

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-641

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Lahnen

Date of Introduction: August 26, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 22, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP Amendment

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$600,000 from the Traffic Signal San Pablo Parkway – DM Other Construction Costs account to the Veterans Community Center – DM Engineering and Design account to fund engineering and design for a new Veterans Community Center. The legislation amends the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E, to reflect the appropriation of funds from the Traffic Signal San Pablo Parkway project to the Veterans Community Center project. Oversight is assigned to the Public Works Department.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funding for the initial planning and design of a new Veterans Community Center, which will serve as a recreational facility offering programs and services tailored to Duval County's veteran population. The \$600,000 appropriation will cover site surveys, engineering drawings, and build-out design. The funds are being appropriated from the Traffic Signal San Pablo Parkway project, which was completed under budget. The ordinance also amends the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan to reflect the appropriation of funds. The City Council determined that deferring this amendment until the next budget cycle would be detrimental to the community by delaying the project's initiation. Because this legislation includes a CIP amendment, it requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council Members present at the meeting.

Policy Impact Area: Veteran services; community facilities

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$600,000 from the completed Traffic Signal San Pablo Parkway project to the Veterans Community Center project.

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