arias asked about the timeline until the program would be up and running, and Mr. Jeffrey estimated a 30-60 day timeline.

CM Clark-Murray stated that the concern of the Council should be to help those who need help rather than worrying about those who will take advantage of loopholes in the system.

CM Carlucci clarified that the insurance industry is in crisis because of fraudulent roof claims, and many of the roofs that are eligible for replacement are barely damaged at all.

CM Boylan clarified that the purpose of the legislation is to help people keep their roofing insurance during the insurance crisis. CM Boylan also had Mr. Jeffrey clarify that the program will have an intensive application process that should weed out fraudulent applicants. CM Boylan stated that he would not support the Arias amendment #1. The amendment failed 1-4 via hand vote.

CM Carlucci explained Carlucci amendment #3, which would replace the word "repair" with the word "replace" in the Home Roof Initiative. He explained that this would weed out fraudulent claims, and that those who would qualify for roof replacement are those who truly need this assistance. The amendment was unanimously approved via hand vote.

CM Howland explained Howland amendment #2, which would delete the Riverfront Parks Conservancy program given the existing funding for Riverfront Parks. Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services explained that the funding that CM Howland identified was capital funding, whereas this funding would go toward a nonprofit organization for event planning and grant writing among other purposes. CM Howland asked whether this funding would be available to use right away, and Mr. Joseph answered that the process of identifying nonprofit organizations would be a competitive process, but this process would be ready to start fairly quickly. CM Howland recommended

that the Committee withdraw Howland amendment #2, and the amendment was withdrawn.

CM Carlucci explained Carlucci amendment #2, which deleted the direct contract with Riverfront Parks Conservancy to issue an RFP, allowing for a competitive bidding process. CM Lahnen asked whether these funds would be ready to use this fiscal year, and Mr. Joseph responded that the goal of the Parks Department would be to issue the RFP in Q1 next year. Carlucci amendment #2 was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

CM Miller explained Miller amendment #3, which changed language in the CPAC Public Art Initiative to change a requirement that artists reside in the CPAC district where a public arts project will be installed or displayed to an encouragement. This would allow the Cultural Council more flexibility, giving them a greater chance of finding a suitable artist. CM Clark-Murray expressed her support for this change. Miller amendment #3 was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

CM Miller explained Miller amendment #4, which implemented a deadline of December 24, 2024 for the administration to report to the Council on progress regarding these initiatives. CM Lahnen asked whether the date should be moved forward to assist in the budgetary process. CM Boylan stated that many of the programs could become re-occurring, which would mean that they would already require reporting. Anna Brosche, CFO, stated that the administration is planning on keeping data to demonstrate the efficacy of these programs. CM Howland stated that the Council needs to be mindful of the possibility of macroeconomic changes when creating possibly re-occurring programs. Ms. Staffopoulos stated that the Council could implement an intermediary date earlier than the proposed date for reporting but also that Mayor will propose the budget that the Mayor chooses to propose. CM Boylan added that it would be difficult to get any program funded in the budget without clear demonstrated need for the program.

CM Carlucci stated that the Council and administration should be on the same page regarding this reporting deadline. CM Miller stated that the Council should keep the current date so that the amendment moves forward and that the date could be changed at a later date. Ms. Staffopoulos clarified that the amendment already states "on or before" December 31, 2024. Miller amendment #4 was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

CM Miller explained Miller amendment #5, which would encourage a "pay-it-forward" mentality in the City, specifically encouraging funding recipients of the Direct Grants for Artists program to take part in youth arts/cultural programs. Miller amendment #5 was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

CM Arias asked whether the recipients of the Direct Grants for Artists programs would be considered small business owners. Ms. Donovan described the planned process for awarding grants to individual artists through this program, and Ms. Palmer stated that the language of the program guidelines did describe recipients as "creative entrepreneurs." CM Arias requested that the Committee move an amendment that recipients for the program be registered as small businesses. CM Boylan asked whether this would impact the number of applicants, and Ms. Palmer answered that it could reduce applications if it were a requirement up front but could be effective if recipients were educated on small business opportunities as an outcome of the grant process. CM Boylan asked whether the administration could support funding this education program as a part of this program. Ms. Staffopoulos stated that this

training program would fall outside the scope of the Cultural Council, and Mr. Peterson stated that the legislation already included a requirement for professional development for the grant recipients and that the Council could expand on that education requirement if it so chose.

CM Clark-Murray asked whether this potential amendment would require additional administrative costs, and Ms. Palmer responded that it likely would. Ms. Donovan stated that the Cultural Council could either bake the education program into what the Cultural Council already does regarding professional development or partner with another organization if the educational program fell outside the scope of what the Cultural Council can do.

CM Carlucci stated that small business development programs already exist, and rather than adding a new burden on the Cultural Council, potential small business owners could be directed to existing small business education programs. CM Gay stated that many artists already exist as sole proprietors.

CM Arias stated that he would withdraw the amendment if it were to throw this program into disarray, and CM Boylan stated that CM Arias would have other opportunities to flesh out the potential amendment in other committees. CM Howland stated that it is good process to test out ideas for how to structure new programs and emphasized that these were new programs, not existing programs.

CM Miller explained Miller amendment #6, which deleted the Cool Communities Initiatives because he believed the opportunities that the new initiative would create already exist elsewhere. Mr. Peterson explained that there is \$20 million in the Tree Fund and that this potential program would not use new dollars but appropriate dollars currently in the Tree Fund. CM Miller stated that there is already a process in place through the Tree Fund to spend funds on projects. Mr. Peterson asked for clarification as to how the funds appropriated by the new program would differ from the existing process through the Tree Commission. Nina Sickler, Director of Public Works, explained that there are only two approved types of trees that can be planted in dessert areas, olives and loquats, and this initiative would allow for other types of trees to be planted.

CM Carlucci explained that this program would place trees into abnormally hot areas to cool them done, benefiting resiliency. A study was conducted by the Chief Resiliency Officer that identified these abnormally hot areas, including San Marco. Ashantae Green, Sustainability Manager, explained that this program was identified as a need by the mayoral taskforce and modeled after similar programs elsewhere. She added that this program would also go toward educating constituents on the importance of trees.

CM J. Carlucci stated that he supports the program and that tree funds are too restricted currently. He stated that he supports the amendment to remove the program as he will be introducing legislation soon to make how tree funds are spent less restrictive. CP Salem stated that he supports removing the initiative, as he believes that the initiative is working around the authority of the Tree Commission.

CM Boylan asked the administration how it would feel about loosening restrictions on the Tree Commission rather than creating another program. Ms. Sicker stated that this program would not create an additional administrative body to determine where and how trees are planted and that would be subject to review by the Tree Commission.

CM Carlucci stated that he supports the program, as it is specifically targeted to improve resiliency in specific areas.

CM Miller clarified that he does not dispute the merits of the proposed program but rather stated that he was concerned this program was circumventing processes that the Tree Commission has in place.

CM Clark-Murray asked Ms. Sickler how the Cool Communities Initiative would determine which types of trees would be planted through the program, and Ms. Sickler described that the process would involve certified arborists and the Tree Commission. CM Clark-Murray asked about situations in which the Tree Commission has denied the planting of specific types of trees, and Steve Long of Public Works answered that specifics like the size of the tree and specific location of the tree have been changed through the Tree Commission, but projects have tended to move forward despite small changes.

CM Boylan asked how this program would allow Public Works to plant different types of trees if the program was still bound by sections of the Ordinance Code that outlined approved trees, and Ms. Sickler answered that the restrictive list of approved trees was not codified through Ordinance.

Miller amendment #6 was approved by the Committee via hand vote 4-1.

CM Arias explained Arias amendment #3, which deleted the Permitting Evolution First Step. As a small business owner, he stated that he believes many of the changes to the permitting process to be redundant with other initiatives. Ms. Staffopoulos explained that the purpose of deleting this initiative was to let the funds remain in contingency while identifying projects where existing Building Inspection funds could be used for permitting reforms without creating appropriating new funds. CM Arias had previously asked whether Building Inspection funds could be used for this project, and the likely answer was that they could be used to pay for portions of the program but not the whole program.

CM Lahnen and CM Gay expressed their support for the amendment.

CM Carlucci asked about the purpose of this initiative, and Mr. Gideon answered that these funds would be used to hire outside analysts to advise the City on how it could simply and expedite the permitting process. CM Carlucci emphasized that this problem has been a re-occurring one and stated that he was open to solutions as to how to successfully fix the permitting process. CM Arias responded that many of these auditing practices are already being done and that hiring an outside analyst to give the City suggestions would be a waste of funds. CM J. Carlucci stated that he supports the amendment.

CM Boylan pointed out that this project would be funded using ARP dollars. Mr. Peterson clarified that the Council could currently keep the funds below the line and that administration could come back at a later date to demonstrate need and get these ARP dollars for the project. CM Carlucci stated that he believes issues in permitting to be caused by process rather than manpower, so efforts to change the permitting process are worthwhile.

Arias amendment #3 was approved by the Committee via hand vote 4-1.

CM Carlucci explained Carlucci amendment #1, which deleted a direct contract with Development Opportunity, Inc. and issued an RFP for this service to allow for a competitive grant process. Carlucci

amendment #1 was unanimously approved by the Committee via hand vote.

The bill was moved and approved as fourteen-times-amended.

12. [2023-0808-E](#) ORD Approp \$1,250,000 From the Mayor’s Task Force Contingency Fund to: (1) Prov Additional Funding in the Amt of \$1,000,000 to the Countywide Parks - Pool Maintenance & Upgrades Proj; & (2) to Prov \$250,000 for the Veterans Community Ctr Proj, Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds; Prov for Compliance With Applicable ARP Act Grant Funding Requirements (B.T. 24-018) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Carrico, Miller, Carlucci, Gaffney, Jr., Arias, White, Pittman & Clark-Murray)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
12/4/23 R Approve 6-0
12/5/23 F Approve 7-0
12/12/23 CO Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

Scrivener's

1. Pg. 1, line 6, pg. 3, lines 23 and 30, and pg. 4, line 12: strike "Fund"
2. Pg. 1, line 17: correct spelling

Harrison Conyers, Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, explained that the Mayoral Transition Committee identified a need for a dedicated Veterans Community Center. This funding will facilitate the process of identifying suitable sites for the project.

CM Carlucci requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

CM Lahnen asked about the nature of the funding schedule of the project, and Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office answered that this bill allows the administration to spend the full amount. CM Lahnen requested to Mr. Conyers that the administration keep the Council informed regarding progress of the search.

CP Salem asked about the potential of the process not determining a suitable site for the center and about specifics of how the new facility would be used. Mr. Conyers responded that if no sites were found, the City may have to consider building one, but that there are already potential properties being considered. The new center will provide daily benefits assistance to veterans and on-request meeting space, and the 1st-choice site is approximately 10,000 square feet.

CM Arias asked where the new Veterans Center would be located, and Mr. Conyers responded that it was not certain where it would be, but DIA had suggested a property in the Cathedral District downtown. CM Arias asked about whether the facility would be utilized daily, and Mr. Conyers answered that helping veterans with their benefits would require daily use. CM Arias suggested a potential property on Golfair Boulevard that had recently been acquired by the City if no other site could be identified.

Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, explained that funding would be used to repair and replace chemical systems and pumps in pools to allow for greater use.

CM Lahnen noted that the original budget had \$500,000 designated for pools, and Mr. Joseph responded that the original amount was not enough.

CM Carlucci explained the original funding mechanism used to build the pools; the state legislature diverted funds to charter schools, taking money away from the public system, leaving them in a bad place.

13. [2023-0809-E](#) ORD Approp \$150,000 From a Desig Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to Northside Community Involvement, Inc. (NCI) for the Communities With Resources Working Together for the Betterment of Jax, FL Prog 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 NCI; 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...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Gaffney, Jr.) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso & Johnson)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
12/4/23 R Amend/Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
12/12/23 CO Amend/Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

AMEND

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet) to include line item budget

- **Appropriates \$150,000 from a designated contingency account that was established as part of the FY 2023/24 budget process**
- **\$135,000 will be allocated for regrants for adult education, child development, crime prevention and intervention, clothing, housing, transportation, mental health services and utilities and \$15,000 will be allocated for occupancy expenses of Northside Community Involvement**
- **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**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which included a revised term sheet with a line item budget. The amendment was universally approved by the Committee.

14. [2023-0811-A](#) RESO Apv the Supervisor of Elections' Determination to Provide 24 Early Voting Sites for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election, the 2024 Primary Election, & the 2024 General Election & Identifying the Locations, Dates, & Times for Early Voting (Pinkstaff) (Req of SOE) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
- 11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/4/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
12/4/23 R Amend/Approve 5-0
12/12/23 CO Amend/Approve 16-0

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

AMENDMENT

Pg. 3, lines 6, 16, and 18: strike “Regional” and insert “Branch”

CM Boylan explained the amendment to change language in the bill, and Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office affirmed that CM Boylan's explanation was accurate. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Jerry Holland, Supervisor of Elections, explained that this bill would increase the amount of early voting locations from 19 to 24. He noted his commitment to keeping the City Council informed regarding SOE practices. CM Boylan asked Mr. Holland whether he believed the SOE would find sufficient staff to support the additional early voting sites, and Mr. Holland responded in the affirmative.

15. [2023-0837](#) ORD Approp \$1,042,000.00 from the Countywide Bridges Proj to Fund 2 Named Projs, with \$792,000.00 to Fund Yellow Bluff Rd Bridge Repairs, & \$250,000.00 to Fund the New Berlin Guardrails Proj; Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds (B.T. 24-027) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
12/4/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/5/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/5/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 12/12/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

16. [2023-0838-E](#) ORD Approp \$50,000.00 in State Grant Funding from the State of FL, Dept of State, Div of Historical Resources to Fund a Survey of Historic Structures Within the Boundaries of the Locally Designated Springfield Historic Dist; Purpose Of Approp; Apv & Auth the Mayor, Or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a Grant Agrmt with the State of FL, Dept of State, for the Purpose of Prov the Grant Funds to the City; Prov for Oversight by the Planning & Dev Dept; Req 1-cycle Emergency Passage (B.T. 24-026) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
12/4/23 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Emergency/Approve 7-0
12/5/23 TEU Emergency/Approve 6-0
12/12/23 CO Emergency/Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 12/12/23

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

- **The scope of work includes procuring professional historical preservation services, conducting archival research, and conducting field surveys**
- **No City match is required**
- **Grant period is July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**
- **The nature of the emergency is that the City must complete the survey before the end of the grant term**

The Committee unanimously approved the emergency.

Arimus Wells, City Planner Supervisor, explained the program, which funds a survey of historic structures in the Springfield Historic District, and the nature of the emergency, with the City's needing to complete the survey before the end of the grant term.

CM Carlucci asked whether there would be reports on the background of the historic structures, and Mr. Wells responded that there would be. CM Carlucci expressed his interest in seeing these reports once complete.

CM Clark-Murray asked whether it would be possible for a similar program would be possible in other neighborhoods, and Mr. Wells explained that it was but that this funding was coming from a state grant. CM Clark-Murray recounted an example of a constituent in her district recounting the historical background of her home.

CM Carlucci added to CM Clark-Murray's example that anyone can apply for historic landmark designation, although he acknowledged that there are costs involved in this application process.

17. [2023-0839-E](#) ORD Approp a \$1,000,000 Grant from the EPA for Climate Pollution Reduction Activities that Include Estab of a Greenhouse Gas Inventory & the Creation & Implementation of a Climate Action Plan for the Jax Metropolitan Statistical Area; Auth PT Hours Prov for Carryover to FY 26-27; Prov for Oversight by the Planning & Dev Dept; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (R.C. 24-040) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
12/4/23 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 5-0
12/5/23 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
12/5/23 TEU Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
12/12/23 CO Emergency/Amend/Approve 16-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 12/12/23

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account codes and amounts**
- 2. Authorize part time hours and attach RC as new Exhibit**

- **City will be required to provide a Priority Climate Action Plan by March 1, 2024 and Comprehensive Climate Action Plan by September 5, 2025**
- **Grant period ends August 31, 2027**
- **No City match is required**
- **Additional related grant funding is anticipated to be available in the future**
- **The nature of the emergency is the limited time to complete phase one of the grant in order to qualify for second phase funding**

The Committee unanimously approved the emergency.

Josh Gideon, Interim Director of Planning and Development, introduced Ashantae Green, Sustainability manager, to explain the initiative. Ms. Green explained the nature of the emergency, with the first deliverable deadline to receive continued funding coming up in March 2024.

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which corrected account codes and amounts and authorized part time hours. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Ms. Green explained that this initiative involves a great sum of money and could be an opportunity to get carbon emissions-reducing projects funded. CM Gay asked whether this funding could expand to other resiliency issues like river shoaling, and Ms. Green responded that this funding specifically would go toward emissions-reducing initiatives.

CM Boylan asked whether JEA would have any role in this project, and Ms. Green responded that the Planning and Development Department would be reaching out to JEA to see if they had any shovel-ready projects that would help to reduce carbon emissions.

- 18. [2023-0840](#)** RESO Auth the Granting of a Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchise to Five Talent Services, LLC d/b/a Mobiledumps of Jacksonville Pursuant to Ch 380 (Solid Waste Management), Pt 6 (Nonresidential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchise), Ord Code; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Solid Waste Div (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
12/4/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/5/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/5/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2023-0847-E](#) ORD Approp \$14,490,000, Consisting of \$8,450,000 From the General Fund Mayor's Task Force Contingency Acct, \$4,740,000 From the American Rescue Plan Fund Mayor's Task Force Contingency Acct, & \$1,300,000 From KHA's Preteen & Teen Progs For the Mayor's Youth-at-Work Partnership Prog, to Fund Several Mayor's Task Force Progs & Initiatives as Follows: (1) \$5,370,000 for Youth & Families Which Includes \$1,900,000 to Afterschool & Summer Literacy Prog Expansion, \$1,950,000 to Multi-layer Literacy Prog, \$100,000 to Youth Artists Prog, \$170,000 to Youth Civic Engagement, & \$1,250,000 to Mayor's Youth At-Work Partnership, (2) \$2,000,000 For Progs for the American Dream to Include Local Stack Funding for Attainable Housing Community Partners & Non-Profits for the "American Dream" Initiative, (3) \$2,600,000 for Addressing Homelessness Which Includes \$2,000,000 to Emergency Rental & Eviction Prevention, \$200,000 to Homelessness Diversion/Problem Solving Pilot, \$200,000 to Emergency Homelessness Relief/Non-Congregate Shelter, & \$200,000 to Homelessness Continuum of Care Bonus Match, (4) \$3,120,000 for a Healthier Jax Which Includes \$250,000 to Infant Mortality & Maternal Health Initiative, \$70,000 to Primary Care & Wrap Around Service Access Initiative, \$430,000 to Pediatric Mental Health Support, \$2,210,000 to Elderly Food Insecurity Relief Fund, & \$160,000 to Mental Health 'Train the Trainer' Fund, (5) \$100,000 For Accessible Duval to Host a Community Open House for Non-Profits as Part of the "Accessible Duval" Initiative, & (6) \$1,300,000 to Mayor's Youth at Work Prog; Amend the Revised Schedule M to Ord 2023-511-E; Prov for Carryover of Funds Through 9/30/25; Providing for Compliance With Applicable ARP Act Grant Funding Requirements; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Salem)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
12/4/23 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend(2x)/Approve 4-0-1 (Clark-Murray)
12/4/23 R Emergency/Amend (7x)/Approve 5-0-1 (Amaro)
12/5/23 F Emergency/Amend (7x)/Approve 5-0-2 (Carrico, Pittman)
12/12/23 CO Emergency/Amend (9x)/Approve 13-0-4 (Amaro, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/12/23

EMERGENCY/AMEND(2X)/APPROVE

Aye: 4 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci and Gay

Excused: 2 - Freeman and Peluso

Abstain: 1 - Clark-Murray

• **A one cycle emergency has been requested in order to keep this legislation on the same cycle as the other bills related to the Mayor's Task Force programs and initiatives (2023-807 and 2023-808)**

AMENDMENT

- 1. Place revised Task Force Initiatives Summary on file to correct proposed guidelines for the Mental Health Train the Trainer Program**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account codes**
- 3. Swap the use of ARP dollars that could result in the return of funds and use General Fund dollars for these programs instead**
- 4. Include provision requiring Council approval for any substantial changes to the program scope, criteria and guidelines included in the Task Force Initiatives Summary (On File document)**
- 5. See separate handout for approved Council Member amendments**

The Committee unanimously approved the emergency to keep the bill on the same timeline as its companion legislation, bills 2023-0807 and 2023-0808.

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which placed a revised Task Force Initiatives Summary on file to correct proposed guidelines for the Mental Health Train the Trainer Program and attached a Revised Exhibit 1 to correct account codes. Sunil Joshi, Chief Health Officer, reiterated the purpose of the amendment. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Mr. Peterson explained an Auditor-recommended amendment (Auditor amendment #1). Six of the programs proposed by the mayoral taskforce were to use ARP dollars, but ARP funds include requirements on when funds are spent. Since these programs also included agreements in which the recipients would need to pay back the City if they were found to be out of compliance with the agreement. This combination risked that funds collected by the City as a result of noncompliance would go directly back to the federal government. The Auditor recommended amendment swapped out these projects with other projects in the General Fund.

CP Salem noted that over half of the \$25 million across the mayoral taskforce bills was using ARP money, which could cause a problem in the future if the City wishes to make any of these problem re-occurring. CM Boylan noted that the Council could involve the administration in its strategic planning process to better communicate its priorities to the administration. CP Salem welcomed the administration to attend a noticed meeting on strategic planning being held later that week.

Auditor amendment #1 was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Mr. Peterson explained a second Auditor-recommended amendment (Auditor amendment #2). This amendment included language to require Council approval to approve any substantial changes to the program scope, criteria, and guidelines. CM Boylan asked Mary Staffopoulos of the Office of the General Counsel about the word "substantial" and how it would hold the administration accountable, and Ms. Staffopoulos responded that the amendment could be drafted in such a way to require the administration to need Council approval to add any technical amendments (any amendment changing dollar amounts, increasing the liability of the City, or decreasing or changing the obligations of the vendor). CM Boylan asked Scott Wilson, Council Liaison, whether the administration was in approval of this amendment, and Mr. Wilson responded that it was. Mr. Peterson clarified that this language was standard in other legislation and would be easily added into this amendment.

CM Clark-Murray stated that she is abstaining from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as this legislation could fund a DCPS project in which her daughter is involved.

Auditor amendment #2 was unanimously approved by the Committee, and the Auditor amendments were rolled into one amendment.

CP Salem introduced Salem amendment #1, which amends both 2023-807 and 2023-847. Ms. Staffopoulos explained that this amendment deletes the Homelessness Diversion/Problem Solving Pilot to move the funds into the new Permanent Supportive Housing Pilot Program, which will be created through 2023-847. CP Salem added that \$250,000 from the President's Contingency and \$250,000 from

the proposed \$25 million in mayoral taskforce legislation would go toward the creation of this pilot program, which would be run by Ability Housing and assist about 25 chronically homeless persons.

CM Boylan expressed his support for designing homeless assistance with wrap-around services. He clarified with Mr. Peterson funding amounts.

CM Carlucci asked why funding was being removed from the Home Roof Initiative, and CP Salem answered that the administration identified these dollars as their preferred way to fund the Permanent Supportive Housing Pilot. CM Carlucci stressed that the issue of people's losing insurance on their roofs is a serious one but that he was in support of the amendment if the administration was also in support of it.

Ms. Staffopoulos clarified that 2023-847 was created because several CMs had conflicts with specific programs originally in 2023-807, and these programs were placed into a new bill to maximize the amount of CMs who could vote on 2023-807. She clarified that there were two distinct types of conflicts -- ones which only preclude CMs from voting but not speaking and ones which preclude CMS from both voting and speaking -- and that CM Clark-Murray could still speak on this bill.

Salem amendment #1 was unanimously approved by the Committee.

The bill was approved as twice-amended.

Public Comment:

John Nooney spoke in support of 2023-0839, stating that there were many potential opportunities to fund projects that increase public access to waterways.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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

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