

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2021

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall & Virtual

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Randy White, Chair

Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair

Danny Becton

Kevin Carrico

Rory Diamond - Excused Absence

Aaron Bowman

Terrance Freeman

Legislative Assistant: Crystal Shemwell

Legislative Assistant: Ladayija Nichols

Asst. Council Auditor: Phillip Peterson

Research Assistant: Richard Distel

Chief Office of General Counsel: Paige Johnston

Administration: Rachel Zimmer

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MEETING TIME: 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Physical Location: Council Chambers

City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

(If attending virtually, please join the meeting by 9:15 A.M.)

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Proclamation 2020-005, as extended.

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CCMeeting03092021@coj.net is the designated email for general comments to be including as a part of this meeting.

Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 11:23 AM

Update by Department of Health on COVID-19

Dr. Pauline Rolle reported that the City is still seeing large numbers of people being tested for COVID, with the most recent testing showing a 4% positivity rate. Almost 200,000 vaccine doses have been administered in Jacksonville, and 58% of those aged 65 and older have gotten at least their first dose (one of the highest rates in the state). A new federal vaccination site at Gateway shopping center opens this week with 2 mobile units. Edward Waters College is a federally-run vaccination center, Regency Square mall is a state-operated center. The state's vaccination priorities are still in place – age 65+, first responders and health care workers with direct patient contact. The state has added provision for vaccination of extremely vulnerable persons by physicians, nurse practitioners and pharmacists. Vaccine supply shortage still an issue, and the department is hoping for an increase with the recent approval of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Dr. Rolle also reported that the Health Department in Jacksonville recently got a grant to provide sexually transmitted disease services by telehealth (lab samples are collected at home, sent to a lab for testing, then follow-up consultation takes place via phone or video).

Council Member Pittman asked for a 1-page summary of all available vaccine information to inform the general public – who, when, where, how, etc. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine has a somewhat lower reported effectiveness rate, probably because of the emergence of variant COVID strains. All the vaccines are good, and Dr. Rolle recommended getting whatever vaccine you can get soonest. Different sites give different vaccines, and information is available at each site for what's being given there. She recommended not mixing vaccines – get the second shot of whatever vaccine you got first.

Council Member Ferraro asked about any information on which vaccines have fewer side effects. Dr. Rolle said the Pfizer vaccine started out being reported as having more side effects, but reactions are very variable from person to person, and everyone reacts differently. Most people do well and have mild effects, if any, from their vaccination. In response to a question from Mr. Ferraro about what happens if a person gets a second shot of different vaccine from their first shot. Dr. Rolle said there is not enough information yet to know if you would need to get a third shot with the first vaccine. All COVID shot records are available in a database, so the vaccination provider should be able to find out what vaccine a patient got first.

Council Member Cumber said that polls show lots of people are still leery of the vaccination and won't get the shot. Dr. Rolle said that attitude seems to be diminishing, and the Black community's particular concerns are being addressed. As more people get the shot and nothing bad happens, more will be willing to get it. Patients trust their personal physician and their advice, if not the pronouncements of politicians. Vaccine supply is still the biggest obstacle.

Attendance

Council Members Randy White, Ju'Coby Pittman, Terrance Freeman, Aaron Bowman, Kevin Carrico, Danny Becton

Excused: Council Member Rory Diamond

Also: Council Members LeAnna Cumber and Al Ferraro; Jeff Clements and Yvonne Mitchell – Council Research; Paige Johnston, Jason Teal, and Peggy Sidman – Office of General Counsel; Crystal Shemwell – Legislative Services Division; Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor's Office; Dr. Pauline Rolle – Health Department; Stephanie Burch – Mayor's Office; Fire Chief Keith Powers

Chairman White said at the last meeting he took public comment to be accommodating to members of the public who wanted to speak and got some pushback on that. He asked the Office of General Counsel to comment. Paige Johnston said there is a state statute requiring the public to be given an opportunity to speak before final action is taken on an issue, but not necessarily at the same meeting at which a vote takes place. Jacksonville has always leaned to greater rather than fewer opportunities for comment. She described the difference among public hearings, public participation, and public comment. Most items on the committee agenda have had public hearing/public participation at a Council meeting. The chair may allow public comment at committee meetings at their discretion. Mr. White said he will allow that opportunity.

Item/File No.

Title History

1. [2020-0326](#) RESO Supporting the Passage of a Policy Designating City Hall as a “Hit Free Zone,” Training of Employees for an Appropriate Response, & Posting Signage at City Hall Identifying Property as a “Hit Free Zone” Area; Urging Creation of a Pilot Program. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
6/9/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
6/15/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/16/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/23/20 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, R

DEFER (At the Request of CM Dennis)

2. [2020-0559](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Chapt 797 (Local Option Vessel Registration Fee), Ord Code, Adopting the Local Option Vessel Registration Fee Permitted by State Law; Setting Effective Date of New Local Option Vessel Registration Fee as 1/1/21; Directing the Chief of Legislative Svcs to Forward a Copy of the Ord Upon Enactment to the Tax Collector & to the Mayors of Baldwin, Atlantic Beach, Jax Beach & Neptune Beach; Directing the Tax Collector to Notify the State of Imposition of the New Local Option Vessel Registration Fee. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
9/8/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC
9/14/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/14/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/15/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/22/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC
10/28/20 JWC Approve 1-7 (Fail) (Birtalan, Haskell, Burnett, Devereaux, Hardesty, Ferraro, White)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/22/20

DEFER (At the Request of CM Dennis)

3. [2020-0584](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Chapt 79 (Jacksonville City Council Citizen Review Board), Ord Code; Establishing a New Chapter Creating a Council-Appointed Citizen Review Board to make Recommendations to Council. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
9/22/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
10/5/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/6/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/13/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, R
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 10/13/20

DEFER (At the Request of CM Dennis)

4. [2020-0620](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Part 1 Possession of Twenty Grams or Less of Cannabis or Paraphernalia), Chapt 606 (Drugs), Ord Code, to Create A Civil Citation Within the City of Jax Ord. Code for Possession of 20 Grams or Less of Cannabis or Paraphernalia; Amending Sec. 609.109 (Applicable Chapters and Parts), Chapt. 609, (Code Enforcement Citations), Ord. Code, to Establish New Class Fines in Schedule "A" for Violations of Part 1, Chapt. 609 (Code Enforcement Citations), Ord Code, to Establish New Class of Fines in Schedule "A" for Violations of Part 1 (Possession of 20 Grams or Less of Cannabis or Paraphernalia), Chapt. 606 (Drugs), Ord. Code. Providing for Severability. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
10/13/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/19/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/20/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/27/20 PH Read 2nd & Rereferred
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt. 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 10/27/20

DEFER (At the Request of CM Dennis)

5. [2020-0757](#) ORD-MC Amending Sec 655.508 (Mobility Fee Contract), Pt 5 (Mobility Fee), Chapt 655 (Concurrency & Mobility Management System), Ord Code, to Clarify the Allowance of a Mobility Fee Contract to Memorialize Credits Against Future Mobility Fee Payments for the Cost Related to the Demolition & Repurposing of an Existing Structure or Improvemnt. (Diamond) (Introduced by CM Diamond)
12/8/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ
1/4/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/4/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/5/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/5/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/5/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/12/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ
1/20/21 LUZ PH - 2/2/21, 2/17/21, 3/2/21
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 1/12/21

DEFER (At the Request of CM Diamond)

6. [2021-0064](#) ORD Naming Field at J.P. Small Memorial Park Stadium Located at 1701 Myrtle Ave, Jax, FL 32209, for Henry L. Aaron, to be Known as the "Henry L. Aaron Field at J.P. Small Memorial Park Stadium." (Dist. 8-Pittman) (Johnston) (Introduced by CMs Salem, Pittman, Newby & R. Gaffney) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Becton, Bowman, Hazouri & Morgan)
2/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU
TEU PH - 3/15/21
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/23/21 & 4/13/21

DEFER (Due to dates of required Public Hearings)

7. [2021-0074](#) ORD-MC Amending Sec. 129.102 (Salary of Members of Council; Salary of Council President), Chapt 129 (Compensation of City Officials & Employees), Ord Code, to Require that an Increase or Cost of Living Adjustment Approved for Council Annual Salary be Prepared as Separate Legislation from the Annual Budget Bill (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Diamond, White & Ferraro) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Cumber)
2/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

DEFER

8. [2021-0075](#) ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for 2021 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Projects; Authorizing the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver all Grant Agreements btwn the City & FIND, as well as all Docs. Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Meet Funding Requirements; Providing for City Oversight by the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F, JWC
3/1/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

Council Member Bowman said he was a FIND commissioner and the agency's policy was not to use FIND grants for recurring dredging projects. Daryl Joseph, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, said his department has worked with FIND and this is a fundable project; this is the construction phase after previously having the design phase funded. Mr. Bowman said he will talk to the FIND staff about whether this is a proper expenditure or not. He thinks FIND is intended more for boat ramps and launches, piers, and the like, not dredging.

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Pittman, Becton, Bowman, Freeman and Carrico

Excused: 1 - Diamond

- The FIND grant is anticipated to cover 50% of the costs, excluding the City's internal administrative costs (10%).
- The projects being proposed are:
 - Goodbys Creek Dredge (CD 5&6 - \$825,000)
 - Castaway Island Dredge (CD 13 - \$880,000)
 - Riverview Park Boat Ramp (CD 8 - \$990,000)
 - Exchange Club Island Park Development (CD 1 - \$385,000)
 - Reed Island Park Development (CD 2 - \$825,000)

9. [2021-0076](#) ORD Approp \$3,906,140 from the FY 19-20 Managed Care Options & Certified Public Expenditures Medicaid Progs., Administered by the State of FL Agency for Health Care Administration, to Fund Addn'l Personnel Costs to Convert 1 Part-Time Fire/Rescue EMS Billing & Coding Specialist Position to a Full-Time EMS Billing & Coding Specialist Position w/in the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept. (B.T. 21-036) (R.C. 21-061) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Pittman, Becton, Bowman, Freeman and Carrico

Excused: 1 - Diamond

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to reflect appropriation of dollars for revenues received in FY 20/21

- **Funding will be used to purchase two ladders (\$2,800,000), two tankers (\$742,630), one rescue vehicle (\$192,198), Rescue and Capital Equipment (\$124,517) and to fund salary and benefits for a full time EMS Billing Specialist (\$46,795) for remainder of FY 20/21.**
- **Appropriation includes remaining part-time salary for EMS Billing Specialist (\$16,711) being eliminated.**

10. [2021-0077](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Lease Agreement btwn COJ ("Tenant") & Fort George Island Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. ("Landlord") for Propty Located at 9363 Heckscher Dr., Jax, FL 32226, for an Initial Term of 5 Yrs Beginning 3/31/21 w/Options to Renew for up to 2 Addn'l 3 Yr Terms, at an Annual Rental Rate of \$7,400 w/no Annual Rent Increases; Providing for Oversight by the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Pittman, Becton, Bowman, Freeman and Carrico

Excused: 1 - Diamond

AMENDMENT

Attach revised On File to correct Payment Schedule (Exhibit C) to reflect 11 year lease term, including extensions, and to update insurance and indemnification provisions.

11. [2021-0078](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Lease Agreement btwn COJ (“Tenant”) & Mandarin-Loretto Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. (“Landlord”) for Fire Station #42, Located at 2948 Delor Dr., Jax, FL 32223, for an Initial Term of 5 Yrs Beginning 3/31/21, w/ Options to Renew for up to 2 Addnl 3 Yr Terms, at an Annual Rental Rate of \$38,200 w/ no Annual Rent Increases; Providing for Oversight by the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

Council Member Pittman asked about the fire station leases; Fire Chief Powers said these are recurring leases that have been in place for many years.

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Pittman, Becton, Bowman, Freeman and Carrico

Excused: 1 - Diamond

AMENDMENT

Attach revised On File to correct Payment Schedule (Exhibit C) to reflect 11 year lease term, including extensions, and to update insurance and indemnification provisions.

12. [2021-0079](#) ORD Approp \$1,037,130.00 from FEMA through the State of FL Div of Emergency Mgmt. Under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog. to Fund the Acquisition & Installation of 7 Permanent Generators at 7 Storm Water Pump Station Sites within Duval Cty, Amending the 2021-2025 5 Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2020-505-E to Purchase & Install Permanent Emergency Generators at the Following Locations: Hillman Dr., Myrtle Ave., Hilly Rd., Bradley Rd., Jessie St., McGrits Creek Park/Lew Brantley & Sandalwood Canal; Providing for City Oversight by the Dept. of Public Works, Public Bldgs Div (B.T. 21-038) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

DEFER

13. [2021-0081](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, an Agreement btwn COJ & Hearts 4 Minds, Inc.; Invoking the Exception in Sec 126.107 (G), Ord Code, to Allow Direct Contract w/Hearts for Minds, Inc., to Provide the Service for a Mental Health Mural Campaign; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Part 1 (The City Treasury), Chapt 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Payment by the City; Providing for Oversight by the Office of Public Affairs (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Freeman) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Morgan, White, Bowman & Pittman)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F, R
3/1/21 NCSPHS Approve 4-0-2 (Abstain-Carrico, Freeman)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

Council Member Pittman asked for an explanation. Council Member Freeman explained the magnitude of the problem of long-term mental illness in the country. Cheryl Johnson of Hearts 4 Minds (via Zoom) recounted the story of her son's mental illness and death and the stigma surrounding mental illness, which is one of the biggest obstacles to getting proper care and treatment. We need to get the community to understand that it's a family and community issue that affects everyone. The stigma of mental illness makes it difficult to make real change. Homelessness, drug abuse, etc. are the side-effects of mental health issues. Mr. Freeman noted that mental health was one of the items on the City Council's strategic plan listing this year. Deputy General Counsel Peggy Sidman said Council recommended \$300,000 for mental health; the Mayor appropriated \$200,000 in the Public Affairs Office budget for a mental health awareness campaign, so the money is already available.

Council Members White, Bowman and Pittman asked to be added as co-sponsors. Mr. Bowman said this initiative is an example of following the Council's strategic plan priorities, so he is supportive.

Council Member Pittman asked for an explanation of how the initiative will work. Cheryl Johnson said they will kick off the campaign with a mural on the outside of 121 Ballpark that will lead to installations of dragonflies citywide with QR codes connecting to mental health resources and answer questions. They will create a video, social media campaigns, partnerships with Boys and Girls Clubs, schools, etc. Council Member Freeman said he expects a 3-year campaign.

Council Member Becton asked about Hearts 4 Minds' expertise beyond having a compelling personal story of the founder. How is the agency going to leverage other funds? What's the total cost and how much is for administration? What's the expected outcome? What does success look like? Mr. Freeman said many of those details are in the contract package, which he will distribute. Cheryl Johnson said a study by Lori Price for Baptist Health and the Chartrand Foundation found that one of the largest barriers to care is stigmatization and the need for a citywide campaign to raise awareness, to be run by a third party, not a care provider. She said there will be minimal administrative costs (no one being paid), with services provided by many volunteers. Peggy Sidman said the mention of Boys and Girls Clubs earlier means that there needs to be a look at potential conflicts of interest and the council members who work for that organization should abstain from voting today until that issue is explored.

APPROVE

Aye: 4 - White, Pittman, Becton and Bowman

Excused: 1 - Diamond

Abstain: 2 - Freeman and Carrico

- **Authorizes a 3 year contract with Hearts 4 Minds LLC to provide advertising and marketing services for a mental health awareness campaign**
 - **City will pay contractor an initial payment of \$50,000 to be used toward start-up costs during the first six months of the term, \$25,000 for the third and fourth quarters of the first year, and \$12,500 each quarter throughout the second and third year of the term**
 - **Funding already appropriated by the FY 20/21 budget ordinance 2020-504-E will be used to fund the contract**
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- **Waives Sec. 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against) to allow an initial payment to Hearts for Minds LLC within 45 days of the effective date of the contract**

14. [2021-0083](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Chap 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board); Providing a Statement of Legislative Intent; Providing for Identifying Properties that Attract or Allow Nuisance Activities; Requiring Corrective Action by Property Owners; Providing Procedures for Enforcement; Providing for Notice, Hearing, Rights & Appeals; Providing for Assessment & Recovery of Costs, Fines & Fees Related to Enforcement; Creating a Public Nuisance Abatement Board; Providing for Conflicts, Severability, Codification & an Effective Date. (Teal) (Introduced by CMs R. Gaffney, Cumber, White & Newby) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Carrico, Pittman, Becton & Bowman)
2/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/23/21

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. He asked for clarification from the committee about how long a board member will serve, how many instances must occur before a public nuisance is declared, where the fines/costs/interest should be deposited, and what the funds can be used for .

Council Member Cumber moved an amendment to provide for no fixed terms for the JSO, JFRD or Neighborhoods Department representatives and 3-year terms with a 2-term limit for the other appointees, except for the 2 citizen members who would get 2-year terms with a 2-term limit; fines and fees to be deposited into the General Fund

Council Members Pittman and Bowman asked to be added as co-sponsors. Attorney Jason Teal explained state law requirement for mailing 2 notices to a property owner before a public nuisance can be declared. This bill defines public nuisance conditions and should make enforcement quicker and easier. At the request of CM Bowman, Mr. Teal described the proposed enforcement process from beginning to end.

Council Member Becton asked if is there someplace more useful for the revenue to go than just into the General Fund. Council Member Cumber said the fines are limited so probably won't generate much revenue. She suggested the Council can decide later if the revenue is substantial enough to merit creating a trust fund with a specific purpose. Mr. Becton suggested such potential uses as a marketing campaign, participation plaques and the like. A floor amendment could be offered next Tuesday to create such a trust fund.

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Pittman, Becton, Bowman, Freeman and Carrico

Excused: 1 - Diamond

AMENDMENT (Items 1, 2 and 3 require Council determination)

1. Include term length for Public Nuisance Abatement Board members
2. Identify number of occasions under 672.04(4)
3. Clarify where fines, costs, and interest will be deposited and allowable uses
4. Clarify 672.04(3), (4) and (5) are within a six-month period
5. Pg. 8, line 10: strike “four” and insert “five”
6. Strike last sentence of 672.09(c)
7. Correct formatting and include title for Section 2 of bill
8. Correct scrivener’s errors

- Creates a 9-member Public Nuisance Abatement Board and establishes powers and duties of the Board
- Establishes the purposes for which a premise can be declared a public nuisance
- Establishes procedures for the activities of the Board and conduct of hearings
- Provides for remedies, orders and jurisdiction of the Board, including the authority to impose fines
- Provides for enforcement of orders issued by the Board

15. [2021-0084](#) ORD Approp \$25,000 in Funds from Special Events – Florida Georgia Game Contingency to Provide Funding for an Emancipation Day Celebration in James Weldon Johnson Park on 5/20/21; Providing for Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dept. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Pittman)(Co-Sponsored by CM Morgan)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

In response to a question from Council Member Bowman about how much is left in the Florida/Georgia Game Contingency, Mr. Peterson said is \$1,898,733 and that General Fund dollars can be used for pretty much anything. Mr. Bowman expressed concern that this will be another example of individual council members using this source to pick favorite programs to fund case-by-case rather than in a coherent way.

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Pittman, Becton, Bowman, Freeman and Carrico

Excused: 1 - Diamond

16. [2021-0100](#) ORD Auth the Borrowing from the City's Commercial Paper Facility and/or Issuance of Fixed-Rate Debt in the Max Amount of up to \$100,000,000 to Provide Funding for the Wastewater System Improvement Program; Approp \$100,000,000 to the Water/Wastewater System Fund; Amending 2020-504-E, the FY 20-21 Budget Ord, to Replace the Schedule B4 in Order to Allow for the "Water/Wastewater System Fund;" Amending the 2021-2025 5-Yr CIP Approved by Ord 2020-505-E to Provide Funding for the Project Entitled "Water/Wastewater System Fund;" Providing for Quarterly Reports to Council. (Sidman) (Introduced by CP Hazouri) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Carlucci, Pittman, DeFoor & Dennis)
2/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/9/21

READ 2ND AND REREFER

17. [2021-0114](#) ORD Amending Ord 2019-888-E to Provide for a Carryover of so that the "Roosevelt/Edgewood - Artwalk & Lighting" Proj. can be Completed Following Constructn Delays; Providing for an Amendmnt to the Reverter Language Provide for in 2019-888-E; Providing for Retroactive Applicability; Providing that there are no other Changes to Ord 2019-888-E. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM DeFoor)
2/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Referer
3/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/9/21

READ 2ND AND REREFER

18. [2021-0115](#) ORD-MC Amending Chapt. 122 (Public Property), Pt.4 (Real Property), Subpart B (Real Property Dispositions & Exchanges), Secs. 122.422 (Determination of Need; Declaration that Property is Surplus to the Needs of the Public) & 122.423 (Disposition for Affordable Housing), Ord Code; Providing for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Req of Mayor & Co-Introduced by CP Hazouri & CM Diamond)
2/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
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19. [2021-0116](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & the Corp. Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Maintenance Agreement btwn the City of Jax & Liberty Point LLC ('LP") for Maintenance of Certain Public Improvemnts at Berkman Plaza; Providing further Auth; Providing for City Oversight by the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Comm. Svcs. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Referer
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20. [2021-0118](#) ORD Approp. \$14,384,362 of City Funds & \$12,500,000 of JEA Funds to Provide Funding for The Christobel Neighborhood Septic Tank Phase Out Proj.; Purpose of Approp.; Providing a Carryover of Funds from Yr. to Yr. until such Funds are Expended or Lapse According to the Agreement; Amending 2020-504-E, the FY 2021 Budget Ord., to Replace Schedule B4, the FY 2020-2021 CIP Projs. Funded via Borrowing, to Authorize the Borrowing and/or the Issuance of Debt for the Water/Wastewater System Fund Proj.; Amending the 2021-2025 5Yr. CIP Prog. Apvd. by Ord 2020-505-E to add the Proj. entitled "Water/Wastewater System Fund"; Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, and Corp. Secretary to Execute & Deliver a 2nd Amendmnt to the Interagency Agreement btwn the City of Jax & JEA dated 3/22/2016; Providing for Constructn. (B.T. 21-053) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor & Co-Introduced by CVP Newby, CMs Pittman & Priestly Jackson)
2/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
3/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Referer
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NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 15, 2021.

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

Public Comment

Carnell Oliver said there are tremendous needs in the community where the Florida/Georgia Game dollars could be used, especially infrastructure. He said the Congressional appropriations request deadline is next week, so this is the chance for council members to make requests to our Congressional representatives for funding for community needs. Jacksonville needs to be asking the state and federal governments for all the funding we can get.

John Nooney said it's a shame that public participation was not allowed during the FIND grant discussion earlier in the meeting. He asked if the CPACs had commented on any of these projects. He said that five years ago FIND paid for a downtown kayak launch project that never got built and advocated for a Launch J at a spot directly across the river from the School Board kayak launch. It's a shame more people don't participate and comment in the process.

Stanley Scott of the African American Economic Recovery Think Tank said he agreed with John Nooney's earlier comments on the FIND program. The Riverview project is a very expensive waste of money that won't impact the community. Northside leadership has failed the African American community. Money is being spent without much thought or leadership.

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Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Randy White, Vice Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Council Member Danny Becton, Council Member Rory Diamond, Council Member Aaron Bowman, Council Member Terrance Freeman and Council Member Kevin Carrico

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