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Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Clark-Murray and Peluso and amended by the Finance Committee:

ORDINANCE 2024-73-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$122,091.00 IN FUND BALANCE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND TO ASSIST IN THE ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION OF MCCOYS CREEK BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO GROUNDWORK JACKSONVILLE, INC. FOR A WATER QUALITY CREDIT PILOT PROJECT IN THE BRANCHES OFF OF MCCOYS CREEK, AS INITIATED BY SECOND REVISED B.T. 24-054; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION OF SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER (PROCUREMENT CODE), ORDINANCE CODE, TO DIRECT CONTRACT WITH GROUNDWORK JACKSONVILLE, INC.; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THAT CERTAIN FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND GROUNDWORK JACKSONVILLE, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION; REQUIRING REPORTS AND Α FINAL REPORT ANNUAL JACKSONVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated 1 2

sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
listed in subsection (b):

(Second Revised B.T. 24-054 attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, 2nd Rev B.T. 24-054, February 20, 2024 - Rules" and incorporated herein by this reference)

- (a) Appropriated from:

 See Second Revised B.T. 24-054 \$122,091.00
- (b) Appropriated to:

 See Second Revised B.T. 24-054 \$122,091.00
- (c) Explanation of appropriation

 The funding above is appropriating fund balance from the Environmental Protection Fund to fund a water quality credit pilot project in the branches section of McCoys Creek (the "Project").

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funding to Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc. ("Groundwork") for the Project which shall be completed pursuant to the terms, conditions and scope of work more particularly described in that certain Funding Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc., as approved and authorized in Section 4 below. The Environmental Protection Board approved this expenditure of the Environmental Protection Fund at its meeting on August 21, 2023. Payment to Groundwork will be made upon the City's receipt of a final report at the conclusion of the Project.

Section 3. Invoking the exemption pursuant to Section 126.107(g), Ordinance Code. The City is hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement authorized in Section 4 below. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Ordinance Code, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing

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Office of General Counsel

Form Approved:

Section 4. Approval and Authorizing the Agreement. is hereby approved, and the Mayor or his designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized, to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, that certain Funding Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc. (the "Agreement"), substantially in the form placed On File with the Office of Legislative Services, and any respective extension or amendments

legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the

foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, shall

Section 5. Oversight Department. The Neighborhoods Department, Environmental Quality Division, shall oversee the Project.

thereto as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this

Reports. Annual reports shall be submitted by Section 6. Groundwork to the City's Environmental Protection Board on September 15th of each year through Project completion. A final report shall be submitted at the conclusion of the Project.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

remain in full force and effect.