

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-643

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Peluso

Date of Introduction: August 11, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 11, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation, designation of oversight agency, one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$25,000 from the CIP Debt Service Repayment – ISA-Debt Management Fund – Interest account to the SPOD Office of Sports and Entertainment – Other Culture & Recreation – Event Contribution account. The Office of Sports and Entertainment will oversee the project. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for a City sponsorship of the 2026 Unity Classic to be held in Jacksonville August 27, 2026 through August 29, 2026. The 2026 Unity Classic will bring together Edward Waters University and Florida Memorial University for a series of activities, including the Unity Classic Golf Tournament and the Unity Classic Football game. Event activities will also include a community service project, college recruitment visits, and an on-campus college recruitment experience. The one-cycle emergency is requested because the 2026 Unity Classic event will begin on August 27, 2026.

Policy Impact Area: Special events - 2026 Unity Classic

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$25,000

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