

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-79

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, JWC, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: January 25, 2024

Type of Action: Authorization of the Mayor to apply for grant funds; acknowledgement of the City's willingness to meet funding requirements; designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the Mayor to apply to the Florida Inland Navigation District ("FIND") for 2024 grants to undertake specified waterways-related projects. It acknowledges the City's willingness to meet funding requirements and designates the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Development as the oversight department for the project.

Background Information: FIND solicits grant applications from counties within its jurisdiction to undertake waterways-related projects. FIND grant applications must be accompanied by legislation acknowledging a county's willingness to meet the matching funding requirements, and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services has compiled a list of recommended grant projects for submission, with the approval of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission and the community.

The list recommended by the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services and approved by the JWC included three projects:

- Mike McCue Boat Ramp Bulkhead, which will replace the failing bulkhead at this boat ramp. The project is recommended for a FIND grant application of \$3,520,000 (\$1,600,000 FIND award request plus \$1,920,000 City cost).
- Blue Cypress Park Fishing Pier, which will replace the pier due to failing support pilings that have caused the pier to be unsafe. The project is recommended for a FIND grant application of \$1,265,000 (\$575,000 FIND award request plus \$690,000 City cost).
- Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp, which will replace a boat ramp and associated access pier in Ortega. This project is recommended for a FIND grant application of \$165,000 (\$75,000 FIND award request plus \$90,000 City Cost).

Policy Impact Area: Waterways access

Fiscal Impact: This bill pledges City funds for individual waterways projects that will cost the City \$1,920,000; \$690,000; and \$90,000 respectively.

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