

**Report of the Historic Preservation Section and  
Advisory Recommendation of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission**

**TO:** Council Secretary, Jacksonville City Council

**THROUGH:** Chairperson and Members  
Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

**FROM:** Arimus Wells, City Planner Supervisor – Planning and Development

**RE:** **Proposed (Re)Naming of 711 North Liberty St – Ordinance No. 2023-611**

**DATE:** September 27, 2023

On September 12, 2023, Ordinance 2023-611 was introduced to propose (re)naming the City-owned building located at 711 North Liberty Street as the “Joseph A. Carlucci Building.” Consistent with Chapter 122.105 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code the naming and renaming of public buildings, public facilities and public parks, requires a Report from the Historic Preservation Section and an advisory recommendation on the renaming proposal from the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission. The Report is required to address the following criteria:

1. The origin of the existing public building, public facility, or public park name, if applicable;
2. Any historical significance of the existing public building, public facility or public park;
3. Whether there are any historical structures or landmarks on the subject property
4. Whether the existing building name, name of public facility, or public park name is part of a common theme of names throughout the community where such building, park or facility is located;
5. The age of the public building, public facility or public park name
6. Whether there are other public buildings, public facilities, or public parks with the same or similar name; and
7. Whether the person (or persons) to whom the public building, public facility or public park is proposed to be named or renamed has contributed to the development of, or is a reminder of the history and/or culture of the City, State, or Nation.

**Location:** 711 North Liberty Street, RE# 074116-0000

**Reason for Change:** At the request of City Council to honor the legacy of Joseph A. Carlucci and his dedication to Jacksonville and the state of Florida by (re)naming the City-owned building located at 711 North Liberty Street as the “Joseph A. Carlucci Building.”

**Criteria:**

1. The origin of the existing public building, public facility, or public park name, if applicable:

The existing City-owned building is currently being used for Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) operations and does not have a formally designated name.

2. Any historical significance of the existing public building, public facility or public park:

According to building permit (W-25-001328.000) and archival records, the existing building was constructed in September 1926. This building is identified as the work of master architects William Mulford Marsh and Harold Frederick Saxelbye of the firm Marsh and Saxelbye, which was a prominent architecture firm during the Florida Land Boom. This two-story masonry building is characterized by its Italian Renaissance styling, which consists of its flat roof, dropped cornice with modillions, rusticated corners, full-height Doric columns, and arched doorway. Based on these findings, the Historic Preservation Section considers the building eligible for designation as a local landmark.

3. Whether there are any historical structures or landmarks on the subject property:

The subject property does not consist of any locally designated or nationally designated historical structures or landmarks. However, the Historic Preservation Section considers the existing building eligible for designation as a local landmark.

4. Whether the existing building name, name of public facility, or public park name is part of a common theme of names throughout the community where such building, park or facility is located:

The existing building does not have a formally designated name and is thereby not part of a common theme of names throughout the community.

5. The age of the public building, public facility or public park name:

The existing City-owned building does not have a formally designated name. However, when the building was occupied by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) during the 1980s and 1990s, FDLE named the building the "Joseph A. Carlucci Building." However, when FDLE vacated the building, the signage and plaque recognizing his name was removed.

6. Whether there are other public buildings, public facilities, or public parks with the same or similar name:

There are no other public buildings, public facilities, or public parks with the same or similar name.

7. Whether the person (or persons) to whom the public building, public facility or public park is proposed to be named or renamed has contributed to the development of, or is a reminder of the history and/or culture of the City, State, or Nation:

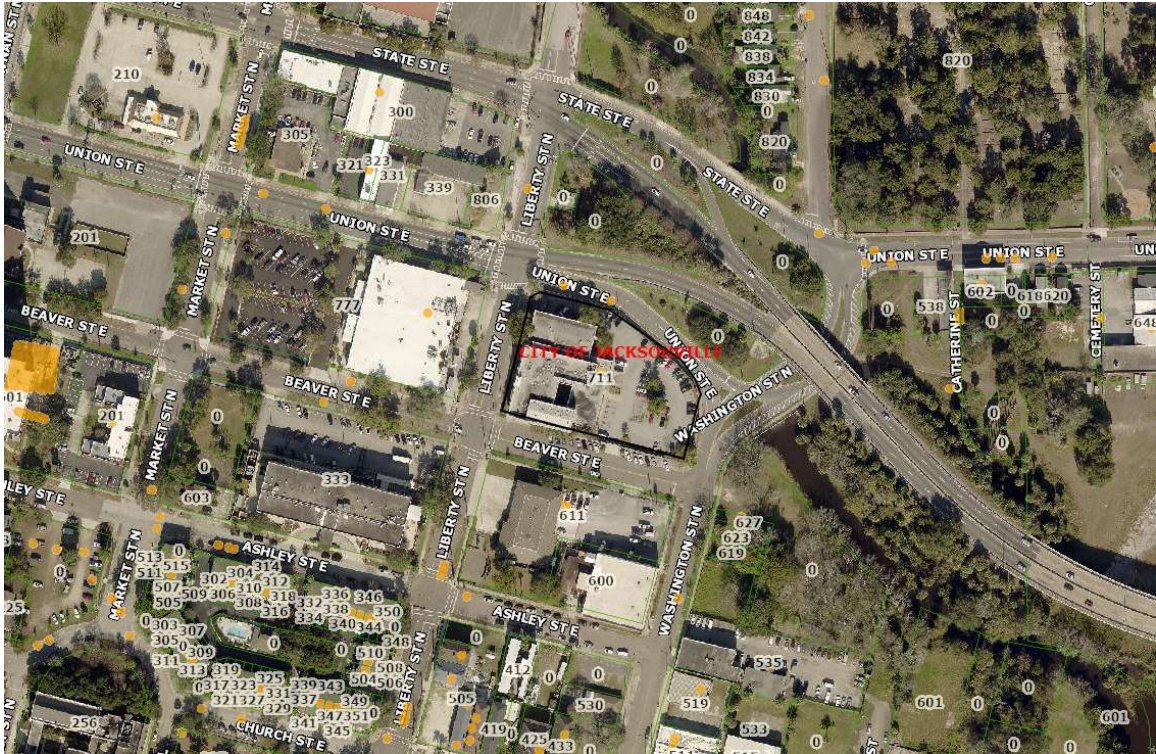
Politician and Florida state legislator, Joseph A. Carlucci, was born in Huntington Beach, New York on January 5, 1929. At age 17, Mr. Carlucci moved to Florida to attend Florida State University and the University of Miami Law School. In 1962, he opened his own State Farm Insurance Company office in Jacksonville.

Mr. Carlucci's career in public service began in 1968 when he was elected to the Jacksonville City Council at a councilmember At-Large, Group 3. He would successfully become re-elected in 1971 and 1975. In 1978, Mr. Carlucci was elected to the Florida Senate, District 8 office, a seat in which he held until his death on February 1, 1986.

During his tenure on City Council, Carlucci successfully contributed to the creation of the City's Consumer Affairs Division and the development of new regulations for the hiring of professional services. As a state senator, Mr. Carlucci was known for his contributions to reforms of Florida's criminal justice system and child abuse laws.

**PDD Recommendation:**

It is the opinion of the Planning and Development Department (PDD) that the proposed (re)naming of the City-owned building located at 711 North Liberty Street as the "Joseph A. Carlucci Building" will be named after a person that has made significant contributions to the development of the city as outlined in Ordinance 2023-611.



**Aerial View of Subject Property**



**View of the Building's Main Entrance**