

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025

2:00 PM

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

Rules Committee

Nick Howland, Chair

Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair

Michael Boylan

Matt Carlucci

Mike Gay

Rahman Johnson - Excused Late Arrival 2:08 PM

Chris Miller

Legislative Assistant: Vanessa Galan

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson

Council Research: Nayeli Jimenez

Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Administration: Garrett Dennis

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Meeting Convened: 2:01 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:10 PM

Present: 7 - Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Terrance Freeman, Michael Boylan, Matt Carlucci, Mike Gay, Rahman Johnson and Chris Miller

Attendance:
CVP Carrico - Visiting

Item/File No.	Title History
1. <u>2024-0627</u>	ORD-MC Concerning the Mayor's Transfer Authority; Amend Secs 106.304 (Mayor's Transfer Power) & 106.308 (Capital Improvement Transfers, Appropriation Amendments & Change Orders), Subpt A (General Provisions), Pt 3 (Appropriations), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Limit the Mayor's Transfer Authority to \$100,000 Among the Capital Improvement Projs Listed in the CIP Appvd by the Council & to \$100,000 During Any FY into or Out of Any Agency, Nondept or Dept Existing Line Item; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond) 8/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F 8/19/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 8/20/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 8/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/27/24
DEFER	
2. <u>2024-0966</u>	ORD Apv an Agrmt for Settlement of Fines Imposed by the Municipal Code Enforcement Brd/Special Magistrate btwn the City & Live Oak Ancient City Living, LLC, a Delaware LLC, & Directing the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver the Agrmt on Behalf of the City or Auth the Agrmt to Become Effective without the Mayor's Signature; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Agrmt & Auth Tech Changes as Herein Defined; Prov for Oversight of the Agrmt by the Municipal Code Compliance Div of the Neighborhoods Dept; Req Emergency Passage Upon Intro (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) 11/26/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F 12/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 12/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/10/24

DEFER

3. [2025-0011](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 108.102 (Scope of Central Services; Limitations), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 108 (Central Services), Ord Code to Clarify the Utilization of Central Svcs of the Consolidated Govt as Required Under Sec 24.04 of the Charter; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)
1/14/25 CO Introduced: R, F
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

DEFER

4. [2025-0188](#) ORD-MC Relating to JEA & Article 21 (JEA), Charter of the City of Jacksonville; Amend Sec 21.07 (Fiscal & Budgetary Functions) of Article 21 (JEA), Charter of the City of Jacksonville; Prov for Codification Instructions; Apv an Amended & Restated Interagency Agrmt; Prov for Continued Oversight by the Finance Dept (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Boylan)
3/11/25 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
3/17/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/25/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer/Addnt'l 4/22/25
4/22/25 CO PH Only
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/25/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 21.13, City Charter - 4/22/25

DEFER

Chair Howland asked if members had been briefed on the \$40 million JEA contribution bill. Council Member Boylan, the bill sponsor, confirmed discussions with JEA. Chair Howland expressed concern over limited briefings on such a major item and proposed deferral. Mr. Peterson stated deferral was not an issue if the bill passed within the fiscal year. Mike Weinstein countered that council must approve the contribution before July for it to be included in the proposed budget. Debate followed between Mr. Peterson and Mr. Weinstein over budget authority. Council Member Freeman expressed support for a deferral and emphasized the importance of the auditors' input. Kurt Wilson, JEA, said their board had already approved the agreement and supported more outreach. Dr. Johnson questioned the need for formal council approval to include the contribution in the budget, to which Mr. Weinstein responded that authorization was required to balance the budget. Council Member Freeman added comments urging more civil discourse and clarified his bill involving \$10M from JEA to UF Health was to backfill a previous budget gap. After discussion, consensus was reached to defer, with the option for the Council President to discharge the bill if other committees advance it.

5. [2025-0285](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process; Waiver & Disclosures), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Estab Waiver & Disclosure Requirements; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci, Pittman & Johnson)
4/22/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
5/5/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/6/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/13/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-1 (Salem)
6/16/25 R Amend/Approve 8-0
6/17/25 F Amend/Approve 8-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 5/13/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and Carrico

Mr. Peterson explained the NCSPHS amendment. Dr. Johnson expressed concern with the provision requiring disclosures from department directors and chiefs, stating it may be burdensome and unclear. He questioned the number of affected individuals and the impact on organizations. Mr. Peterson estimated the provision would apply to 25-30 individuals, potentially 50 if extended to division chiefs, and explained the disclosure burden would fall on the contracting entity. Dr. Johnson raised concerns about unintended violations and moved to strike the provision, proposing an amendment to the amendment. It was seconded.

Council Member Freeman supported transparency but acknowledged potential overreach. He discussed potential retroactive application and stated the bill would not apply to the school board or outside entities. Mr. Peterson confirmed no method exists to assess past compliance without affidavits.

Council Member Carlucci requested feedback from Carla Miller, who stated the original bill was limited to elected officials to reduce nonprofit burden and that expanding coverage could complicate compliance. She noted there are 19 appointed directors whose names could be listed.

The Johnson Amendment to the Amendment failed via a hand vote.

The NCSPHS Amendment passed via a voice vote.

Chair Howland noted discomfort with the bill being introduced at the request of the mayor, emphasizing that policy legislation should be sponsored by a council member. Council Member Carlucci responded that mayoral administrative legislation is commonly introduced at the request of the mayor, subject to council approval. Chair Howland clarified the distinction between administrative and citywide policy.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

- 1. Expand identified City employees to include appointed Directors of departments, Officers/Managers of Offices that act like departments, and managers and supervisory positions within the Office of the Mayor**
- 2. Update listing of Sec. 126.108 subsections**
- 3. Strike reference to Code Sections 126.206 and 126.312**
- 4. Clarify the affidavit will be attached as an exhibit to the bill**
- 5. Identifies the process that will be followed if a relationship is identified on the affidavit**
- 6. Correct scrivener's errors**

• **Amends Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) to establish the following process for awarding direct contracts to nonprofit organizations:**

- **The nonprofit must file an affidavit with the City indicating whether the Mayor or a Council Member, or the spouse or children of the Mayor or a Council Member, is or is not employed by the nonprofit or serves on the nonprofit's Board of Directors, prior to filing the legislation**

- **If a connection is listed on the affidavit, a notice will be published on the City's website for a 2-week period stating that the City is considering a direct contract and is accepting other proposals for the same project/service**

- **Proposals will be reviewed by Council prior to action on the legislation**

- **Any waivers of Sec. 118.107 will require a two-thirds vote by Council**

6. [2025-0357](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Debra S. O’Neal, as a Member of the Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee, as a Mental Health Professional Rep, Replacing Richmond D. Wynn, Pursuant to Sec 84.202 (Composition; City Council Liaison; Terms; Removal), Pt 2 (Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee), Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Ending on 6/30/28 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Salem)
5/13/25 CO Introduced: R
5/19/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/27/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay and Miller

Excused: 1 - Johnson

Ms. O’ Neal explained her background and qualifications for her appointment.

APPOINTMENT

7. [2025-0358](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Dr. Lantie Elisabeth Jorandby, as a Member of the Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee, as a Healthcare Professional Rep, Pursuant to Sec 84.202 (Composition; City Council Liaison; Terms; Removal), Pt 2 (Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee), Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code, for a 2nd Full Term Ending on 6/30/28; Estab Substantial Business Interest in Duval County, Pursuant to Sec 50.102(b) (Residency Requirement) (Members of Boards & Commissions), Pt 1 (Organization), Ch 50 (Organization of Boards & Commissions), Ord Code (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Salem)
5/13/25 CO Introduced: R
5/19/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/27/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote. Dr. Jorandby explained her background and qualifications for her appointment. Council Member Freeman expressed support for the appointment and noted the appointee resides outside Duval County. He asked for clarification on how this differs from prior appointments he opposed. Ms. Lopera responded that the board falls under Chapter 50, which allows appointees to meet either a residency requirement or have substantial economic or philanthropic interest in Duval County.

Council Member Miller inquired about Dr. Jorandby's attendance rate. She explained that she has altered her schedule to attend future meetings in person.

REAPPOINTMENT

Has attended 12 of 20 or 60% of meetings during first full term

AMENDMENT

1. Revise language to reflect reappointment

2. Revise substantial business interest to reflect that Dr. Jorandby will be serving as the Chief Medical Officer at a new mental health and substance use disorder clinic that will be located in Duval County and opening this summer

3. Correct Scrivener's errors

8. [2025-0383](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 118.201 (Release of Appropriations), Pt 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Provide that Recipient's Whose Annual Financial Audit is Performed by the State Auditor General or Who Are Otherwise Required to Provide Their Annual Financial Audit to the State Auditor General Shall Provide Said Audit Report to the City Within 9 Months of the Close of Recipient's FY; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
5/27/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
6/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/10/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
6/16/25 R Amend/Approve 8-0
6/17/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/10/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and Carrico

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote. Council Member Boylan commended Mr. Peterson for helping committee members in the NCSPHS committee in understanding the impetus of the bill. Mr. Peterson explained the bill.

AMENDMENT

1. Clarify new deadline only applies to grantees 1) whose annual audit is performed by the State Auditor General or 2) who are required to provide their audit to the State Auditor General pursuant to Section 218.39, Florida Statutes

2. Pg. 1, line 8: strike “RECIPIENT’S” and insert “RECIPIENTS”

9. [2025-0385](#) ORD Approp \$45,000,000 from the Self Insurance Fund - Transfer from Retained Earnings Acct to the Downtown Economic Dev Fund, Downtown Riverfront Residential Incentives Contingency Acct, to Make Funds Available for Future Approp for Dev/Redev Incentives for Several Parcels Located on the City’s Downtown Riverfront; Waiving the Conflicting Provisions of Sec 128.311 (Dividends), Subpt B (Self-Insurance Program Funding), Pt 3 (Self Insurance Program), Ch 128 (Risk Management Program), Ord Code, to Allow for Transfer of Funds to a Downtown Riverfront Residential Incentives Contingency Acct (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci, Carrico & Gaffney, Jr.)
5/27/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
6/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/10/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-1 (Peluso)
6/16/25 R Amend/Approve 8-0
6/17/25 F Amend/Approve 6-1 (Diamond)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/10/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson, Miller and Carrico

Mr. Peterson explained the NCSPHS amendment. Council Member Carrico acknowledged the work of NCSPHS and explained that the legislation originated from discussions in the Special Committee on the Future of Downtown. He noted discussions that led to the inclusion of funding priorities for workforce development and affordable housing and expressed support for the bill and forthcoming discussions in Finance.

Dr. Johnson asked for clarification regarding the flexibility of the \$10 million Special Council Contingency Fund, specifically whether it could be used for the Sports and Entertainment Trust Fund. Mr. Peterson confirmed. Dr. Johnson asked if the funds would accrue interest while in the account, which Mr. Peterson also confirmed.

Council Member Freeman asked how the \$5 million affordable housing contingency would be administered. Mr. Peterson explained it would require a plan and a two-thirds Council vote to release the funds. Council Member Freeman asked if both multifamily and single-family housing could qualify, and Mr. Peterson said confirmed. Council Member Freeman noted that while he supports the leverage opportunity, he wanted broader inclusion beyond the Community Foundation. He called James Coggin of the Community Foundation to confirm the 3-to-1 leverage structure, which Mr. Coggin affirmed. Council Member Freeman shared past concerns about the DuPont Fund and asked about involvement with the land trust properties. Mr. Coggin stated the foundation had supported the land trust in the past but did not have a current grant open.

Council Member Freeman then called Cyndy Trimmer, Chair of the Jacksonville Community Land Trust, who stated that the trust focuses on single-family affordable housing and is working on properties obtained through prior legislation. Council Member Freeman expressed interest in ensuring other groups like the land trust are included and asked how the legislation could reflect that. Mr. Peterson said intent language could be added, but no group has been officially selected to administer the funds.

Council Member Freeman confirmed with Council Member Carrico that the Community Foundation was not officially named in the noticed meeting. Council Member Carrico recalled that Council Member Peluso referenced leveraging dollars for affordable housing. Council Member Freeman voiced support for the inclusion of groups already engaged in the work, asked about the workforce development portion of the funding, and confirmed that any proposals would still need Council approval.

Chair Howland passed the gavel to Vice Chair Freeman. Council Member Howland then expressed concerns about the timing of the funding allocations so close to the budget cycle. He supported reserving funds in contingency but proposed applying “including but not limited to” language to all three allocations to allow for greater Council flexibility based on future revenue conditions. He made a motion to amend the legislation accordingly. The Howland amendment was seconded.

Council Member Carlucci expressed concern that the amendment would weaken the Council’s commitment, particularly to affordable housing, which could hinder the Community Foundation’s ability to secure a \$15 million match. He asked Council Member Howland to consider excluding the affordable housing portion from his amendment. Howland declined to change his amendment.

Dr. Johnson supported the Howland amendment, stressing the importance of flexibility while pushing back on the implication that government budgets increase due to careless spending. He stated that many major projects cited had been funded by grants, not just city dollars.

Chris Crothers from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund stated that while the proposed language would not prevent them from fundraising, it could make it harder to secure outside investment without a clear commitment from the city.

Acting Chair Freeman noted his own prior experience being unable to get a homelessness amendment through the budget, despite it being a top priority. He stated that now was the appropriate time to act and

supported the Howland amendment.

The Howland amendment passed via hand vote.

Council Member Carlucci reiterated his desire to maintain a clear commitment to affordable housing and proposed an amendment to remove the “including but not limited to” language from the affordable housing portion only. His amendment was seconded.

The Carlucci amendment to the amendment failed via hand vote.

The NCSPHS amendment, as amended by the Howland amendment, was then moved and passed via hand vote.

AMENDMENT

1. Modify appropriation to place \$45,000,000 in various contingency accounts as follows:

- **\$30,000,000 for activities including but not limited to the Downtown Riverfront Residential Incentives**

- **\$5,000,000 for activities including but not limited to countywide affordable housing, and**

- **\$10,000,000 for activities including but not limited to countywide workforce development, improvements at Florida State College of Jacksonville, Jacksonville University Youth Sports project and the Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program**

2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to reflect change in appropriation

3. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Downtown Map) to extend boundaries to include the Berkman sites

4. Carryover funds to FY 25/26

- **Use of funds would be limited to specific parcels along Northbank Riverfront bounded by Ocean Street to the west, Bay St. to the north, and Liberty St. to the east**

- **Specific guidelines for the use of these funds for the development/redevelopment of the parcels shall be approved by City Council in future legislation**

10. [2025-0402](#) ORD Concerning a Continuation Grant; Approp \$582,374.00 in Annual Emerg Solutions Grant Funding from the U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Dev to Fund Various Svcs & Activities Aimed at Addressing Homelessness & that Meet the Goals & Objectives of the ESG Prog; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions From Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126, (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with Changing Homelessness, Inc.; 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 Changing Homelessness, Inc.; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Emerg Solutions Grant Agrmt with Changing Homelessness, Inc. for the Provision of Svcs Described in this Ord; Prov for the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Docs Relating to the Award; Prov Auth for Reallocation of Grant Funds as More Particularly Described Herein (B.T. 26-002) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CM Clark-Murray & Johnson)
5/27/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
6/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/10/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
6/16/25 R Amend/Approve 6-1 (Gay)
6/17/25 F Amend/Approve 5-0-1 (Pittman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/10/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Johnson and Miller

Nay: 1 - Gay

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct HUD award and appropriation amount to \$602,328**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibits 1 and 2 (BT and Schedule of Proposed Funding) to correct amounts**
- 3. Attach HUD award letter as new Exhibit**

• **Waives Code Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) to authorize a direct contract with Changing Homelessness, Inc.**

11. [2025-0404](#) ORD Approp \$106,000.00 in Fund Bal from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund to St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc. for an Environmental Quality Assessment of the Ribault River & Moncrief Creek Watersheds; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (the City Treasury), Ch 110 (City Treasury), Jax Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Payment to St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc.; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Jax Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc.; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions From Competitive Solicitation), Subpt A (General Regulations), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Jax Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc.; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Funding Agrmt btwn the City & St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc.; Prov for Carryover of Funds Into FY 28-29; Prov for City Oversight by the Office of Admin Svcs; Requiring a Report to the Jax Environmental Protection Brd (B.T. 25-085) (Smith) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) 5/27/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, JWC
6/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/10/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
6/16/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
6/17/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/10/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct Environmental Protection Board meeting date to March 17, 2025**
- 2. Revise language to authorize carryover of funding through FY 27/28**
- 3. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account information**
- 4. Attach Revised Exhibit 3 (MOU) to include missing attachments and correct scrivener's error**
- 5. Correct scrivener's errors**

- Appropriates \$106,000 from fund balance within the Environmental Protection Fund for an environmental quality assessment of the Ribault River and Moncrief Creek watersheds**
- Authorizes carryover of funding through FY 28/29**
- Authorizes a direct contract with the St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc. to perform the environmental quality assessment, which will monitor fecal indicator bacteria, metals, nutrients, and ecosystem health over a 2-year period**
- Waives Code Section 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against) to authorize an advance payment of \$15,000 to the St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc. upon execution of the agreement and four subsequent draws of \$22,750**
- Waives Code Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) to authorize a direct contract with the St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc.**

12. [2025-0410](#) ORD-MC re Certain Brds & Commissions of the City; Repealing & Reserving Pt 7 (Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee), Ch 32 (Public Works Department), Ord Code, to Dissolve the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee; Amend Sec 654.142 (Subdivision Standards & Policy Advisory Committee), Ch 654 (Code of Subdivision Regulations), Ord Code, to Add Certain Duties of the Former Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee to the Duties of the Subdiv Standards & Policy Advisory Committee; Amend Sec 656.1502 (Definitions), Pt 15 (Communication Tower & Antenna Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Delete the Definition of “Tower Review Committee”; Amend Sec 656.1503 (Applicability), 656.1506 (Track II Towers), 656.1509 (Tower Review Committee), 656.1510 (Wireless Communication Antennas), 656.1511 (Time Periods; Automatic Approval), Subpt A (Wireless Communication Facilities), Pt 15 (Communication Tower & Antenna Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Reflect Dissolution of the Tower Review Committee & Allocation of Certain Responsibilities of the Former Tower Review Committee to the Approp Committee of the City Council Handling Quasi-Judicial Matters; Prov for Codification Instructions; Estab a Prospective Effective Date of 9/1/25, for the Code Amdts Contained in this Ord to Become Effective (Lopera) (Introduced by the Rules Committee (CMs Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson & Miller))
5/27/25 CO Introduced: R, TEU, LUZ
6/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/3/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/3/25 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/10/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
LUZ PH - 7/15/25
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

DEFER

13. [2025-0411](#) ORD-MC re the JSEB Prog; Amend Sec 26.205 (Office of Equal Business Opportunity - Business Compliance), Pt 2 (Functions & Activities), Ch 26 (Economic Development), Ord Code, to Clarify Duties of the Office of Equal Business Opportunity - Business Compliance & Remove Conflicts with Ch 126; Amend Pt 6 (Jacksonville Small & Emerging Business Program), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Clarify Duties of the JSEB Administrator, Increase JSEB Prog Mini Funding to \$750,000 Subj to the Availability of Funding, Clarify Reporting Requirements, Clarify Parameters of Micro-Business Prog, & Create a JSEB Prime Mentor Status Prov for Up to 9 Add'l Yrs in the Prog as Mentors; Prov for Codification Instructions (MacGillis) (Introduced by CMs Arias, Johnson & Amaro) (Co-Sponsor CM Freeman)
5/27/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
6/2/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/2/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/3/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/10/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
6/16/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0
6/17/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/10/25

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Mr. Peterson explained the NCSPHS amendment. The NCSPHS amendment passed via a voice vote. Council Member Freeman supported the increase, citing prior involvement and the work of JSEB. Dr. Johnson thanked Council Member Freeman for his past efforts.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach final report from the JSEB Special Committee as an exhibit**
- 2. Include amendment to Sec. 126.606(a)(10) to make office name consistent**
- 3. Update department training language within Sec. 126.606(b)**
- 4. Clarify the requirements for obtaining and maintaining Prime Mentor status and JSEB program eligibility for JSEB Prime Mentors**
- 5. Correct formatting of new language**
- 6. Strike duplicate language**
- 7. Correct scrivener's errors**

- **Amends Sec. 26.205 (Office of Equal Business Opportunity – Business Compliance) to clarify duties of the EBO Office and update Code section reference**
- **Amends Part 6 (Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business Program), Ch. 126 (Procurement Code) to make the following changes:**
 - **Increase the minimum annual budget appropriation for the JSEB program (excluding staff) from \$500,000 to \$750,000**
 - **Revise the JSEB Administrator's semi-annual reporting requirement to include the number and dollar value of contracts awarded to JSEBs**
 - **Update City department responsibilities related to tracking JSEB participation**
 - **Create a Prime Mentor program allowing JSEB graduates to participate as a mentor for up to 9 years, provided that the Prime Mentor is not eligible for JSEB set aside contracts**

- 14. [2025-0430](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Amdt to the FY 24-25 City Grant Agrmt btwn the City & the Boselli Foundation, Inc. for the Teacher Fellowship & Mentoring Progs as Originally Authd by Ord 2024-839-E, Subj to a Revised Term Sheet & Budget as Described Herein; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM White)**
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

15. [2025-0432](#) ORD-MC re Watercraft Regulation; Amend Pt 1 (Watercraft Regulations), Ch 388 (Boats & Waterways), Ord Code, to Update Findings & Legislative Intent, Clarify & Update Definitions, Consolidate Into 1 Pt the Administrative Procedures that Apply Across the Ch & Clarify Enforcement Authority; Repealing Pt 2 (Enforcement Authority), Ch 388 (Boats & Waterways), Ord Code, in Its Entirety; Creating a New Pt 2 (Floating Structures), Ch 388 (Boats & Waterways), Ord Code, to Consolidate the Provisions Pertaining to Floating Structures Into 1 Pt, Specify Notification & Citation Procedures, Clarify Penalties for Violations, Clarify Removal Procedures & Prov Procedures for Disposal of Lost or Abandoned Floating Structures; Repealing Pt 3 (Violations, Penalties & Enforcement), Ch 388 (Boats & Waterways)...(MacGillis) (Introduced by CMs Gay, Peluso, & Amaro) (JWC Apv)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU, JWC
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/17/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

16. [2025-0435](#) ORD-MC re the Public Nuisance Abatement Brd; Amend Secs 672.02 (Creation; Composition; Term of Office), 672.04 (Declaration of Public Nuisance), 672.06 (Procedures), 672.08 (Remedies, Orders & Jurisdiction), & 672.10 (Appeals), Ch 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board), Ord Code, to Extend the Term Limit on the Community Advocate Brd Positions to 3 Successive Terms, Add All Qualifying Offenses Available in Sec 893.138, F.S., Allow for a Nuisance to Be Proven if the Qualifying Conduct Emanates from the Nuisance Property but Occurs on an Adjacent Parcel or R/W, Expand Persons Eligible to Act as a Complainant, Add Findings of Fact the Brd Must Make Before Ordering Closure of a Nuisance Property, Enumerating Various Remedies the Brd May Order to Effectuate the Eradication of the Nuisance, Eliminate the \$15,000.00 Fine Cap, Specify a Timeframe for Issuance of Written Brd Orders, & Clarify Instructions for Appealing Orders of the Brd; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hartung) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
6/16/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

17. [2025-0438](#) ORD Conf the Appt of Josh Martino, a St. Johns County Resident, as a Member of KHA, Replacing Connie S. Hodges, Pursuant to Sec 77.106 (Membership, Organization & Meetings), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp on 12/31/25, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 12/31/29; Estab Substantial Business or Philanthropic Interest in Duval County, Pursuant to Sec 50.102(B) (Members of Boards & Commissions), Pt 1 (Organization), Ch 50 (Organization of Boards & Commissions), Ord Code; Waiving Subsec 77.106(a)(Membership; Qualifications), Sec 77.106 (Membership, Organization & Meetings), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, as to the Requirement that KHA Brd Members Reside in Duval County (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: R
6/16/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

READ 2ND & REREFER

Mr. Peterson clarified that Mr. Martino is not a Duval County resident, the sponsor must justify his substantial business or philanthropic interest per Chapter 50. Mr. Dennis provided justification, citing Mr. Martino's leadership of Bono's BBQ and involvement with multiple local organizations. Dr. Johnson and Council Member Freeman expressed support. Ms. Lopera confirmed the process is consistent with code section 50.102.

Pursuant to Ordinance Code Section 50.102(c), the bill sponsor shall appear before the Rules Committee at a meeting separate and prior to the appearance of the appointee, to establish and debate the requirements of the substantial business and/or philanthropic contribution of the appointee and/or the reason for the waiver of the requirements of Section 50.102.

18. [2025-0441](#) RESO Commending the UNF for Its Exceptional Accomplishments in Women's Athletics & Recognizing the Student-Athletes, Coaches, & Staff for their Dedication to Excellence Both on the Field & in the Classroom (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Lahnen) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Freeman, Miller, Howland, Boylan, Gay, Carlucci, & Johnson)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: R
6/16/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Council Members Miller, Howland, Gay, Freeman, Johnson, Boylan, and Carlucci asked to be added as co-sponsors.

19. [2025-0442](#) RESO Encouraging the Installation of Signage by the FDOT Design the Entrance to the Historic Durkeeville Neighborhood; Directing the Chief of Legislative Services to Transmit a Copy of this Reso, Once Adopted, to the FDOT (Russell) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: R
6/16/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2025-0443](#) RESO Etab July 16, 2025, as “Jacksonville Children’s Day”, Recognizing the Value & Potential of Children in Our Community, & Highlighting the Role of KHA & Partners in Advancing Youth Success (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Freeman) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Carlucci & Johnson)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: R
6/16/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Council Member Carlucci asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

21. [2025-0445](#) RESO Honoring the Life & Mourning the Passing of Cannie Lee Cody, Jr. (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Amaro)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: R
6/16/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

22. [2025-0446](#) ORD Approp \$5,750,000.00 in Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act Grant Funds from the U.S. Dept of the Treasury, to Allow the KHA to Implement a Suite of Investments, to Include a Universal Nurse Home Visit for New Parents & a Universal Early Literacy Initiative Thru which Health Care Providers Coach Parents on Reading to Their Children; Purpose of Approp; Apv a Position; Invoking the Exception to Sec 126.108(G), Ord Code, with Respect to Svcs to Be Provd by Institute for Child Success, NLP Logix, LLC, the Children's Home Society of Florida, Angel Kids Foundation, Inc., & Family Learning Partnership, Inc. (Collectively, the Providers); Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA, to Execute & Deliver Contracts with the Providers for the Provision of Svcs to Implement the Prog; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provd by the Providers from Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Separate License Agrmts (Office Space Within Building) btwn the City & Certain Providers for Their Use & Occupancy of Office Space within the S Wing of the KHA Bldg, Located at 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd, Bldg 1, Jax, FL 32206, for a Term, Including Renewals, of 4 Yrs to Exp on 6/30/29, & at No Cost to Providers; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage; Prov for Oversight by KHA (R.C. 25-077) (B.T. 25-044) (Revised)) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
6/10/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
6/16/25 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 5-0
6/16/25 R Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0-1 (Freeman)
6/17/25 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0-1 (Freeman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/24/25

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Abstain: 1 - Freeman

Mr. Peterson explained the emergency. The emergency passed via a voice vote. Mr. Peterson explained the amendment. The amendment passed via a voice vote. Council Member Freeman abstained from voting due to his position on the Children's Home Society state board and not yet consulting with the Ethics Department.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Correct name of provider to Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, Inc.**
- 2. Strike reference to Revised BT**
- 3. Correct section numbering**
- 4. Attach Revised On File (Notice of Award) to attach all referenced exhibits**

- **Authorizes license agreements with Angel Kids Foundation, Inc., The Children's Home Society of FLorida, and Family Learning Partnership, Inc. for use of vacant office space in the KHA Building for a term of one year with three one-year renewal options at no cost to the providers**
- **No local match is required**
- **Waives Code Section 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts) to authorize KHA to direct contract with named providers described in the grant.**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested as legislation was originally filed with City Council in February 2025, but was withdrawn due to pending budget approvals from the Department of Treasury. The budget has now been approved and KHA is seeking to begin implementing the grant as soon as possible.**

- 23. [2025-0447](#) RESO Honoring Roland “Lil Duval” Powell for His Contributions to Entertainment & Culture, & Declaring 6/12/25, as “Lil Duval Day” in the City of Jax, FL, in Recognition of His Work as a Hometown Hero who has Elevated the Profile of Duval County Thru Comedy, Music, & Community Camaraderie (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Johnson)**
6/10/25 CO Introduced: R
6/16/25 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Johnson and Miller

Dr. Johnson explained the resolution.

Public Comment

Jesse Spordley- In support of 2025-385

Christina Thomas- In support of 2025-385

Linzee Ott- In support of 2025-385

John Nooney- Mr. Nooney expressed concerns about multiple agenda items, urged voted against several environmental measures including watercraft regulations and promoted community involvement and awareness around local governance and resilience efforts.

Final Comments

Chair Howland thanked the Rules Committee for a great year. Rules Committee Members thanked Council Member Howland for his leadership and expertise as Chair of Rules.

Mr. Dennis emphasized the need for collaboration between the administrations and incoming leadership on policy decisions, citing several recent bills as examples of policy not just funding that require unified support

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 2025.

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

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