

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

**2:00 PM**

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

## **Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee**

*Ju'Coby Pittman, Chair*

*Joyce Morgan, Vice Chair*

*Matt Carlucci - Excused Absence*

*LeAnna Cumber*

*Aaron Bowman*

*Randy DeFoor - Late Arrival*

*Sam Newby*

*Legislative Assistant: Chelsea Carlson*

*Council Auditor's Office: Edward Linsky*

*Council Research: Richard Distel*

*Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy*

*Administration: Rachel Zimmer*

*Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana*

**Meeting Convened: 2:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:51 p.m.**

Rollcall

**Present:** 6 - Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair Joyce Morgan, Council Member LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Aaron Bowman, Council Member Randy DeFoor and Council Member Sam Newby

**Excused:** 1 - Council Member Matt Carlucci

**Attendance:**

Ed Linsky – Council Auditor’s Office; Mary Staffopoulos – General Counsel’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Merriane Lahmeur, Maritza Sanchez, Chelsea Carlson – Legislative Services Division; Steve Cassada - Public Information Division; Rachel Zimmer – Mayor’s Office

## JTA Presentation

Greer Johnson-Gillis, Senior Vice President of Infrastructure and System Development with JTA, gave updates on a number of JTA projects. In the Mobility Works I initiative all projects should be completed by 2024: the Parramore Road project will be complete by Thanksgiving; the 5th and McDuff Avenue project should be completed by the end of the year; the Alta Drive project should be complete in November 2023; and the San Pablo Road improvements should be completed by March of 2024.

JTA's MOVE 2027 5-year plan has been completed after considerable public and stakeholder input in Jacksonville and adjacent counties. The plan covers 7 strategic areas: workforce development regional expansion, the Emerald Trail, sustainability, Transit Oriented Development, Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C), and First Coast commuter rail. A new MyJTA app will debut soon with enhanced information on all facets of transit, including ticket purchases, scheduling information, real-time vehicle locator, etc. JTA is working on 17 local option gas tax projects, including bus rapid transit (BRT) improvements, ADA improvements at bus stops, a second vessel for the St. Johns River Ferry, the Emerald Trail, and 10 complete streets projects. JTA will be responsible for constructing about half of the 30-mile Emerald Trail system through its agreements with the City and Groundwork Jacksonville. A big part of the Mobility Works II local option gas tax projects will be a substantial workforce development program in areas beyond just construction jobs. JTA has received a \$15.4 million grant to replace diesel buses with natural gas buses and to construct charging stations for 6 electric vehicles, and has received a \$1.72 million grant to begin planning for extension of the U2C system into neighborhoods adjacent to downtown on the Northbank and Southbank.

CM Morgan asked about the conversion from fossil fuel to electric vehicles and the impact that may have on gas tax collections and the ability to successfully complete local option gas tax projects. Ms. Gillis said that JTA's budget projections take the growth of EVs and the reduction in gas sales into account. CM Cumber asked how many of the 7,000 new jobs created that were mentioned earlier were direct vs. indirect jobs. Ms. Gillis said JTA's analysis projects 2,000 direct jobs from City-funded JTA projects and said she would provide more information on how that figure was calculated. Ms. Cumber also inquired about whether the jobs would be hiring persons not currently working or would be transfers of people already employed elsewhere. CM Bowman complimented JTA on their community outreach regarding the San Pablo Road project which seems to have gone very smoothly and the community has been very well-informed, and questions have been promptly addressed.

**Item/File No.**                      **Title History**

1. [2022-0416](#) ORD Reapprop \$94,875,967.35 from CIPs that have been Certified Complete by the Director of Public Works & Closed, Their Residual Balances Returned to the Source or Sources of Origin, & Placed in a Contingency Account, Transferring \$38,920,804.62 btwn Expense Accounts Among Various Projs within the Better Jax Plan Fund to Complete Outstanding Projs as Described in the Work Plan, & Auth Borrowing from the City's Commercial Paper Facility &/or Issuance of Fixed-Rate Debt in the Cumulative, Not-To-Exceed Amt of \$85,063,552.37 & Approp Thereof to Prov Funds for Capital Improvements; Amend 2021-504-E, the FY 2021 Budget Ord, to Replace 4th Revised Scheduled B4, the FY 2021-2022 Debt Management Fund Detail, & Revised Scheduled B4b, the FY 2021-2022 Capital Improvements Projs Funded Via Borrowing, to Auth the Borrowing &/or the Issuance of Fixed-Rate Debt for the Projs as set Forth in the Better Jax Work Plan; Amend the 2022-2026 5-Yr Capital Improvement Prog Apv'd by Ord 2021-505-E; Prov for City Oversight by the Dept of Public Works (Sawyer) (Introduced by CP at Req of Mayor)  
5/24/22 CO Introduced: TEU, F  
6/6/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/7/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/14/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer: TEU, F  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 6/14/22

**DEFER**

2. [2022-0574](#) ORD-MC Amending Chapt 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ord Code, to Create a new Pt 17 (Pedestrian & Vehicle Safety); Prov a Statement of Legislative Intent; Prov Procedures for Enforcement; Prov for Penalties (Young) (Introduced by CM Carrico) (Co-Sponsor CM Ferraro)  
7/26/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
8/1/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
8/2/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
8/9/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 8/9/22

**DEFER**

3. [2022-0718](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; Estab an Honorary St Designation & Assoc Rdwy Markers for Apostle Dr. Gentle L. Groover, Sr.; Estab an Honorary St Designation on Rowe Ave Extending from Lem Turner Rd to Moncrief Rd for Apostle Dr. Gentle L. Groover, Sr.; Prov for Installation of 2 Honorary Rdwy Markers to be Located in Approp Locations on the Designated Rd; Waiver of 745.105 (I) (2) which Requires that the Honoree be Deceased for at Least 5 Yrs; Waiver of Sec 74.105 (I) (3) which Requires that the Honoree Live in the Community Within 5 Miles of the St Being Designated for at Least 10 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward this Ord to Planning & Dev Dept for Processing, Implementation & Coordination with the Public Works, Traffic Engineering & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Dist 8-Pittman) (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Pittman)  
9/27/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, TEU  
10/3/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/3/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/4/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/11/22 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/25/22 CO PH Only  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 745.105, Ord Code, & 166.041 F.S. – 11/1/22,  
11/15/22  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 10/25/22

Public hearing opened and continued to November 15th - no speakers.

**PH OPEN/CONTINUE**

4. [2022-0724](#) ORD re Renaming a Public Park Pursuant to Sec 122.105, Ord Code; Renaming “Mandarin Park” Located at 14780 Mandarin Rd, Jax, FL 32223, as “Thomas L. “Tommy” Hazouri, Sr. Park” to Recognize the Many Accomplishments & Svc of the Honorable Tommy Hazouri to the COJ & the Mandarin Community (Dist 6-Boylan) (Johnston) (Introduced by CMs Newby, Carlucci, Boylan, Priestly Jackson, Carrico, Freeman, Howland, White, Salem, Clark-Murray, DeFoor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Pittman & Morgan)  
9/27/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
10/3/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/4/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/11/22 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 – 11/1/22  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 11/9/22  
Public Hearing Add. Per Sec. 122.105 – 11/22/22

Public hearing opened and closed - no speakers.

**PH ONLY**

5. [2022-0767](#) ORD Declaring ±2.68 Acres of Real Propty Owned by the City in Council Dist 2 (Portion of R.E. # 161285-0030) to be Surplus to the Needs of the City; Apv & Auth the Mayor or His Designee & Corp Sec to Execute all Deeds & Closing Docs Relating Thereto & Otherwise Take all Necessary Action to Effectuate the Purposes of this Ord to Sell the City Propty, Having an Appraised Value of \$90,000.00 to Daniel Zeilermeir, as an Adjacent Propty Owner; Waiving Sec 122.424 (Disposition by Direct Sale), Ord Code; Providing for a Use Restriction for the Propty; Providing for Oversight of the Land Conveyance Docs by Public Works (Portion of R. E. # 161285-0030) (Dist 2-Ferraro) (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Ferraro)
- 10/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU  
10/17/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/17/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/18/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/31/22 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
10/31/22 R Approve 7-0  
11/1/22 F Approve 6-0  
11/1/22 TEU Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 10/25/22

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Morgan, Cumber, Bowman, DeFoor and Newby

**Excused:** 1 - Carlucci

**Scrivener's**

**Pg. 1, line 24: strike "approximately a" and insert "an approximately"**

- **Waives Code Sec. 122.424 (Disposition by Direct Sale) in order to convey the subject property to an adjacent property owner without receiving bids from all adjacent property owners.**

6. [2022-0773](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Opened & Improved Portion of the Acosta St R/W, Estab in the Howell Subdivision, as Recorded, at Req of Florida Mechanical Systems, Inc., Subj to Reservation Unto JEA of an All Utilities & Facilities Easement & Reservation Unto the COJ of an All Utilities & Facilities Easement; Providing for Appvl Subj to Conds (Dist 9-Clark-Murray) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP at Req of Mayor)  
10/11/22 CO Introduced: TEU  
10/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/1/22 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. – 11/1/22  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 10/25/22

Public hearing opened: Matthew Furlow appeared to answer questions – there were none. Public hearing closed.

**PH APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Morgan, Cumber, Bowman, DeFoor and Newby

**Excused:** 1 - Carlucci

- Closure requested to install a gate in order to secure the Applicant’s industrial site and to minimize traffic entering the site

7. [2022-0774](#) ORD Approp \$857,148.42 from the McCoys Creek Leland St Bridge Removal Proj to the McCoys Creek Channel Improvements/Restoration Proj to Pay for Construction Engineering & Inspection Svcs for the Proj; Amend the 2023-2027 5-Yr CIP Appvd Ord 2022-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj (B.T. 22-117) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP at Req of Mayor)  
10/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
10/17/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/18/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/31/22 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
11/1/22 F Approve 6-0  
11/1/22 TEU Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 10/25/22

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Morgan, Cumber, Bowman, DeFoor and Newby

**Excused:** 1 - Carlucci

8. [2022-0777](#) ORD Declaring 4.75± Acres of Real Propty Owned by the City, in Council Dist 5 (R.E. #147279-0000) to be Surplus to the Needs of the City; Apv & Auth the Mayor or His Designee & Corp Sec to Execute a Purchase & Sale Agrmt btwn City & Larsen Oaks, LLC & to Execute All Deeds & Closing Docs Relating Thereto & Otherwise Take All Necessary Action to Effectuate the Purposes of This Ord to Convey the City Propty for a Purchase Price of \$675,000.00 Less the Remediation Credit of \$652,862.89 (\$22,237.11) to Larsen Oaks, LLC, an Adjacent Propty Owner, Who Will Perform Required Remediation on its Propty for the Remediation Credit; Waiving Sec 122.424 (Disposition by Direct Sale), Ord Code; Providing Proviso Regarding Compliance with FDEP Requirements; Providing for Oversight of the Land Conveyance Docs by Public Works (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Cumber)  
10/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU  
10/17/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/17/22 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/18/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/31/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0  
10/31/22 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
11/1/22 F Amend/Approve 6-0  
11/1/22 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 10/25/22

Ed Linsky of the Council Auditor’s Office explained the amendment. In response to a question from CM Morgan, CM Cumber described the contamination remediation that will take place on the site by the applicant. Emily Pierce representing the developer described the business making the purchase and said that the owner will be responsible for all contamination remediation costs. David Hacker, the company owner, described the plans for the remediation and for better truck access to the site.

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Morgan, Cumber, Bowman, DeFoor and Newby

**Excused:** 1 - Carlucci

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Reflect that adjacent property is owned by an affiliate of Larsen Oaks LLC (Buyer)**
- 2. Correct Scrivener's errors**

- **City Property located in District 5 consisting of a remediated portion of the former Southside Incinerator site is proposed to be disposed of in exchange for 1) \$22,137.11 and 2) performance of required remediation activity on adjacent property with an estimated cost of \$652,862.89**
- **Waives Section 122.424 (Disposition by Direct Sale) in order to convey the subject property to an adjacent property owner without receiving bids from all adjacent property owners**

9.        [2022-0793](#)     ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; Estab an Honorary St Designation & Assoc Rdwy Markers for Fred William Callahan; Estab an Honorary St Designation on Myrtle Ave Extending From 5th St to 6th St for Fred William Callahan; Providing for the Installation of 2 Honorary Rdwy Markers to be Located in Approp Locations on the Designated Road; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (I) (2) which Requires that the Honoree be Deceased for at least 5 Yrs; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (I) (3) which Requires that the Honoree Reside in the Community Within 5 Miles of the Designated St for at Least 10 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward this Ord to the Planning & Dev Dept for Processing & Coordination with the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Dist 8-Pittman) (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Pittman)  
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11/1/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 745.105, Ord Code, & 166.041 F.S. – 11/15/22  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 11/9/22

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

10.        [2022-0796](#)     ORD-MC Amend the Boundaries of Ryals Creek Community Dev Dist, Pursuant to Sec 190.046, F.S., & Ch 92, Ord Code, to Correct a Scrivener's Error in the Original Ryals Creek CDD Legal Description; Amend the Boundaries of Ryals Creek CDD to Expand the Regional Territory by an Add'l 77.08± Acres; Amend Sec 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts), Ch 92 (Uniform Community Development Districts), Ord Code, to Memorialize the Correct Legal Description & Addition in Acreage; Providing for Conflict & Severability (Wyskiel) (Introduced by TEU Committee Pursuant to Sec 92.09, Ord Code) (PD Apv)  
10/25/22 CO Introduced: TEU  
11/1/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S., C.R. 3.601, Sec 190.005, F.S. & 92.11, Ord Code – 11/22/22

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

### Public Comment

Carnell Oliver said the City and state need to invest more in JTA, particularly for dedicated bus lanes and sensor-based pedestrian safety crosswalks citywide. Investment is currently made in well-off neighborhoods and African-American districts are not fairly treated.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.**

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

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