

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

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

### **Finance Committee**

*Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair*

*Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair*

*Raul Arias*

*Rory Diamond - Excused Late Arrival 9:40*

*Nick Howland*

*Will Lahnen*

*Ju'Coby Pittman - Excused Late Arrival 9:34*

*Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton*

*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: 9:30 AM****Meeting Adjourned: 11:25 AM**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Ron Salem, Vice Chair Terrance Freeman, Council Member Nick Howland, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Will Lahnen, Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman and Council Member Rory Diamond

**Attendance**

Council Members Randy White (2025-22 & 2025-25), Matt Carlucci (2025-1 & 2025-2) and Jimmy Peluso (2025-25); Merriane Lahmeur, Rebecca Bolton – Legislative Services Division; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Brian Parks – Council Auditor's Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Mary Staffopoulos, Dylan Reingold – Office of General Counsel; Scott Wilson, Mike Weinstein, Joe Inderhees - Mayor's Office; Lori Boyer – DIA; Tim Johnson – Police and Fire Pension Fund

Chairman Salem convened the meeting, and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair reviewed the agenda items and announced that there would be two presentations prior to the start of the agenda. 2025-22 and 2022-25 will be taken up at the beginning of the agenda and Ordinances 2025-1 and 2025-2 will be taken up last.

**Presentation on UF Downtown campus**

Lori Boyer, CEO of the Downtown Investment Authority, and Kurt Dudas, Vice President for Jacksonville Programs at the University of Florida made the presentation. Mr. Dudas said the UF Board of Trustees has selected the Prime Osborn Center area as the location for the new Jacksonville campus. The university intends to begin academic programming in an existing building in August 2025, will add an additional program in January 2026, then more programs in August 2026. Design is underway for a new building in addition to an existing building (801 West Bay Street) that will be acquired by the City and renovated. This is one of the most exciting things happening at UF today and university leadership is very committed. Ms. Boyer said DIA's goal is to have legislation filed in May for passage in June before the council's summer break to facilitate the August start date. Property disposition will go to the DIA board this month after a 30-day public disposition offer period. A flagship building for the campus will be built on Parcel A on Bay Street shown on the distributed map. The convention center and train station parcels are subject to future options to acquire by UF. The former train station is historically designated and cannot be demolished; it will be renovated for multiple uses including restaurants and retail and space for a train ticketing facility should rail service return to downtown. Land will be retained for future downtown rail service needs.

Council Member Lahnen asked about the timing for the second \$50M City commitment to the project. Mayor's Chief of Staff Mike Weinstein said the first \$50M has been committed but not yet spent, and will be appropriated in the May legislation along with the second \$50M which will likely be disbursed over 4 years. Mr. Lahnen said he is concerned about the City's future cash flows given financial deficit projections. Council Member Pittman asked about the project's long-term finances and commitments. Ms. Boyer said UF has to occupy Building A and start work on Building B before it can exercise the options on the train station and convention center parcels, so this will be a long-term project over 10+ years. The City has no financial commitments beyond the land and the \$100M already committed. In response to a question from Council Member Pittman about student housing, Mr. Dudas said these will be graduate programs and won't have housing at first; that may come later as more programs are developed in the future. Council Member Freeman asked for a one-on-one meeting with Ms. Boyer and Mr. Dudas to go into greater detail on the project and its potential impacts. Council Member Howland shared Mr. Lahnen's budget concerns and said this is a high priority but will necessarily displace something else in the budget. Council Member Diamond said this is an awesome project but will require budget cuts or tax increases to make the finances work.

### **Presentation on Police and Fire Pension Fund 10.1.24 Actuarial Valuation Report**

Steve Lundy, Deputy Director of the PFPF, made a presentation on the fund's actuarial valuation report. He outlined the funding policy and said the City's employer contribution next fiscal year is calculated at \$201.4M, which is considerably higher than this year's contribution due primarily to the raises the police and fire unions got this year and next in the recently approved contracts. The City's contribution is considerably reduced by the future value of the pension sales tax. The actual surtax growth rate for last year was 2.4%, less than the target of 4.25%. The fund achieved a 20.4% return on investments last year, well above the target of 6.25%. The funded ratio of the plan is 44.1%, down from 44.7% last year. Council Member Lahnen asked about next year's contribution increase. PFPF Executive Director Tim Johnson said it will be \$23M more than previously projected by last year's report which occurred before the collective bargaining raises were awarded. Council Member Howland asked about the timing for reaching full funding status; Mr. Lundy said estimated in 2056, which is 1 year later than previously projected but still far short of the 30- year life of the sales surtax. Mr. Johnson said the increase in the liability amount due to the negotiated raises was the cause of the 1-year extension to reach full funding, and that will change from year to year as participant demographics and investment returns change. This \$23M change is a one-time item, \$2-3M per year will be more typical. The fund will do an experience study comparing assumptions to actual performance in the next year, so that may change future projections and funding needs. Chairman Salem asked why the sales tax revenue only went up 2.4% last year when the inflation rate was much higher; Mr. Johnson said he didn't have an explanation for why that occurred.

| <b>Item/File No.</b> | <b>Title History</b> |
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1.     [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**

2.     [2024-0838](#)     ORD Approp \$100,000 from a Special Council Contingency to the Pre-Trial Operations Activity - Contractual Svcs Acct within JSO, to Procure the Professional Svcs of CGL Management Services, LLC, to Conduct a Population Study of the Duval County Jail as Described Herein; 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 CGL Management Services, LLC; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & CGL Management Services, LLC, for the Provision of Svcs to Complete the Study; Prov for Oversight by JSO (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**DEFER**

3.     [2024-0966](#)     ORD Apv an Agrmt for Settlement of Fines Imposed by the Municipal Code Enforcement Brd/Special Magistrate btwn the City & Live Oak Ancient City Living, LLC, a Delaware LLC, & Directing the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver the Agrmt on Behalf of the City or Auth the Agrmt to Become Effective without the Mayor's Signature; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Agrmt & Auth Tech Changes as Herein Defined; Prov for Oversight of the Agrmt by the Municipal Code Compliance Div of the Neighborhoods Dept; Req Emergency Passage Upon Intro (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico)  
11/26/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
12/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/10/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/10/24

**DEFER**

4.     [2024-0993](#)     ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, an Amdt 1 to Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Springfield MF Partners, LLC to Auth Payment of the 2nd & Final Tranche of the Completion Grant at the Earlier of 1 Yr from Substantial Completion of the Proj or at 60% Tenant Occupancy, & to Eliminate the Clawback of the Completion Grant in the Event of the Sale of the Proj Parcel (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
12/10/24 CO Introduced: F  
1/7/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/14/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/14/25

**DEFER**

5.     [2024-0994](#)     ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver:  
                          (1) an Amended & Restated Landfill Gas Rights Agrmt btwn the City & Trail  
                          Ridge Energy, LLC (Producer); (2) a 1st Amdt to the Lease Agrmt btwn the City  
                          & Producer; (3) an Easement Agrmt btwn the City & Producer; & (4) a 1st Amdt  
                          to 3 Party Contract Among the City, Producer, & Trail Ridge Landfill, Inc., a  
                          Waste Mgmt Co; All for the Purpose of Prov for the Expansion of the Existing  
                          Cooperative Landfill Gas Recovery Installation at the Trail Ridge Landfill; Prov  
                          for Add'l Auth to Grant Propty Access & Use Rights to 3rd Parties as Necessary  
                          (Sawyer) (Introduced by CM White)  
                          12/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
                          1/6/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          1/7/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          1/7/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          1/14/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          2/3/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 8-0  
                          2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
                          2/4/25 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0  
                          Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/14/25

#### **AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**             7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

**NCSPHS AMENDMENT**

**Place Amended and Restated Landfill Gas Rights Agreement, First Amendment to Lease Agreement, and First Amendment to Three-Party Contract on file to:**

- 1. Require certification (on gas meters) and CPA review (on gross revenues) for payments remitted to the City for gas delivery**
- 2. Clarify City's audit rights and include underpayment penalty**
- 3. Limit City's per occurrence claimable loss to \$1,000,000 after insurance proceeds**
- 4. Modify provisions related to removal of equipment upon termination**
- 5. Clarify condensate management and gas collection control system operations between City, Landfill Operator, and Trail Ridge Energy**
- 6. Modify insurance, indemnification, and other standard provisions**
- 7. Modify Assignment language for assignment of contract to another entity**

**• Enters into an Amended and Restated Landfill Gas Rights Agreement with Trail Ridge Energy (TRE) that:**

- Extends term of agreement 20 years to March 2049, with a 5 year extension option**
- Extends gas rights to expanded portion of landfill and any future expansion**
- Authorizes development of second TRE collection and processing site**
- Amended agreement will result in the following additional compensation received by the City:**
  - \$1,000,000 towards the installation of a 500,000-gallon leachate storage tank**
  - Through 4/1/29, TRE will pay City \$0.25 per unit of gas generated at the site, estimated by Public Works to be \$200,000 annually**
  - After 4/1/29, TRE will remit 10% of gross revenues to the City as payment for the gas rights, estimated by Public Works to be \$2,000,000 annually**
  - These additional payments to the City will be reduced by tangible personal property taxes paid by TRE**
- TRE will continue to pay City \$193,500 annually for use of Premise**
- City will pay up to \$200,000 per year to TRE for operation of the City's evaporator as well as reimburse for the cost plus 10% of all associated equipment and supplies (per Public Works, the City is currently paying approximately \$600,000 annually to the landfill operator for this service)**

6.     [2025-0001](#)     ORD Adopting a Preliminary Residential Solid Waste Rate Ord Pursuant to Ch 715, Ord Code; Stating the General Description of Svcs; Prov for Svc Cost; Prov for Assessment Rate; Repealing Max Assessment Rate; Setting a Public Hearing for the Annual Rate Ord; Directing Preparation of the Assessment Roll, Publication of Notice, & Mailing of Notices (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Amaro, Peluso, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Lahnen & Pittman) (GAB CPAC Apv)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Approve 5-1 (J. Carlucci)  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Reconsider/Amend/Approve 5-1 (J. Carlucci)  
2/3/25 R Amend/Approve 4-3 (Howland, Freeman, Gay)  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 2-5 (Fail) (Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Diamond)  
2/4/25 TEU Amend/Approve 5-2 (Gaffney, Jr., Gay)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**           2 -   Lahnen and Pittman

**Nay:**           5 -   Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias and Diamond

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. In response to a question from the Chair he explained that the Council will need to vote each year on the increased assessment. Council Member Lahnen said he has heard no opposition in the community to increasing the fee. He said there is very little room in the City budget for changing discretionary spending once public safety, debt service and pension obligations are excluded. Council Member Arias said he supports the increased fee for a necessary government service and will support the NCSPHS amendment in the context of the financial assistance program provided by 2025-2, although he would prefer to see the fee increased in one step immediately rather than phased in over several years. The amendment approved 6-1 on a voice vote (Salem opposed).



Council Member Diamond said the Beaches cities are being double taxed now with the subsidy to solid waste operations from the General Fund. The City has raised taxes numerous times in recent years and he has consistently voted against that. No effort has been made to find waste or increased efficiencies and cut the budget and the process for bidding out garbage collection is flawed and needs to be reformed. Council Member Freeman commended Council Member Matt Carlucci for crafting this proposal and taking it to the community for them to understand. He said the City is not being fiscally responsible by spending down its reserve accounts and reductions need to be found to keep funding necessary services. He will be opposed to this bill. Council Member Pittman expressed concern for low-income residents who will not be able to afford this fee increase. Council Member Carlucci explained the safety net mechanism of 2025-2 and the amendment to that bill in the NCSPHS Committee yesterday.

Council Member Lahnen agreed that the contracting process and fee structure for waste haulers needs reforming. Chairman Salem said he wants to replace the current rate review system with a straight bidding process for waste haulers to get more companies interested in bidding, and understands that Council Member Miller is working on legislation to make that happen. He reviewed a list of fee and tax increases enacted over the last 15 years. He noted that the General Fund subsidy is treated as a loan because of the interlocal agreement but is not truly a loan. He will be opposed to the bill. Mr. Diamond asked if the Mayor is supportive of the fee increase; Scott Wilson of the Mayor's Office said the Mayor is following the work of the council. Council Member Arias said the Council is "taking the heat" on the bill because of the mayor's failure to lead, so he will be in opposition today. Mr. Carlucci said his intent is to make Jacksonville better and solve a long-standing problem for the community before he leaves office. He thanked Council Member Miller for making improvements to both bills in the NCSPHS Committee with his amendments yesterday. Council Member Freeman said there is currently a lack of trust between the Council and the administration.

#### **NCSPHS AMENDMENT**

**Revise monthly assessment rate to the following (subject to annual approval by Council):**

**\$27.00 - calendar year 2025**

**\$29.50 - calendar year 2026**

**\$32.00 - calendar year 2027**

- **Establishes a monthly assessment rate for calendar year 2025 of \$30.40 per residential premise / \$364.80 annually**
- **Repeals the maximum rate previously established and does not set a maximum rate going forward**
- **The fiscal year 2024/25 deficit for the Solid Waste Fund is approximately \$40 million**
- **The projected total loan at the end of fiscal year 2024/25 is approximately \$97 million**

7.     [2025-0002](#)     ORD-MC Creating Secs 382.504 (Council Approval of Solid Waste Assessment Reductions), 382.505 (City's Obligation to Fund Solid Waste Assessment Reductions) & 382.506 (Effective Date), Pt 5 (Solid Waste Service Fee), Ch 382 (Waste Collection & Disposal Service by Contractors & City), Ord Code, to Estab Reductions for Solid Waste Assessments; Req Coordination with the City of Atlantic Beach, the City of Neptune Beach, the City of Jax Beach & the Town of Baldwin; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Boylan, Clark-Murray & Pittman) (GAB CPAC Apv)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-1 (J. Carlucci)  
2/3/25 R Amend/Approve 4-3 (Howland, Freeman, Gay)  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 4-3 (Salem, Howland, Diamond)  
2/4/25 TEU Amend/Approve 5-2 (Gaffney, Jr., Gay)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**           4 -   Freeman, Arias, Lahnen and Pittman

**Nay:**           3 -   Salem, Howland and Diamond

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment which was approved 6-1 (Salem opposed) via a voice vote. Council Member Arias proposed an amendment to provide a \$7 discount in 2025 and a \$4.50 discount in 2026 to the owners of homesteaded property in the Baymeadows Community Improvement District. In response to a question from Chairman Salem about how much the discount would cost in reduced revenue, Kim Taylor said approximately \$24,000 for year 1 and \$15,000 for year 2 for the 289 homesteaded properties in the district. Mr. Salem asked if the Tax Collector can handle this exemption; Ms. Taylor said the bill calculation is done by the Solid Waste billing staff and they should be able to identify the properties and adjust the bill. The Arias amendment was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Set the solid waste reduction assessment to be for all fee increases above the current monthly assessment of \$12.65 instead of a 100 percent exemption as proposed**
- 2. Clarify that applications for low-income solid waste assessment reductions shall be submitted, reviewed and processed in accordance with Code Sec. 754.109, the City's Stormwater Fee Low Income Exemption Program**
- 3. Include solid waste reduction assessment for homesteaded properties within the Baymeadows Community Improvement District (BCID) at an amount of \$7/month for 2025 and \$4.50/month for 2026**

- **Establishes a low-income solid waste assessment reduction of 100 percent of the solid waste assessment for a property owned by an individual or family with an income level within 150 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines**
- **Becomes effective with the 2025 calendar year assessment**
- **Mirrors the low-income exemption process for stormwater fees**
- **Estimated financial impact of \$100,000 - \$200,000 based on the recent number of stormwater low-income exemption applications**

8.      [2025-0010](#)      ORD-MC Amend Sec 126.112 (Integrity in Public Contracting - City Officers & Employees, Subpt B (Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for Waivers & Exemptions Permitted Under FL Law; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 6-1 (Freeman)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**            6 -    Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

**Nay:**            1 -    Freeman

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

**AMENDMENT**

1. Pg. 3, line 18: revise term from “material financial interest” to “material interest” to mirror the Florida Statutes terminology
2. Correct scrivener’s errors

• Amends the City’s Procurement Code to clarify that the purchase of supplies, contractual services, or capital improvements shall not be made from (1) officers or employees subject to State ethics laws or (2) any business entity in which an officer or employee has a material interest unless there is a waiver or exemption permitted under Florida law

9.        [2025-0011](#)     ORD-MC Amend Sec 108.102 (Scope of Central Services; Limitations), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 108 (Central Services), Ord Code to Clarify the Utilization of Central Svcs of the Consolidated Govt as Required Under Sec 24.04 of the Charter; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**DEFER**

10.       [2025-0012](#)     ORD Approp \$76,181 From a Gen Fund Operating Special Council Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Prov City Grant Funding to NE FL Immigrant Resource Alliance Corp (NEFIRA) for the NEFIRA Education Pillar 2025 Prog as Described Herein; 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 NEFIRA; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & NEFIRA for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0  
2/3/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

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

#### **AMENDMENT**

**Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet and Budget) to reclassify client educational expenses to the professional services line item**

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding**
- **Appropriates \$76,181 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding to the Northeast Florida Immigrant Resource Alliance Corp (“NEFIRA”)**
- **Funding will be used to pay for the salary of a part time Program Consultant, insurance, office expenses, travel, equipment, and client education for the NEFIRA Education Pillar 2025 program, which provides a variety of services to Duval County’s immigrant population, including educational programs, stabilization resources, and civic engagement opportunities**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for direct contract with NEFIRA**

11.     [2025-0014](#)     ORD-MC Concerning the Public Svc Grants Process; Amend Secs 118.803 (Grants Administrator; Responsibilities) & 118.808 (Funding Allocations by the PSG Council; Grant Award Limitations), Pt 8 (Public Service Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Update the Grants Administrator & Grants & Contract Compliance Div Responsibilities & Estab a Deadline for Agrmts; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Pittman)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

#### **DEFER**

12.     [2025-0018](#)     ORD Approp \$892,698.32 from the Gen Fund Operating Reserves to Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs to Prov the Bal of the Airline Network Grant to Breeze Aviation Group, Inc., Consistent with the Economic Dev Agrmt Previously Appvd by Ord 2022-318-E (B.T. 25-033) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: F  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

#### **DEFER**

Council Member Howland posed several questions to Economic Development Officer Ed Randolph. Mr. Randolph said the final invoice has not yet been received from the airline but should be within several weeks. He explained that the incentive is for marketing expenses for 10 new routes out of JIA, made in the form of a cash grant from the General Fund. Mr. Howland said he understands the FAA has recently given a clarifying ruling that airports can make marketing grants to airlines either in cash or via reduced landing and other fees. He wants to defer the bill and ask the Jacksonville Aviation Authority to prove that they can't find \$892,000 in their budget to pay this incentive since they have so much cash on hand and had \$40M in net income last year. Mary Staffopoulos of the General Counsel's Office said the City has a contractual obligation to Breeze for this incentive and already appropriated the dollars which got swept to fund balance at the end of the last fiscal year. Council Member Lahnen said it doesn't seem like the City should be paying this incentive instead of the aviation authority. Chairman Salem said he wants to have a report from the JAA either in person or in writing at the next meeting. Council Member Arias said this is the last time he will support funding for anything airport related since they don't provide any funding to the City and should do it themselves. Council Member Diamond said the JAA is completely uncooperative with the City and doesn't do for itself what many other airports do on a regular basis. The Chair deferred the bill until receiving input from the JAA.

**• Funds previously appropriated for this incentive did not carryover through the term of the agreement of January 29, 2025**

13.     [2025-0019](#)     ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the FL Inland Navigation Dist (FIND) for 2025 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Projs; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver all Grant Agmts btwn the City & FIND, as Well as All Docs Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Meet Funding Requirements; Prov for City Oversight by the Dept of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs (Smith) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**APPROVE**

Aye:           7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

**2025 Proposed FIND Grant Projects are:**

- 1. Pottsburg Creek/Beach Blvd. Boat Ramp - \$2.3 million Grant / \$2.76 million City Contribution**
- 2. Seiden Park Development - \$250,000 Grant / \$300,000 City Contribution**
- 3. Hopkins Creek Kayak Launch (Neptune Beach) - \$110,000 Grant / \$0 City Contribution**

14.     [2025-0020](#)     ORD Auth & Apv: (1) an Amdt 4 to the Redev Agrmt Btwn Fresh Ministries, Inc. & the City, Dated 7/20/10; (2) a Mortgage Modification Agrmt btwn the City & the Company; & (3) a Renewal Promissory Note btwn the City & Company, for the Purpose of Re-Amortizing the Remaining Bal of the Loan & to Extend the Term of the Note & Mortgage Evidencing the Loan for a Period of 15 Years, to 4/1/40, the Original Loan having been Auth by 2010-367-E; Auth such Other Closing Docs & Technical Changes as May Be Required by GC, or His Desig, & the Mayor's Office, Provd that the City's Costs are not Increased; Prov for City Oversight by OED (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: F  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**APPROVE**

**Aye:**             7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

- **A balloon payment is due April 2025 from Fresh Ministries related to a 2011 loan**
- **This amendment amortizes the remaining balance of \$270K over 15 years**

15.     [2025-0021](#)     ORD Approp Grant Funds in the Amt of \$204,000.00 from the FDLE to Fund Domestic Security Analysts for the NE FL Fusion Ctr (NEFFC); Auth 1 Public Safety Analyst & 2 Fusion Ctr Analysts; Prov for City Oversight by JSO (B.T. 25 025) (R.C. 24-197) (Wilson) (Req of Sheriff)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**             7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

Phillip Peterson explained the marked amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Chris King, commander of the Homeland Security Special Operations Section for the Sheriff's Office, requested an amendment to change the Public Safety Analyst position from full-time to part-time; the amendment was approved unanimously via a voice vote. The two amendments were rolled into a single Finance amendment.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Convert the Public Safety Analyst position from Full-Time to Part-Time**
- 2. Replace Award Agreement on file to include all pages**
- 3. Remove carryover language**
- 4. Correct Scrivener's**

- **Grant Period ends 6/30/25**
- **No City match is required**

16.     [2025-0022](#)     ORD Approp \$1,100,000 from the TDC Fund Bal to Provide Funding for the Sports Tourism Initiative Svcs Contract btwn the City & Jacksonville and the Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. d/b/a "Visit Jacksonville"; Prov for Oversight by the TDC (McCain, Jr.) (Introduced by CM White)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: F  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Approve 8-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**APPROVE**

**Aye:**             8 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

- **Reappropriates unspent funding originally appropriated by Ord. 2023-869-E for the sports tourism contract that fell to the Tourist Development Council fund balance on October 1, 2024**



17.     [2025-0024](#)     ORD Approp \$26,900 From General Fund Operating Reserves to the General Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Prov City Grant Funding to Melanin Collaborative Group Inc. (MCG) for Market Programming as Described Herein; 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 MCG; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & MCG for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Johnson)
- 1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0  
2/3/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**           7 -   Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

The amendment was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Peluso stated that the delay in funding this organization came from his office, not from the Office of General Counsel or the Auditor's Office. Council Member Pittman advocated for the funding for an organization doing good work on the Eastside. Mr. Peluso announced a ribbon-cutting ceremony tomorrow at 11 a.m. for the Florida Main Street program on A. Phillip Randolph Boulevard. Council Member Howland spoke in favor of this appropriation for a program doing good work on the Eastside.

**AMENDMENT**

**Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet and Budget) to correct program budget narrative and scrivener's error**

- **Appropriates \$26,900 from General Fund Operating Reserves, representing a portion of unspent funding originally appropriated in FY 23/24 for Council District 7 budget enhancements, to provide funding to Melanin Collaborative Group Inc.**
- **Funding will be used for salaries, event venue rentals and security, printing and advertising, professional services, and equipment rentals for Market Programming, which bolsters minority-owned enterprises by providing a forum for enhanced visibility and amplified sales through quarterly and monthly markets, educational business workshops, and networking events**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for direct contract with Melanin Collaborative Group Inc.**

18.     [2025-0025](#)     ORD Approp \$2,089,200.00, Including \$1,899,272.72 in Grant Funding from the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security (DHS) / FEMA, Through the State of FL Div of Emerg Mgmt, Under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Prog, & \$178,600.00 from Gen Fund Reserve for Federal Prog, & \$11,327.28 from Gen Fund Bal, to Cover the Required 10% City Match from the City, for the FY 23 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Prog (AFG) to Enhance the Safety of the Public & Firefighters with Respect to Fire & Fire Related Hazards; Prov for City Oversight by JFRD, Emerg Preparedness Div (B.T. 25-031) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Approve 8-0  
2/4/25 F Approve 8-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**APPROVE**

**Aye:**             8 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

- **City required match of 10% is proposed to be funded with \$178,600 from the Reserve for Federal Programs account (will leave \$0 remaining) and \$11,327.28 from operating reserves**
- **Appropriation will be used to fund the purchase and installation of protective equipment washing machines (\$720,000), employee training (\$300,000), and Overtime (\$1,069,200)**
- **Grant period ends 9/30/26**
- **Anticipated increase in annual labor costs for the 60 additional state-certified paramedics is between \$252,000 and \$324,000 based on current collective bargaining agreements**

19. [2025-0027](#) ORD Approp \$152,362 from a Gen Fund Operating Special Council Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc. for the Corner at Debs Store - GoodCareers Center as Described Herein; 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 Goodwill; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & Goodwill for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/3/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
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#### **AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

#### **AMENDMENT**

- 1. Pg. 3, line 2: strike “a portion of” and insert “for”**
- 2. Strike references to wrap around services**
- 3. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet and Budget) to remove references to wrap around services and reclassify client educational expenses to the professional services line item**

- **Council Strategic Initiatives funding**
- **Appropriates \$152,362 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding to Goodwill Industries of North Florida Inc. (“Goodwill”)**
- **Funding will be used to pay for salaries and benefits for an A-STEP STEP (Academic Support Through the Employment Process) College Navigator, GoodCareers Employment Specialist, and GoodCareer Support Specialist and client educational costs for the Corner at Debs Store – GoodCareers Center, which will provide workforce development services including workshops, referral to A-STEP certification programs, and employment support services to Duval County residents, including residents of the Out East community**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for direct contract with Goodwill**

20.     [2025-0028](#)     ORD Approp \$25,750 Previously Appropriated by Ord 2024-876-E for Council Dist 5 Park Improvements to the County-Wide Tree Trimming & Median Beautification Activity - Contractual Services Acct to Provide Funding for the Design & Installation of Landscaping & Irrigation in the Roundabout Located at the Intersection of Spring Park Rd & Spring Glen Rd; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute an Agmt with Fernandina Mulch & Stone, LLC d/b/a Liberty Landscape Supply (Liberty Landscape) for the Design & Installation of Landscaping & Irrigation in the Roundabout Located at the Intersection of Spring Park Rd & Spring Glen Rd in Council Dist 5; 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 Liberty Landscape; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Amend/Rerefer 6-0  
1/21/25 R Amend/Rerefer 7-0  
1/23/25 F Amend/Rerefer 5-0  
1/23/25 TEU Amend/Rerefer 4-0  
1/28/25 CO PH Amend/Rerefer 16-0  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
2/3/25 R Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 TEU Approve 6-0  
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### APPROVE

Aye:           7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

- Appropriates \$25,750 from funding originally appropriated by Ord. 2024-876-E for Council District 5 park improvements for the design and installation of landscaping and irrigation in the roundabout located at the intersection of Spring Park Rd. and Spring Glen Rd.
- An additional \$20,000 will also be utilized from the \$100,000 previously appropriated by Ord. 2024-879-E for countywide tree trimming and median beautification, for a total project cost of \$45,750
- Authorizes an agreement with Fernandina Mulch & Stone LLC d/b/a Liberty Landscape Supply for the project

21.     [2025-0029](#)     ORD Approp \$1,500,000.00 (\$1,250,000.00 in Grant Funds from the Build America Bureau within the U.S. DOT, Through the Innovative & Asset Concession Grant Program, & \$250,000.00 in Matching Funds in the Form of in Kind Services) for the LaVilla Transit Innovation & Equity Proj; Auth the Addition of 1 FT Position, & 1,040 Annual PT Hours within the Transportation Planning Div; Prov for City Oversight by the Transportation Planning Div of the Planning & Development Dept (B.T. 25-034) (R.C. 25-048) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 5-2 (Freeman, Diamond)  
2/4/25 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**             5 -     Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Pittman

**Nay:**            2 -     Freeman and Diamond

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Diamond said this project is the type that the federal government may be soon be canceling and asked about the likelihood that it will retain its federal funding. Brittany Norris of the Mayor's Office said the administrator of the Build America program is a Trump appointee who seems supportive of the program, but they have no certainty about what will happen. Council Member Lahnen said the grant is for design only with no future funding commitment so he will be supportive today. Council Member Freeman said investing in a design process increases the pressure to continue with further construction funding in the future. Ms. Norris said there is no intention to ask for any future City funding but to get plans drawn that will enable the City to apply more successfully for future grant opportunities. Council Member Diamond said the City's grant consultant, Ballard Partners, is exploring the future of this grant in Washington; he will convey any information he receives from the consultant.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Place grant agreement on file**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct in-kind accounts**

- Grant is for design only, and ends on 1/19/28**
- Appropriation will fund 3 years of grant related salaries, benefits and contractual services**
- Authorizes an additional position (Program Manager) and 1,040 part time hours (Planner/Engineer)**
- City required match is proposed to be met with existing staff salaries within the Public Works and Planning and Development Departments**

22.     [2025-0030](#)     ORD-MC re the Mayor's Reorg of the Executive Branch Pursuant to Pt 2 (Executive Reorganization), Ch 21 (Executive Branch, Generally), Ord Code; Recitals; Repealing in their Entirety Pt 5 (Development Services Division) & Pt 6 (Building Inspection Division), Ch 30 (Planning & Development Department), Pt 6 (Solid Waste Division), Ch 32 (Public Works Department) & Pt 4 (Environmental Quality Division), Ch 34 (Neighborhoods Department) Ord Code; Etab a New Pt 7 (Solid Waste Division) & a New Pt 8 (Environmental Quality Division), Ch 23 (Office of Administrative Services), Ord Code; Amend Sec 30.801 (Establishment; Responsibilities), Pt 8 (Transportation Planning Division), Ch 30 (Planning & Development Department), Ord Code, to Add Add'l Responsibilities; Etab a New Pt 10 (Development Services Division) & a New Pt 11 (Building Inspection Division), Ch 32 (Public Works Department), Ord Code, Shifting Responsibilities to Public Works; Amend Sec 94.106 (Duties), Ch 94 (Tree Commission), Ord Code, Shifting Duties to Public Works; Amend Sec 327.104 (Administration), Ch 327 (Sustainable Building Program), Ord Code Shifting Responsibilities to Public Works; Amend Sec 380.102 (Definitions), Ch 380 (Solid Waste Management, Ord Code, Redefining the Director; Amend Ch 654 (Code of Subdivision Regulations), Ord Code, Shifting Duties to Public Works; Amend Sec 711.427 (Registration & Permit for Placing, Maintaining, or Collocating Communications Facilities in City R/Ws Associated with Collocation of Small Wireless Facilities or Small Wireless Sole Purpose New Utility Poles), Subpt C (General Permit Conditions for Collocation of Small Wireless Facilities & Small Wireless Sole Purpose New Utility Poles), Pt 4 (Communications Facilities in City R/Ws), Ch 711 (City R/Ws), Ord Code Shifting Responsibilities to Public Works; Amend Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations), Ord Code, Shifting Responsibilities to Public Works Auth Positions; Apv the Updated 1Cloud Center List; Prov for an Organizational Chart; Prov for Transition; Prov that the Authority, Privileges, Rights, Duties, Obligations or Relationships of the City's Constitutional Officers or Independent Agencies Will Not Be Diminished or Enhanced by this Ord; Auth the Council Auditor's & General Counsel's Office to Make Technical Amends; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU, LUZ  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**DEFER**

23.     [2025-0031](#)     ORD-MC Amend Sec 124.108 (Maps, Plats, Manuals, Books & Real Estate Records), Pt 1 (Distribution & Sale of Documents), Ch 124 (Public Records), Ord Code, Removing the Fees Collected for Maps, Plats, Manuals, Books, & Real Estate Records from the List of Fees Subject for Review in the Annual Review of Fees as Described in Sec 106.112 (Annual Review of Fees), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code; Providing for Codification Instructions (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU  
1/21/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 R Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 TEU Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

**APPROVE**

Aye:             7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

**Scrivener's**

1. Pg. 1, lines 20-21 and 23, strike "Plats, Manuals, Books and Real Estate Records" and insert "plats, manuals, books and real estate records"
2. Pg. 1, line 29, strike "books," and insert "books"

- Removes real estate document fees from the Annual Review of Fees



24. [2025-0032](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City “the Real Estate Purchase Agrmt” btwn the City & JTA, for the Purpose of Acquiring 1.02± Acres of Real Property Consisting of 0 Leila St (R.E. # 088968-0000), & Portions of 725 Leila St (R.E. # 088985-0050) & 0 Riverside Ave (R.E. # 088969-0100); Apv & Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, the “Parking Agrmt” btwn City & JTA; Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Opened & Improved Portion of Magnolia St as Recorded in Deed Book “AJ”, Pgs 722-724, & in the Plat of Brooklyn, All of the Current Public Records of Duval County, FL, at the Request of the City’s Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works, Subject to the Reservation of an All-Utilities Facilities, & Access Easement in Favor of the City & JEA; Prov for Appvl Subject to Conds; Prov for Oversight of the Acquisition of the Property & the R/W Closure by the Real Estate Div & Oversight of the Parking Agrmt & the Mgmt of the Property After Acquisition by the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works (Dist. 7-Peluso) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
- 1/14/25 CO Introduced: F, TEU  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Substitute/Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 TEU Substitute/Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 2/4/25  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/28/25

### **SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Arias invited Renee Hunter, Chief of the Real Estate Division, to explain a substitute he is proposing. Ms. Hunter said the substitute would eliminate the parking agreement with JTA at JTA’s request. The substitute was approved unanimously via a voice vote and OGC was directed to roll the amendment and substitute into one Finance substitute.

### **SUBSTITUTE**

- 1. Remove Parking Agreement and Closure and Abandonment**
- 2. Attach BT and CIP Sheet as new exhibits to reflect the appropriation of \$964,000 to a land acquisition account from available funds within the McCoys Creek Greenway project**
- 3. Correct Scrivener’s**

- Legislation provides authorization to acquire 1.02 acres of land off Leila St. and Riverside Ave. from JTA for \$964,000 (City appraisal of \$580,000 and JTA appraisal of \$1,205,000)**
- Acquired property will be utilized for the McCoys Creek project and the One Riverside development**

25.     [2025-0040](#)     RESO Adopting the City Council's 1-Yr Strategic Plan & Setting the Council's Strategic Priority for the 25-26 FY; Req the Mayor Include \$9,416,621 in a Council Strategic Initiatives Contingency Acct in the 25-26 Final Annual Budget Proposal (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by the Finance Committee (CMs Salem, Freeman, Arias, Diamond, Howland, Lahnen & Pittman)) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: F  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Approve 7-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:**           7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

Kim Taylor described the purpose of the bill to request a lump sum amount be put into next year's budget for Council strategic priorities. The committee previously determined to discuss potential "guardrails" for expenditure of those funds later this year.

26.     [2025-0041](#)     RESO, Upon an Acknowledgement of Due Authorization & the Making of Findings, Apv the Issuance by the JHFA of Its Homeowner Mortgage Rev Bonds, in 1 or More Series, in an Aggregate Face Amt Not to Exceed \$100,000,000 for the Purpose of Purchasing Mortgage Loans Originated by Participating Local Lending Institutions to Finance the Purchase or Rehab of New or Existing Owner-Occupied Residences Situated in Duval County, FL, or Purchasing Securities Guaranteed by the Federal Govt or Agencies Thereof or for the Purpose of Refunding Outstanding Bonds of the JHFA Previously Issued for Such Purpose; Auth the Submission of a Request for a Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Allocation; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Sawyer) (Req of JHFA)  
1/14/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
1/21/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/28/25 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
2/4/25 F Approve 7-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:**           7 -     Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

27.     [2025-0063](#)     RESO Making Certain Findings, & Apv & Auth the Execution of an Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Eckart, LLC, to Support the Creation of the Company's Regional Distribution Facility within the City; Auth a Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant in the Max Amt of \$67,500, Calculated in the Amt of \$1,500 for Each New Job Created, for a Max of 45 New Jobs to Be Created by 12/31/29; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec; Auth Appvl of Tech Amends by the Executive Director of the OED; Prov for Oversight by the OED; Waiver of that Portion of the Public Investment Policy Adopted by Ord 2024-286-E, to Auth the Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant, which is Not Authorized by the Public Investment Policy; Req 2-Reading Passage Pursuant to C.R. 3.305 (Harvey) (Req of Mayor)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: R, F  
2/3/25 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/4/25 F Amend/Approve 6-1 (Diamond)

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**           6 -    Salem, Freeman, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Pittman

**Nay:**           1 -    Diamond

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Diamond reiterated his continuing opposition to the City government picking winners and losers in the marketplace and said some of the previously incentivized projects have not produced a good return on investment. Council Member Lahnen spoke in favor of this project which does not require any investment policy waivers.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Remove waiver of Public Investment Policy as Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant is an authorized incentive**
- 2. Place Revised Economic Development Agreement on file to correct payment chart for new job creation and remove inconsistency on payment amount on jobs created**

- **Authorizes total City incentives of \$67,500:**

- **Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant paid on a basis of \$1,500 per new job for up to 45 jobs where the average wage is at least \$79,960, payable in 25% increments over four years (\$375/year/new job) with the first installment to be paid in fiscal year 27/28**

- **Establishes a deadline of 12/31/24 for commencement of construction of the improvements**

- **Establishes a deadline of 12/31/26 for completion of construction**

- **Establishes a deadline of the earlier of 1) 36 months after taking occupancy of the project parcel or 2) 12/31/29 for the creation of 45 new jobs**

- **Estimated total private capital investment of \$1,000,000 (not required to receive City funding) related to the infrastructure improvements to support the renovation of an existing building to be leased by the company**

- **Project is located at 5400 W. 12th Street (Council District 9), which is a Level 1 Economically Distressed Area and is located within the boundary of the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund**

- **OED has calculated the ROI as 2.13 over a 10-year period**

28.     [2025-0065](#)     ORD Approp \$96,604.98 in Grant Funding from the FDLE for the Online Sting Operations Prog; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 25-040) (Smith) (Req of Sheriff)  
                          1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
                          2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/11/25

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

29.     [2025-0066](#)     ORD Approp a \$107,112.00 Grant from the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security (DHS) to Provide Funding for the City's Environmental Quality Div's Monitoring Demonstration Study Prog 2025 Budget; Purpose of Approp; Auth the Addition of 2 FT Positions within the Environmental Quality Div of the Neighborhoods Dept; Prov for Oversight & Reporting by the Neighborhoods Dept, Environmental Quality Div (B.T. 25-030) (R.C. 24-198) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
                          1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
                          2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                          2/4/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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30.     [2025-0067](#)     ORD Approp \$10,287,223.00 from Gen Fund Bal 23-24 to Meet the Funding Obligation for 3 Separate Projs Already Appvd by Council, 1 Riverside - Restaurant Completion Forgivable Loan (2021-796-E), Union Terminal Warehouse Rehab (2022-319-E), & 525 West Beaver St Rehab (2023-268-E), Purpose of Approp (B.T. 25-037) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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31.     [2025-0068](#)     ORD Approp \$123,958.00 from the Animal Care & Protective Svcs Gen Fund to Fund Personnel Costs in Order to Convert 4 PT Animal Placement Positions & 2 PT Animal Care Positions to a FT Animal Care Position & 2 FT Animal Placement Positions within the Animal Care & Protective Svcs Div of the Office of Administrative Svcs, Auth Said Positions (B.T. 25-039) (R.C. 25-059) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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32.     [2025-0069](#)     ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Amended & Restated Lease btwn Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. & the City for the City's Lease of Certain Real Propty & Improvements Located at 532 Riverside Ave, Jax, FL 32202, Commonly Known as "Florida Blue Building", for General Office Purposes & Uses Ancillary & Related Thereto, for a 195 Month Initial Term Commencing on Completion of the Lease Expansion Buildout; Prov for Oversight by JSO (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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33.     [2025-0071](#)     ORD Approp \$200,000 from a Gen Fund Operating Special Council Contingency Acct to the Office of Sports & Entertainment Sea & Sky - Misc Svcs & Charges Acct, to Provide Funds for the 2025 Sea & Sky Spectacular Event; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Sports & Entertainment (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM White)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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34.     [2025-0072](#)     ORD Approp \$200,000 from a Gen Fund Operating Desig Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the Jax Fraternal Order of Police Foundation, Inc. (FOP Foundation) to Support Various Charitable & Educational Initiatives as Described Herein; 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 FOP Foundation; Waiving Subsec 118.301(a)(3)(iii) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow FOP Foundation to Use a Portion of the City Grant Funds for Contributions & Donations to Other Groups or Orgs; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & FOP Foundation; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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35.     [2025-0073](#)     ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Amendment 1 & Amendment 2 to the Amended & Restated Naming Rights Agrmt Among Everbank, NA, Jacksonville Jaguars, LLC, & the City, to Extend the Term of the Agrmt by 3 Yrs to 2/28/28, to Extend the City's Waiver of Any Right to Receive Any Portion of the Naming Sponsor Fee to 2/28/28, & to Auth a Name Change of the Stadium From TIAA Bank Field to Everbank Stadium, & to Amend the Financial Terms btwn the Naming Sponsor & Team, as Originally Authorized by Ord 2014-561-E; Prov for City Oversight by the Sports & Entertainment Office (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
2/3/25 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/3/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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36.     [2025-0081](#)     RESO Expressing the City Council's Lack of Confidence in General Counsel Michael Fackler's Ability to Serve as an Independent, Unbiased General Counsel to the Consolidated City of Jacksonville & Its Independent Agencies or to Manage the Office of General Counsel (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Diamond & White)  
1/28/25 CO Introduced: R, F  
2/3/25 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/4/25 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

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**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19, 2025.**

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

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