CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-561

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 22, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: August 24, 2023

Type of Action: Authorization to execute grant amendment; Ordinance Code waiver; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the mayor to execute a first amendment to the grant agreement between the City and Mayport Waterfront, Inc. to 1) extend the agreement term by one year; 2) amend the scope of services; 3) authorize two advance payments for the remaining balance of the grant; and 4) make other minor changes in the agreement. It waives a portion of Part 2 of Ordinance Code Chapter 118 – City Grants – to permit the grant to be disbursed as advance payments rather than as reimbursements. The Office of Economic Development is designated as the oversight agency for the grant.

Background Information: Via Ordinance 2022-504-E the council appropriated \$140,000 to Mayport Waterfront Inc. to develop an economic development revitalization and implementation plan for Mayport Village which required the organization to conduct a minimum number of fundraising events and achieve certain fundraising goals. \$42,000 has been disbursed thus far and the organization is current with its reporting obligations. The agreement is currently scheduled to end on September 30, 2023 and Mayport Waterfront has requested an extension of that deadline by one year to September of 2024 to complete the work plan. They have also requested that the funds be disbursed in scheduled installments on October 20, 2023 and January 31, 2024 rather than on a reimbursement basis, which necessitates the waiver of the usual grant condition.

Policy Impact Area: Grant amendment

Fiscal Impact: None to City; permits the payment of the remaining grant funds in scheduled installments instead of on a reimbursement basis.

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