

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-767

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor, and by Council Members Salem, White, Gay and Miller

Date of Introduction: October 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, TEU

Date of Analysis: October 26, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment; budget amendment; authorization for fiscal year carry-over; authorization to execute interlocal funding agreement; authorization to execute lease agreement; designation of oversight agencies

Bill Summary: The bill transfers a total of \$5,979,060 from two CIP fire station construction projects to provide the local match for a \$5,979,060 federal grant secured by the Jacksonville Port Authority to fund the construction of a new fire station to serve the Blount Island area. The funds are authorized to carry-over to FY24-25. The bill amends the 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan to reflect the addition of the new fire station project and the reduction in funding to the 2 projects from which the funds are being reallocated, and amends Schedule B4 attached to budget ordinance 2023-504-E – FY23-24 Debt Management Fund Detail to reduce the City's borrowing and reflect the contribution of funding to Jaxport. The Mayor is authorized to execute a funding agreement and lease agreement with Jaxport to provide for the contribution of the grant match and for Jaxport to lease the new station to the City after its construction. The Finance and Administration Department is designated as the oversight agency for the grant match and the Fire and Rescue Department is designated as the oversight agency for the fire station lease agreement.

Background Information: Existing Fire Station #48 on Blount Island, originally built in 1978, is no longer big enough or sufficiently equipped to serve JFRD's needs for that area of the port. Because of its designation as a "Port of Strategic Significance" due to the presence of the Marine Corps Logistics Command support facility, Jaxport was able to secure a federal grant to pay for half of the cost of a new, larger station to serve the military and commercial shipping facilities on the island and the communities adjacent to Blount Island. Jaxport will construct the facility on the north end of the island outside of the port's secured perimeter and subsequently lease it to the City for \$1 per year for 30 years with two 5-year renewal options.

Policy Impact Area: JFRD fire station construction; port facilities protection

Fiscal Impact: The bill transfers a total of \$5,979,060 from two CIP fire station construction projects to provide the local match for a federal grant.

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