

City of Jacksonville

117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes - Amended

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chamber,
1st Floor, City Hall

Finance Committee

Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair

Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair - Excused Early Departure 12:03 PM

Raul Arias

Rory Diamond - Excused Early Departure 11:05 AM

Nick Howland

Will Lahnen

Ju'Coby Pittman - Excused

Legislative Assistant: Steven Libby

Council Auditor's Office: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor

Council Research: Jeff Clements, Chief

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Scott Wilson

Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM**Meeting Adjourned: 12:27 PM**

Present: 6 - Chair Ron Salem, Vice Chair Terrance Freeman, Council Member Nick Howland, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Will Lahnen and Council Member Rory Diamond

Excused: 1 - Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

Attendance

Council Members Matt Carlucci (2024-513 & 2024-713) and Jimmy Peluso (2024-757); Merriane Lahmeur, Steven Libby – Legislative Services Division; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Brian Parks, Heather Reber – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Mary Staffopoulos, Dylan Reingold – Office of General Counsel; Brittany Norris, Scott Wilson, Bill Delaney - Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche – Finance Department

Chairman Salem convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair said the speakers’ queue is not working so anyone other than a committee member must raise their hand to be recognized. He reviewed the agenda items, noting that 2024-692, -714, -732 and -757 will be moved to the front of the agenda, then the rest of the items taken up in order. The Chair said that he attended a Jacksonville Procurement Awards Committee meeting recently and there was discussion of a potential 2-month extension of the City’s contract with Langton and Associates for lobbying services and grant writing. Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the Finance Committee’s history with that contract and the impact of Ordinance 2023-871 regarding single-source contracts. The Auditor’s Office heard from the Procurement Division that the Langton and Associates contract expired in mid-September and the extension was being considered while the responses to the RFP for those services were being evaluated. A decision has since been made to place a hold on that extension due to the requirement of 2023-871 that City Council must approve any lobbying contracts.

Council Member Howland said there was plenty of time for an RFP process to have occurred to get a contract in place before the Langton contract expired. Council Member Diamond said the Mayor cannot spend money without authorization so there should be no contract without Council authorization. He believes the City should not allow the lobbying and grant-writing service consultant to subcontract out the work – we should directly hire the company we want to do the work. Mayor’s Intergovernmental Liaison Brittany Norris said the RFP was issued and only 2 responses were received which is insufficient to make an award under state law and local ordinance. Other companies were asked why they didn’t respond and that process has taken some time, so the extension is needed. She said the administration’s understanding was that 2023-871 didn’t apply to an extension of an existing contract. Council Member Freeman said the administration’s lack of timely action is once again putting the Council in a position where emergency action is being requested.

Presentation on Emerald Trail

Council Member Howland said the committee asked at a previous meeting for follow-ups on 2 projects - the downtown riverfront parks and the Emerald Trail. He asked why the cost for the Emerald Trail has gone up from \$130M to \$184M over the last 4 years and if could it be done less expensively. Kay Ehas, CEO of Groundworks Jacksonville, gave an overview of the Emerald Trail's scope and the federal grant funding that has been received. She reviewed the design goals and the expected benefits for the neighborhoods through which the trail will run. The community building efforts include leadership/workforce development, home preservation and neighborhood revitalization and capacity building. Similar trails in other cities have produced huge returns on their investments.

Greer Gillis, Senior VP and Chief Infrastructure Development Officer at JTA, discussed the cost estimates of the 5 major trail segments, which are increasing over time because of inflation and rising construction costs. The total project cost is now estimated at \$183.8M, with the federal government providing \$147M (80%) to be matched with \$36.8M (20%) locally through local option gas tax (LOGT) revenue. If project elements are reduced or removed, the City will lose the 80% federal match for those elements. The federal grant requires the project to be completed by the end of 2030. The JTA will be paying the costs up-front and being reimbursed by the federal grant and LOGT over time. Council Member Lahnen asked for confirmation that JTA is paying the costs up-front and being reimbursed; Ms. Gillis confirmed that was the case. Mr. Lahnen asked about the expected benefits of the trail. Ms. Ehas said better health, more neighborhood safety, stormwater control, and an increase in adjacent real estate value. Mr. Lahnen asked if there is any guarantee that the cost won't exceed the \$184M and need further funding. Ms. Ehas said they're using the construction manager at risk (CMAR) method which will help lock in costs. Ms. Gillis said they will do PDE (project design and engineering) for each phase to define costs early and get a guaranteed maximum price from contractors. She said the project is intended to stay within the \$183.8M budget and they don't intend to ask for any further funding.

Council Member Howland asked if City Council approved the use of LOGT or if it was done by voter referendum. Kim Taylor said the Council approved the gas tax and at the time the cost estimate for the Emerald Trail was \$132M. Ms. Gillis said the \$132M figure was the amount of reallocation of Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) funding by JTA and was not the full cost estimate for Emerald Trail at the time. In response to a question from Mr. Howland, Ms. Taylor said the LOGT sharing percentage could be revised by negotiation between the parties as long as the projects are eligible under state statute. Mr. Howland suggested that JTA design the project to a maximum budget of \$184M and use any excess LOGT funds for other needed projects. Ms. Gillis said JTA has a large number of projects of various kinds and looks forward to working with the City to get all of those projects completed when needed. Ms. Ehas said the project construction budget has gone up 5% from what was originally estimated, excluding the associated costs for right-of-way acquisition, design, etc. In response to a question from Council Member Arias about future maintenance of the trail, Ms. Ehas said Groundworks Jax wants the City to pay its usual maintenance cost for sidewalks and Groundworks will raise private funds for the enhanced level of maintenance on enhanced facilities. Mr. Arias said the statistic about rising property values around trails may just reflect the overall increase in property values everywhere and may not be specifically attributable to the presence of the trail itself.

Chairman Salem said the Emerald Trail project got conjoined with other city park projects in the CIP process and this discussion has been healthy so that Groundworks Jax understands that funding is not unlimited, and projects have to be built to the funding available. Council Member Matt Carlucci said originally the council was told that gas tax funds couldn't be used for the Emerald Trail, then the General Counsel's Office later said it could be. The Emerald Trail was an important factor in getting the LOGT approved because it is so popular with residents. He believes the general public would be upset if LOGT funds are diverted away from the Emerald Trail to other uses and using future gas tax funds for trail maintenance would be justified. Council Member Lahnen said the goal is to use the extra money made available from getting the federal grant to do more projects. Council Member Howland said he is happy with the \$184M budget for the Emerald Trail but the City is facing hard financial realities and multiple hugely expensive projects so hard decisions need to be made about using limited resources.

Item/File No.	Title History
1. 2023-0307	ORD-MC re the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Amend Sec 22.12 of the Charter of the COJ; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees & CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman) 5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F 5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23

DEFER

2. [2024-0466](#) ORD Approp \$785,000 from the General Fund - GSD Property Tax Acct to the General Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Provide Funding to Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc., for the Building Futures Together - a Goodwill Workforce Training Prog, as More Fully Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to 9/30/25; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With Goodwill; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process)...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso & Freeman)
 6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 7/15/24 NCSPHS Approve 3-3 (J. Carlucci, Miller, Salem) (Deferred)
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-1 (Miller)
 9/16/24 R Approve 7-0
 9/17/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Council Member Lahnen asked how “unappropriated General Funds” occur; Mr. Peterson explained that property tax revenues during this fiscal year came in \$5-6M over budget. Those additional funds usually are recaptured at the end of the fiscal year and are used to balance accounts with negative balances. Council Member Johnson identified these funds as a funding source for this initiative. Chairman Salem said he ended the deferral so the bill can move on before the stadium Community Benefits Agreement is signed so it won’t count toward that match because it would delay this action by several months. Council Member Howland said this is another example of the City investing in affordable housing initiatives that might not be immediately obvious by the bill’s title.

- **Appropriates \$785,000 from unappropriated current year General Fund property tax revenue**
- **Goodwill will collaborate with FSCJ and the Home Builders Institute to provide GED training, trade certifications, and employment services to an estimated 100 individuals in the first year**
- **Goodwill commits to operating the Program for a minimum of 10 years**
- **Waives Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for direct contract with Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc.**

- 3. [2024-0505](#) ORD Adopting the FYs 25-29 Inclusive CIP, as Required by Ch 122 (Public Property), Pt 6 (Capital Improvement Plan), Ord Code; Prov for 2025 CIP Specificity Requirements; Directing Revisions & Updating of the Capital Improvements Element of the 2045 Comp Plan, as Required by Sec 163.3177, F.S.; Waiving Applicable Provisions of Sec 122.602 (Definitions), Pt 6 (Capital Improvement Plan), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Allow Roadway Resurfacing to Be Included in the List of Capital Improvement Projs for the 24-25 FY; Prov for Declaration of Intent to Reimb; Waiving Compliance with Sec 106.309 (Capital Improvement Appropriations Carried Over) & Sec 106.312 (Lapse of Appropriations), Subpt A (General Provisions), Pt 3 (Appropriations), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Auth Submittal of the CIP Legislation without the Capital Improvements Projs Not Lapsed Exhibit; Prov for Reconciliation of Schedules, Text, Codification, Journal Entries (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
 7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
 8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Amend/Approve 4-1-1 (Diamond) (Freeman)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE

- Aye:** 4 - Salem, Howland, Arias and Lahnen
- Nay:** 1 - Diamond
- Excused:** 1 - Pittman
- Abstain:** 1 - Freeman

Council Member Freeman announced that he would be abstaining from the vote due to conflict of interest with his employer. Council Auditor Kim Taylor explained the amendment which rolls in all amendments previously made by the Finance Committee. The amendment was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

AMENDMENT

- 1. **Pg. 4, line 17: Update net project funds to \$67,592,918**
- 2. **Attach revised Exhibit 1 (Schedule of Capital Improvements) to reflect actions consistent with Council approval of tentative budget for the City’s CIP and include JPA’s revised 5-year schedule to correct funding sources**

- 4. [2024-0506](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to: (1) Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, (A) an Agrmt with Shands Jax Medical Center, Inc., & (B) Letters of Agrmt with the State of FL Through Its Agency for Health Care Admin, Both Concerning Payment & Distribution of the City’s Indigent Health Care Funds in the Amt of \$56,000,000 for FY 24-25, & (2) Take Such Further Action as May Be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Purpose of this Ord (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
 7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
 8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Kim Taylor explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Clarify that the Mayor can revise amounts for the intergovernmental transfer and direct payments to Shands as long as the City’s total distribution does not exceed \$56 million
- 2. Clarify that the Mayor or designee is authorized to enter into the final letter of agreements with the State
- 3. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (Agreement with Shands) to reflect updated amounts
- 4. Attach Revised Exhibit 3 (Disproportionate Share Hospital Letter of Agreement) based on the Letter of Agreement from the State for Disproportionate Share

- 5. [2024-0507](#) ORD Adopting the FYs 25-29 Inclusive IT System Dev Prog, Pursuant to Sec 106.207, Ord Code; Prov for Declaration of Intent to Reimb; Prov for Reconciliation of Schedules, Text, Codification, Journal Entries (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
 7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
 8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Approve 5-0-1 (Freeman)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Abstain: 1 - Freeman

Council Member Freeman announced that he would be abstaining from the vote due to conflict of interest with his employer. Kim Taylor explained the purpose of the bill.

- 6. [2024-0508](#) RESO Adopting the Annual Growth Rate as Recommended by the Administration for the Future Pension Liability Surtax Proceeds (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
 7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
 8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 8/13/24 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Approve 5-1 (Diamond)

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Nay: 1 - Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Kim Taylor explained the purpose of the bill.

• Maintains the annual growth rate assumption of 4.25%

- 7. [2024-0509](#) ORD re Public Svc Grants; Approp \$7,200,000 from a Desig Special Council Contingency Acct for Public Svc Grants (PSG); Prov That Determination of Eligibility & the Process for Review, Evaluation, & Scoring of PSG Micro Grant Applications Shall Be in Accordance with Ord 2022-623-E; Apv & Auth Execution of Micro-Grant Agrmts; Prov for City Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Dept of Finance; Waiving the Conflicting Provision of Sec 118.802 (Annual Lump Sum Appropriation for Public Service Grants), Pt 8 (Public Service Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Approve the Lump Sum Approp for PSGs by Separate Legislation from the Annual Budget Ord (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP White)
 7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
 8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Approve 5-1 (Diamond)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Nay: 1 - Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Kim Taylor explained the purpose of the bill.

- 8. [2024-0510](#) ORD re Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Settlement Proceeds Grants; Approp \$4,768,478 from the Opioid Settlement Fund - Misc Settlements Acct to the Opioid Settlement Fund - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Fund Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Settlement Proceeds Grants (OSUD Grants); Prov for City Oversight by the Opioid Abatement Manager within the JFRD; Waiving the Conflicting Provision of Sec 84.301 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Allocation for Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Pt 3 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant Award Procedures), Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code, to Apv the Lump Sum Approp for OSUD Grants by Separate Legislation from the Annual Budget Ord (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP White)
 7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
 8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Kim Taylor explained the purpose of the bill.

Scrivener's

Pg. 1, line 8 and pg. 2, line 8: strike “MISCELLANEOUS SETTLEMENTS” and insert “CONTINGENCY”

9. [2024-0511](#) ORD Approp \$46,968,032 from Special Council Contingency - KHA to the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA); Prov for the KHA Comp Budget Transfer Powers; Apv & Auth Execution of Agrmts by the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec with Named Grant Recipients; Appvl & Auth to Execute Agmts with Named Grant Recipients & Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g), Ord Code; Auth the Procurement of Svcs Pursuant to Single Source Award as Determined Appropriate in Coordination with the Chief of Procurement Pursuant to Sec 126.306 (Procurement Methods & Selection), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Auth the Procurement of Svcs Pursuant to the Competitive Solicitation Exemptions Listed in Sec 126.108 (Exemptions From Competitive Solicitation), Subpt A (General Regulations), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Waiving Sec 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code; Waiving Sec 77.113 (Annual Operating Budget; Budget Transfers), Ch 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ord Code, & Sec 106.304 (Mayor's Transfer Power), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Allow for Budget Transfers within the Plan; Auth the OGC & the Council Auditor's Office to Make All Changes Necessary to Effectuate the Council's Action (Staffopoulos)
(Introduced by CP White)
7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Kim Taylor explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

AMENDMENT

1. Increase appropriation amount to include \$3,150,000 in additional funding from the General Fund Operating Reserves to increase subsidies and contributions to private organizations by \$2,855,000 and designated contingencies by \$295,000
2. Correct scrivener's errors
3. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to reflect the updated appropriation amount
4. Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Revised Schedule M) to reflect the updated appropriation amount, correct the amount shown for operation and program support, and correct scrivener's errors

10. [2024-0512](#) ORD re James Weldon Johnson Park; Approp \$600,000 from a Gen Fund/GSD Desig Contingency Acct to Contractual Svcs in the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept for James Weldon Johnson Park Maintenance & Programming; Auth the OGC & the Council Auditor's Office to Make All Changes Necessary to Effectuate the Council's Action (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP White) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Kim Taylor explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Howland asked about the appropriation for James Weldon Johnson Park for last year; Ms. Taylor confirmed that this year's amount is the same as last year.

AMENDMENT**Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct activity name**

11. [2024-0513](#) ORD Approp \$1,891,057 from a Gen Fund/GSD Desig Contingency Acct to Fund City Council Member Salaries & Benefits for FY 24-25; Apv Positions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP White) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
7/23/24 CO Introduced: F
8/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Approve 5-1 (Diamond)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/13/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Nay: 1 - Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Kim Taylor explained the purpose of the bill. Council Member Diamond said this bill raises council member salaries and he opposes any raises for council members. Council Member Matt Carlucci said he agrees with the idea of council members voting on pay raises and council members can take them or not as they may choose depending on their personal circumstances. Council Member Freeman asked if there have ever been council members who have declined their entire salary; Ms. Taylor said not to her recollection.

- 12. [2024-0514](#) ORD Approp \$1,812,937 from Special Council Contingency - Contributions to JTA Acct to the Contributions to Component Units - Contributions to JTA Acct to Fund COJ's Contribution to JTA for the Paratransit Prog for FY 24-25; Appv the FY 24-25 Budget for JTA; Auth the Office of Gen Counsel & the Council Auditor's Office to Make All Changes Necessary to Effectuate the Council's Action (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: F
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Approve 4-1-1 (Diamond) (Freeman)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

APPROVE

- Aye:** 4 - Salem, Howland, Arias and Lahnen
- Nay:** 1 - Diamond
- Excused:** 1 - Pittman
- Abstain:** 1 - Freeman

Council Member Freeman announced he would be abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest with his employer. Council Member Howland asked if Council Member Freeman announced he would be abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest with his employer. Council Member Howland asked if this bill includes JTA's entire budget and Ms. Taylor said yes. He asked about potential amendments that may arise following the Emerald Trail presentation. Ms. Taylor said that any amendments to this bill could be made by reconsidering the item in Finance today, or on the floor of council Tuesday night.

Scrivener's

Pg. 3, line 5: strike "\$105,225,124" and insert "\$102,225,124"

- 13. [2024-0627](#) 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

- 14. [2024-0636](#) ORD Approp \$3,781,211.73 from Gen Fund Operating - Fund Level Activities - Transfer Fund Balance & Mayor Cure Violence Prog - Contingency to Fund the Jax Journey Forward Strategic Initiative; Prov for Carryover of Funds into FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-136) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci & Johnson)
 8/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 8/19/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 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

- 15. [2024-0688](#) ORD Approp \$278,664.00 From the Tax Collector Current & Delinquent Taxes - Tax Redemption Fees - Tax Sale Acct to the Tax Collector Gen Operations - Office Equipment Account to Provide Funding for the Replacement of 6 Coin & Currency Recycling/Verification Machines; Prov for Carryover of Funds into FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-135) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 9/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 9/17/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Scrivener’s

Pg. 1, lines 6 - 7 and line 29, strike “Current and Delinquent Taxes”

- 16. [2024-0689](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, an Amendment 6 to Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the COJ & AA Auto Parts, Inc. to Extend the Completion of Construction Date from 9/20/24 to 9/30/25 (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: F
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Approve 5-1 (Diamond)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Nay: 1 - Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Joe Whitaker with the Office of Economic Development explained the need for the completion date extension. Council Member Arias asked if AA Auto Parts is a JSEB; Mr. Whitaker said they are not now. Council Member Freeman asked about the hiring record of the company with regard to local residents since it's using NWJEDF funds. Mr. Whitaker said he would report back on the 5 new hires. Mr. Arias asked if the City is increasing its contribution to the project over the years; Mr. Whitaker said it is not. Council Member Diamond said economic development grants are not a proper function of government, and he will be opposed.

• **Ord. 2019-652-E authorized an economic development agreement with AA Auto Parts, Inc. (“Company”) providing a \$100,000 Northwest Jacksonville Business Infrastructure Grant (BIG) and Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund Loan of \$150,000 in connection with the installation of a metal shredder system located at the Company’s property on West Beaver Street**

• **The Company is also required to create 5 new jobs at an average wage of no less than \$26,000 within 18 months of disbursement of the BIG**

• **The original agreement included a project completion date of July 1, 2021**

• **The completion date has been administratively extended twice, first to December 31, 2021 and then to June 30, 2022**

• **Ord. 2022-560-E further extended the completion date to December 31, 2022**

• **Ord. 2023-78-E further extended the completion date to September 30, 2023**

• **Ord. 2024-102-E further extended the completion date to September 30, 2024**

• **Completion date is now proposed to be extended to September 30, 2025**

17. [2024-0691](#) ORD Approp \$5,177,094.00 in Grant Funds from the FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to Prov Funding for the Mccoy’s Creek Branches Project; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 24-137) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso) (JWC Apv)
8/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
9/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

DEFER

18. [2024-0692](#) ORD Approp \$790,631.03 in Grant Funds From the Voting Access for Individuals With Disabilities (Vote) Prog, Awarded by the U.S. Dep of Health & Human Services Thru the FL Dept of State, Div of Elections, to Prov Reimbursement to the City for the Costs of Offsetting Any Remaining Variances for the FY 25-26 Budget & Funding Security & Building Enhancements; Prov for Carryover of Funds to Subsequent FYs; Prov Oversight by the SOE (B.T. 24-141) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 9/3/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/16/24 R Approve 6-0
 9/17/24 F Approve 6-0
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APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland described the use of the reimbursement grant to cover expenses for the November election.

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, line 5: insert "Grant Fund" after "Elections"

- **Appropriates \$790,631.03 in Polling Place Accessibility grant revenue received by the City between FY 09/10 and FY 15/16**
- **Appropriation represents grant revenue that reimbursed General Fund expenditures, but expenditures were never moved from the General Fund to the grant fund, making this revenue available to spend**
- **Authorizes the Supervisor of Elections to use the revenue to supplement the General Fund budget for FY 24/25 and make security and building enhancements**
- **Allows for carryover of funding until funds are fully spent**

19. [2024-0693](#) ORD Approp \$986,000.00, Including (1) \$493,000.00 From the Proj Titled Nungezer Road to the Proj Titled San Mateo Elementary School Sidewalk (San Mateo Proj) to Pay for the Completion of the San Mateo Proj, & (2) \$493,000.00 From the Authorized Capital Projs Fund to the Local Option & Constitutional Gas Taxes Fund With Respect to the Cedar Point/Sawpit Rd (New Berlin to Shark) Proj (Cedar Point Proj) & Updating Prior Approps to Reflect Actuals; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Projs; Prov for Oversight by the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works (B.T. 24-140) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
8/27/24 Co Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
9/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/4/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/16/24 NCSPHS Withdraw 7-0
9/17/24 F Withdraw 6-0
9/17/24 TEU Withdraw 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601-9/10/24

WITHDRAW

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

20. [2024-0694](#) ORD Approp \$15,000 from the Council President's Designated Contingency to the Gen Fund - Gen Svcs Dist Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct to Prov a Grant to Revitalize Arlington, Inc., for the Engage Arlington Prog as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to 12/31/24; Prov for Reverter of Funds; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Part 1 (Gen Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with Revitalize Arlington, Inc.; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process)... (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsor CMs Carlucci & Freeman)
8/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/3/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/16/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
9/16/24 R Approve 7-0
9/17/24 F Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

- **Appropriates \$15,000 from the Council President’s designated contingency account to Revitalize Arlington, Inc. for the Engage Arlington program**
- **Funding will be used to provide healthy eating and nutrition coaching and meal kits to approximately 36-40 residents for up to a three month period and engage a facilitator to provide two resident workforce and financial literacy education events which will serve approximately 20 residents per session**
- **Authorizes carryover of funding through 12/31/24 with any unspent funds reverting to the account of origin**
- **Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process to authorize a direct contract with Revitalize Arlington, Inc.**

21. [2024-0697](#) ORD Regarding Installation of a Historic Monument Marker in Honor of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Chappell; Approp \$10,000 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency to the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs - Office of the Dir, Misc Svcs & Charges Acct to Prov Funds for the Design, Fabrication, Installation & Maintenance of a Historic Monument Marker as Described Herein; Providing for Carryover of Funds to 12/31/24; Prov for Reverter of Funds; Auth Installation of a Historic Monument Marker at the Intersection of New Kings Rd & Flicker Ave to Remember & Honor Mrs. Johnnie Mae Chappell; Finding a Public Purpose; Prov for Oversight by Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept & the Dept of Public Works; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward a Copy of this Ord, Once Enacted, to the Dir of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept & the Dept of Public Works (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Amaro, Lahnen, Miller, Pittman, Freeman, Carlucci, Salem, Arias, Peluso, Gaffney, Jr. & Clark-Murray)
8/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
9/3/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/4/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/16/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
9/17/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
9/17/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Council Member Howland said the amendment incorporates language supplied by the honoree’s family and he is proud to have introduced the bill to help educate the public about her life. Committee members Salem and Arias asked to be added as co-sponsors. Council Member Freeman said this bill recalls a terrible incident in the past and should spur us to move forward. The amendment was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

RULES AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account code**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 to revise marker language**
- 3. Remove references to funds being used for maintenance**
- 4. Correct Scrivener’s**

22. [2024-0698](#) ORD Approp \$12,500 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency to the Office of Sports & Entertainment - Special Events Food Acct to Prov Additional Funds for the Purchase of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages as Described Herein (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: F
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Approve 5-1 (Diamond)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

APPROVE

- Aye:** 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen
- Nay:** 1 - Diamond
- Excused:** 1 - Pittman

Council Member Diamond asked who will be getting fed with these funds; Mr. Peterson said City employees attending events.

- **Funds are intended to be used at the EverBank Stadium Suite for FY 23/24**

- 23. [2024-0700](#) ORD re the Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP) Set Forth in Ords 2000-572-E, 2000-671-E & 2000-965-E & Revised Per Ord 2005-898-E & Modified Per Ord 2022-416-E; Determining Just Cause & Necessity for an Amdt to the BJP Revised Infrastructure & Transportation Work Prog, Which Amended Revised Work Prog Adds Eligible Projs; Noting the Corresponding Passage of the 24-29 CIP Per Ord 2024-505-E Reflecting the BJP Funding of the Amended Revised Work Prog Projs (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 9/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/4/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 9/17/24 F Amend/Approve 5-1 (Diamond)
 9/17/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Nay: 1 - Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Council Member Diamond said this is a shell game with BJP funding that will increase costs for future generations

AMENDMENT

- 1. **Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (Amendment to Revised Work Program) to correct project number, adjust to reflect actions taken by the Finance Committee during Budget Hearings, and remove unnecessary note**
- 2. **Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Just Cause Analysis) to correct total projects amount to reflect actions taken by the Finance Committee during Budget Hearings**
- 3. **Correct Scrivener’s**

• Amends the BJP Work Program to account for projects that are being moved into BJP as part of the 2024/25 capital improvement plan

- 24. [2024-0701](#) RESO Desig 7407 & 7447 Salisbury Rd, Jax, FL, as a Brownfield Area for Environmental Rehab & Economic Dev; Prov for Notification of a Brownfield Site Rehab Agrmt (R.E. # 152577-0020, 152577-0010, 152577-0050, 152578-0010, 152578-0000) (District 11-Arias) (Harvey) (Req of Mayor)
 - 8/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 - 9/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 9/4/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 9/10/24 CO PH Addnt'l 9/24/24
 - 9/16/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 - 9/17/24 F Approve 6-0
 - 9/17/24 TEU Approve 6-0
 - Public Hearings Pursuant to Sec 376.80, F.S.& Ch 166, F.S - 9/10/24 & 9/24/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Brett Brumond representing the property owner explained the use of the brownfield designation to obtain state corporate income tax assistance for the environmental cleanup of the site.

- **Applicant plans to redevelop the site for use as a multi-family residential development that will be built in phases and there will also be a wetlands conservation area**

25. [2024-0713](#) ORD re Development & Implementation of a Homelessness Strategic Plan for Duval County; Approp \$2,500,000 from a Homelessness Initiatives Special Rev Fund Designated Contingency Acct to Provide Funds to the JFRD for Implementation of a Homelessness Strategic Plan for Duval County, of Which \$1,003,303 Will be Used to Pay for Salaries, Benefits & Equipment for Personnel Retained to Implement & Administer the Plan, Including a JFRD 24/7 EMS Response Team, with the Remaining \$1,496,697 to Be Used for Authorized Plan Expenditures in Accordance with Sec 111.920 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 9 (Neighborhood Development), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, & as More Specifically Described Herein; Apv 7 New FT Equivalent Positions Within JFRD as Described Herein; Auth OGC & the Council Auditor's Office to Make All Changes Necessary to Effectuate the Council's Action (Reingold) (Introduced by CMs White, Carlucci, Lahnen, Amaro, Carrico & Peluso) (Co-Sponsors CMs Boylan & Johnson)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 9/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/3/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 8-0
 9/16/24 R Subsitute/Approve 6-0
 9/17/24 F Subsitute/Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Council Member Howland said he voted for the substitute in the Rules Committee yesterday because it removes language to which he was opposed. Council Member Freeman said he is conflicted on this bill because it contains elements he supports and elements that he opposes and he believes the \$10M is an arbitrary figure. He sees no willingness on the part of the administration to compromise in any way on this issue. Experts in the field of homelessness have told him that the City is setting itself up for failure with this program. In response to a question from Councilman Freeman, Chief Deputy General Counsel Dylan Reingold said the new statute goes into effect on October 1 and the ability to file lawsuits to produce enforcement begins January 1, 2025. Council Member Diamond agreed with Mr. Freeman that a great burden is being placed on the Fire and Rescue Department, and he doesn't like that the plan is being forced on the council with no prior consultation. Council Member Arias said he thinks the plan is poorly designed and he thinks the City is already doing more than enough to comply with the new state law as it is. He thinks the appropriation is too much for just 7 new positions that will be focused on downtown, not the rest of the city. He believes lawsuits will be filed regardless of what the city does to comply with the new law.

Chairman Salem said there was \$10M in the budget for this initiative but no definitive plan, so it was removed entirely by the Finance Committee. Ordinance 2024-713 doesn't address the new state law HB1365 requirements. He has a list of amendments to propose to the Homelessness Commission for their consideration and ultimately approval by Council. Mr. Salem said he thinks the effort should start downtown because that is where the vast majority of the problem exists. He has an opinion from the General Counsel that the City is in compliance with the state law now, although maybe not in the most compassionate way. He has confidence that Fire Chief Powers, working with the Homelessness Commission, will arrive at a sensible, compassionate plan. Council Member Matt Carlucci agreed with Councilman Salem's comments and said that the homelessness problem downtown is one reason for the difficulty in redeveloping downtown, which contributes a big portion of the City's tax revenues. Council Member Lahnen said he supports the bill and expects that the Fire and Rescue Department will provide service across the county wherever it is needed.

Council Member Freeman said we don't know the magnitude of the need and how much money is really needed to solve the homelessness problem. He asked what happens to the 7 new JFRD positions if the department isn't part of the Homelessness Commission's eventual plan. He thinks this legislation should make specific mention of compliance with HB1365. Mary Staffopoulos with the Office of General Counsel said this bill is a more global approach to homelessness than just HB1365 compliance. Camping in public places is part of the homelessness issue, but there are many other aspects to this initiative. Mr. Freeman suggested reallocating money out of parks and applying it to homelessness. Ms. Staffopoulos said Mr. Freeman may not be able to offer an amendment to the budget bill because of his voting conflict of interest. Kim Taylor said the \$190M for downtown parks is to be borrowed funds so could not be used for operating costs for homelessness. Council Member Howland said the Finance Committee cut \$9M of the requested \$10M during the budget hearings. All that needs to happen now is to develop an ordinance to comply with HB1365. He is happy with the NCSPHS substitute but it hasn't dealt with the storage of the personal property of the homeless, which should not be the responsibility of JSO or JFRD.

Council Member Arias said the homelessness issue downtown is because that's where all the services and feeding programs are. Unless you change that, nothing else will change. He doesn't believe the council would ever vote to cut public safety officers once they are hired. In response to a question from Mr. Arias, Jake Gordon, CEO of Downtown Vision Inc., said the Homeward Bound bus fare program is budgeted in the Sheriff's Office budget, but DVI actually pays for the bus tickets and gets reimbursed by the City. Chairman Salem said with the construction of new fire stations there will be a place for the 7 new JFRD personnel to go if not needed for the homelessness initiative. He believes the focus should be on complying with HB1365 compassionately and recommended letting the Homelessness Commission do its work and make recommendations. Council Member Matt Carlucci said his understanding was that the 7 JFRD employees being assigned to this initiative are already on staff and volunteered for this duty. Fire Chief Powers said Mr. Carlucci is correct that the 7 will come from current forces and will be volunteers with a commitment to addressing the homelessness issue; then 7 new positions will be created to backfill those vacancies from their transfer. Mr. Salem asked Chief Powers what would happen in a year or two if the homelessness initiative officers are no longer needed. Chief Powers said a new fire station will be opening next year and they could be used to staff the rescue unit there. Mr. Arias asked how many new firefighters are hired each year; Chief Powers said 7 for a rescue unit, 15 for a fire engine.

The substitute was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

As substituted:

- 1. Removes funding of \$1,496,697 related to Plan expenditures and revises BT**
- 2. Strikes Section 4 of bill**
- 3. Revises the point-in-time count to 469 street homeless**

26. [2024-0714](#) ORD Approp \$120,000 from the Economic Grant Program, Misc Non Departmental Expenditures Acct to the Municipal Dues & Affiliations - Chamber Of Commerce, Dues & Subscriptions Acct to Procure the Professional Svcs of Jax Chamber to Attract & Retain Key Business Headquarters in Downtown Jax as Described Herein; Providing for Carryover to 9/30/25; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance Of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (The City Treasury), Ch 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for Quarterly Payments to Jax Chamber; 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 Jax Chamber; 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 Jax Chamber; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Jax Chamber; Providing for Oversight by OED (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM White) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson & Carlucci)
 8/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 9/3/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/16/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0
 9/17/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to CH 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/10/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the Rules Committee amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

RULES AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (term sheet) to reflect that payments will be made on a quarterly basis, upon delivery of the required quarterly reporting, beginning December 1, 2024**
- 2. Remove the waiver of Section 110.112 regarding the advancing of funds**

- **Waives Section 110.112 (Advance of City Funds) to allow for quarterly advances to Jax Chamber**
- **Waives Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluation Award Process) to allow for direct contract with Jax Chamber**

27. [2024-0728](#) ORD Approp \$250,000 from the NW OED Fund - Contingency Acct, to the NW OED Fund - Loans for the Purpose of Prov a \$250,000 NW Jax Small Business Dev Initiative Loan to Genuine Giants, LLC, in Connection with the Company's Renovation & Expansion of its Existing Facilities Located Generally at 11830 Old Kings Rd, Jax, FL; Purpose of Approp; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, the Economic Dev Agrmt btwn Company & the City; Auth a 50%, 5 Yr REV Grant in the Max Amt Not to Exceed \$250,000 in Connection with the Construction of the Improvements; Auth Appvl of Tech Amends by the Executive Dir of the OED; Prov for City Oversight by the OED; Affirming the Proj's Compliance with the NWJEDF Guidelines Appvd & Adopted by Ord 2016-779-E, as Amended; Affirming the Proj's Compliance with the Public Investment Policy Adopted by Ord 2024-286-E, as Amended (B.T. 24-142) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Gaffney, Jr.)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: F
 9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

28. [2024-0729](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 122.609 (Amendment for Using Agency for Owner Direct Purchase (ODP) of Materials), Pt 6 (Capital Improvement Plan), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Facilitate the Owner Direct Purchase of Supplies by Allowing the Transfer of Funds Within a Single Proj Without Modifying the Overall Budget of the Proj; Prov Codification Instructions (Wilson) (Introduced by CM Gay)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 9/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

- 29. [2024-0732](#) ORD Approp Financial Assistance in the Amt of \$577,514 from FDLE Through a Single, Non-Recurring Approp in the General Appropriations Act (2024), for the Purchase of a Mobile Command Vehicle; Prov for Oversight by JSO; Requesting 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM White)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
 9/17/24 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The emergency was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Bill Clement, JSO Finance Officer, described the purpose of the grant.

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account code

- **No City match is required for the grant**
- **Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) is anticipated to cost \$1,065,205**
- **JSO plans to utilize \$500,000 in funds from the Criminal Investigative Trust Fund to cover the remaining cost of the MCV**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested because there is a significant lead time to procure the MCV which must be completed by June 30, 2025, per the grant terms**

- 30. [2024-0733](#) ORD Amend the 24-28 5 Yr IT System Dev Plan Appvd by Ord 2023-507-E to Expand Scope of the Wi-Fi in the COJ Parks Proj from Specific Zip Codes to a Countywide Basis; Prov for Oversight by the Technology Solutions Department (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

31. [2024-0735](#) ORD Approp \$85,000.00 in Fund Balance from the Environmental Protection Fund to Prov Funding for Environmental Education & Outreach Activities & Travel, Supplies, Training, Dues & Membership Fees for the Members Environmental Protection Board & Staff; Prov for Waiver Of Sec 111.755 (Environmental Protection Fund), Pt 7 (Environment & Conservation), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Auth Utilization of Funds from the Fund to Prov Funding for the Proj; Prov For Waiver of Sec 360.602 (Uses of Fund), Pt 6 (Environmental Protection Fund), Ch 360 (Environmental Regulation), Ord Code, to Allow for the Utilization of Funds from the Fund to Fund the Proj; Prov a Carryover of Funds to FY 25-26; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, EQD; Req Annual Reports (B.T. 25-008) (Brown) (Req of Mayor)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

32. [2024-0736](#) ORD Approp \$109,266.34 from Available Revenue Balance in the Domestic Battery Surcharge Trust Fund to Estab the FY 24-25 Operating Budget for the Fund & to Prov Add'l Training to Law Enforcement Personnel in Combating Domestic Violence (B.T. 24-146) (Brown) (Req of the Sheriff)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

33. [2024-0737](#) ORD Approp \$1,200,000.00 from the Countywide Traffic Signalization - Fiber Optic Proj to the Moncrief Rd Fiber Optic Proj to Pay for the Installation of Fiber on Moncrief Rd; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Traffic Engineering Div of the Dept of Public Works (B.T. 24-144) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

34. [2024-0741](#) ORD Approp \$3,044,035.43 from the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to Estab the FY 24-25 Operating Budget for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; Auth a Position Within the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund (R.C. 25-006) (B.T. 25-007) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

35. [2024-0742](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, an Amendment 2 to Economic Dev Agrmnt Btwn the COJ & Jax LNG, LLC to Extend the Construction Commencement Date, Construction Completion Date, Job Creation Date, & Final Yr of the Rev Grant Payout by One Year (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: F
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

36. [2024-0743](#) ORD Approp \$14,113.50 from the Council President's Designated Contingency to the Mental Health Offender Program (MHOP) to Pay for the Continued Operation of a Jail Diversion Prog for Mentally Ill Offenders through the MHOP (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

- 37. [2024-0744](#) ORD Approp \$143,710 from the Gen Fund - Gen Svcs Dist Historic Stanton Rehab Contingency Acct to the Historic Stanton Rehab Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct within the Grants & Contract Compliance Div to Provide Add'l Grant Funds to Historic Stanton, Inc. for Improvements to the Historic Stanton School Bldg Located at 521 West Ashley St; Prov for Carryover; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a 2nd Amendment to the Grant Agrmt for Historic Stanton School Bldg btwn the City & Historic Stanton, Inc., to Increase the Max Indebtedness by \$143,710 & to Extend the Term of the Agrmt to 9/30/25; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Clark-Murray & J. Carlucci)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
 9/17/24 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 4-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 4 - Salem, Freeman, Howland and Lahnen

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The emergency was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Phillip Peterson explained the amendment which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

AMENDMENT

1. Clarify Amendment Two will attach a revised scope of services for the additional repairs and update the payment schedule
2. Correct scrivener's errors
3. Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Scope of Services) to correct typos

- Appropriates \$143,710 from the Historic Stanton designated contingency account to the subsidies and contributions to private organizations account within the Historic Stanton Rehab activity
- Approves Amendment Two to the grant agreement with Historic Stanton, Inc. to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2025 and increase the maximum indebtedness by \$143,710
- Funds will be used to reinstall electrical service to the building, make exterior repairs, and conduct interior remediation work on the first floor
- A one cycle emergency has been requested because the funds in the Historic Stanton Contingency account will lapse to the General Fund if not appropriated prior to October 1, 2024

38. [2024-0745](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from the NW OED Fund - Contingency Acct, to the NW OED Fund - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct, for the Purpose of Prov a NW Jax Economic Dev Fund (NWJEDF) Business Infrastructure Grant to Project Soul to Fund Certain Infrastructure Improvements in Connection with the Renovation & Expansion of an Existing Bldg on the Property Located at 2509 N. Main St; Making Certain Findings, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, the Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Company; Auth Appvl of Tech Amends by the Executive Dir of the OED; Affirming the Proj's Compliance with the NWJEDF Guidelines Appvd & Adopted by Ord 2016-779-E, as Amended; Prov for City Oversight by the OED (B.T. 24-143) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: F
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

39. [2024-0747](#) ORD Approp \$455,000.00 from the Underdrain Replacements Proj to the Brookshire Court Underdrain Rehab Proj to Pay for the Removal & Replacement of 835± ft of Existing Underdrain on Brookshire Court; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Traffic Engineering Div of the Dept of Public Works (B.T. 24-145) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

40. [2024-0748](#) ORD Making Certain Findings & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, to Execute: (1) a Redev Agrmt Among the City, DIA, & Rd River City Brewery, LLC, which Redev Agrmt Provides for the Design & Construction of 390 Multi-Family Residential Units, a 550 Space Structured Parking Facility, a Restaurant Venue, a Ship's Store, & Riverwalk Improvements by the Developer, All on the Southbank of the St. Johns River within the Southside Community Redev Area; (2) a Completion Grant Escrow & Disbursement Agrmt Governing Disbursement of the Completion Grant; (3)...Waiver of that Portion of the Public Investment Policy Adopted by Ordinance 2016-382-E, as Amended, to Authorize the Completion Grant, which is Not Authorized by the Public Investment Policy (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

41. [2024-0755](#) ORD Approp \$300,696.95 in Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the Purpose of Prov Add'l Funding to the Veterans Community Center Proj, to Include Funding for Site Survey, Engineering Drawings, Build-Out Design, & Real Estate Purchase; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs; Prov for Carryover of Funds to FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-138) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

42. [2024-0756](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from a Gen Fund Operating - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to the Gen Fund Operating - Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide Add'l City Grant Funds to Wells Creek East Homeowners Assoc, Inc, for Off Duty Traffic Control Svcs at the Intersection of Wells Creek Pkwy & Philips Hwy Subject to the Terms & Conditions Described Herein; Prov for Carryover; Prov for Reverter of Funds; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a 1st Amendment to the Contract for Off-Duty Traffic Control Svcs btwn the City & Wells Creek Homeowners Assoc, Inc, to Increase the Max Indebtedness of the Agrmt by an Add'l Not-to-Exceed Amt of \$10,000, to Attach a Revised Scope of Work, & to Extend the Term of the Agrmt to 12/31/24; Prov for Continued Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 6-0
 9/17/24 F Emergency/Approve 5-0
 9/17/24 TEU Emergency/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The emergency was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

- **A one cycle emergency has been requested because the school year has commenced and there will be a delay in installation of the anticipated traffic signal improvements**

43. [2024-0757](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from the Community Dev Corp Capacity Bldg Grants Contingency Acct to the FAGC Grants & Contract Compliance - Financial & Admin Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide a Grant to Riverside Avondale Preservation, Inc (RAP) for the Procurement of Off-Duty Security & Traffic Control Svcs Commercial Corridor of Park St & King St in Riverside as Described Herein; Prov for Carryover to FY 24-25; 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), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with RAP, 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 RAP; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & RAP for the Provision of Svcs Described Herein; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 7-0
 9/16/24 R Emergency/Approve 7-0
 9/17/24 F Emergency/Approve 5-1 (Diamond)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 9/24/24

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Lahnen

Nay: 1 - Diamond

Excused: 1 - Pittman

The emergency was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Former City Council member Jim Love, President of the Park and King Neighborhood Association, described the need for additional police presence in the Park and King area to control late-night revelry on weekends. Council Member Diamond said this is not a function of government and the additional service should be paid for by the area merchants as is done in other areas. Mr. Love said the Association has already invested about \$10,000 of private funds and believes the Sheriff's Office should be providing additional service in the area for the taxes being paid by the area property owners. In response to a question from Council Member Arias, Mr. Love said the Association hopes the current effort will quell the undesirable activity and send a message, and hopes that further funding won't be necessary. Mr. Arias said this should be a one-time effort with no future requests. Council Member Peluso said the current effort was envisioned as a one-time effort funded by the bars in the area in the hopes that the undesirable activity would be reduced sufficiently. This funding is coming from his district enhancement funds, not general budgetary funds. Council Member Howland said he is supportive of a one-time appropriation but not future funding. In response to a question from Mr. Arias, Mr. Peluso explained the increasing cost of JSO off-duty officers for late-night service on weekends.

Scrivener's

Pg. 1, line 13: insert "FOR THE" after "SERVICES"

- Appropriates \$10,000 from a contingency established for Community Development Corporation Capacity Building Grants to provide a grant to Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc (RAP)
- RAP will use the funds to pay for security and traffic control services from off-duty police officers in the commercial corridor of Park Street and King Street on Friday and Saturday nights
- Authorizes carryover of funds through FY 24/25
- Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process to authorize a direct contract with RAP
- A one cycle emergency has been requested in order to address immediate and ongoing safety concerns

44. [2024-0758](#) ORD Declaring that Certain Parcel of Real Property Located at 1144 Pacetti St, Jax, FL 32206 (R.E. # 115088 0000), in District 7, to Be Surplus to the Needs of the City; Auth Conveyance of the Subject Parcel to Destined for a Change, Inc., a FL Not-for-Profit Corp (DFAC), at No Cost; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute a Quitclaim Deed & Other Conveyance Docs; Waiving Sec 122.424 (Disposition for Direct Sale), Pt 4 (Real Property), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Allow for Donation of the Subject Property to DFAC; Waiving Sec 122.425 (Disposition by Auction or Sealed Bid), Pt 4 (Real Property), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Allow for Donation of the Subject Property to DFAC; Prov for Conveyance of the Property Subject to the Following: (1) the Property is Being Conveyed "as is", (2)... (Lopera) (Introduced by CM Peluso)
 9/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 9/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

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

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