

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-645

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member J. Carlucci

Date of Introduction: August 11, 2026

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

Date of Analysis: August 11, 2026

Type of Action: Agreement authorization, waiver, designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the agreement between the City and Downtown Vision Inc. for the operation and event management of James Weldon Johnson Park. Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code* is waived. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the service contract that will provide that DVI will perform operational management, routine maintenance, hospitality and security support, marketing, stakeholder engagement, and community-focused programming for JWJ Park. Contract terms: commencing on October 1, 2026, and terminating on September 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to two additional one-year terms.

The waiver is needed to permit a direct contract with DVI, justified because DVI has unique expertise providing services within the Downtown Improvement District.

Policy Impact Area: James Weldon Johnson Park operations

Fiscal Impact: No appropriation in this bill

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