

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland:
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3 **ORDINANCE 2023-54**

4 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
5 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A FOURTH
6 AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE
7 UNIVERSITY TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A FOURTH
8 ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR THE CONTINUING MANATEE
9 PROTECTION STUDIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023,
10 SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY CITY COUNCIL;
11 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE PLANNING AND
12 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
13 DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has engaged Jacksonville
16 University to provide marine science support, particularly in
17 developing and refining the City’s Manatee Protection Plan; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the University’s A. Quinton White, Ph.D., a highly
19 regarded expert on marine mammals, especially manatees, has been the
20 principal scientist under the contract with Jacksonville University;
21 and

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

25 **WHEREAS**, the City Council authorized the contract with Dr. White
26 through Ordinance 2018-540-E, which invoked Section 126.107(g),
27 *Ordinance Code*, to waive competitive solicitation and bidding due to
28 Dr. White’s expertise; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2018-540-E provided for four (4) one-year
30 renewals to the contract; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the City has exercised renewal options in Ordinances

1 2019-645-E, 2020-588-E, and 2021-718-E and now desires to enter into
2 a fourth and final renewal; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville University has compiled a comprehensive
4 database for the Duval County Manatee Protection Plan over the last
5 24 years; and

6 **WHEREAS**; the City of Jacksonville desires to continue the study
7 of manatees and boaters in the most cost effective manner without
8 interruption; and

9 **WHEREAS**, at its January 11, 2023 meeting, the Waterways
10 Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed contract
11 renewal; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Council would like to exercise the fourth extension
13 to renew the contract for an additional one-year renewal to September
14 30, 2023; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1. Authorizing the Mayor and Corporation Secretary**
17 **to Execute a Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Continuing Manatee**
18 **Protection Studies, dated October 4, 2018.** Subject to appropriation
19 by the City Council, the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation
20 Secretary are authorized to execute a Fourth Amendment to the contract
21 with Jacksonville University to exercise the fourth one (1) year
22 renewal of the contract term for the services of Dr. A. Quinton White
23 and Dr. Gerard Pinto for continuing manatee protection studies in
24 substantially the same form as contained in the document attached
25 hereto as **Exhibit 1.**

26 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Planning and Development
27 Department shall oversee the Study described herein.

28 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Susan C. Grandin

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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