

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-439

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Peluso

Date of Introduction: May 28, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: May 30, 2024

Type of Action: Closure and abandonment of portions of rights-of-way; providing for approval subject to conditions

Bill Summary: This bill closes and abandons portions of rights-of-way in the City in Council District 7 at the request of RP Sports Investments, Inc., subject to reservation unto the City of Jacksonville and JEA of an all utilities, facilities, and access easement and reservation. These portions of rights-of-way include:

- An opened and improved portion of the Grant Street right-of-way in East Jacksonville
- An opened and improved portion of the Georgia Street right-of-way in East Jacksonville
- An opened and improved portion of the Albert Street right-of-way in East Jacksonville

The bill authorizes the execution of a hold harmless agreement between the City and RP Sports Investment, Inc., provided that no permanent vertical building improvements lying within the property impede the City and JEA's use of their reserved easement rights. The closure and abandonment of these portions of rights-of-way are contingent upon the applicant's execution and delivery to the City the hold harmless agreement and written confirmation by the Director of the Public Works Department that the legal descriptions for each closure have been reviewed by the Department and are deemed final, complete, and correct.

Background Information: Ordinance 2023-87-E authorized the City to enter into contract with RP Sports Investments, Inc. for the development of Armada Soccer Stadium. RP Sports Investments, Inc. has requested the closure and abandonment of these portions of rights-of-way with a mix of uses including commercial, residential, and office spaces in conjunction with the development of the stadium. The applicant paid three right-of-way closure application fees of \$2,091.00 (for a total of \$6,273.00). These applications were reviewed and approved by the various city, state, and utility agencies that might have an interest in the rights-of-way, there were no objections to the applicant's requests, and the application fees have been deposited into the General Fund.

Policy Impact Area: Rights-of-way closure and abandonment; sports/entertainment

Fiscal Impact: No immediate fiscal impact

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