

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-161**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$122,500 FROM THE  
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY TO  
7 VARIOUS ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC  
8 LIBRARY FOR RELOCATION, STORAGE, DIGITIZATION  
9 AND PRESERVATION OF CITY OF JACKSONVILLE/DUVAL  
10 COUNTY HISTORICAL RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR  
11 REVERTER OF FUNDS; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING  
12 THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION  
13 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A MEMORANDUM OF  
14 UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
15 JACKSONVILLE AND THE JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
16 (THE "MOU") OUTLINING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND  
17 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO  
18 RELOCATION, STORAGE, DIGITIZATION AND  
19 PRESERVATION OF CITY OF JACKSONVILLE/DUVAL  
20 COUNTY HISTORICAL RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR  
21 OVERSIGHT OF THE MOU BY CITY COUNCIL STAFF  
22 SERVICES AND OVERSIGHT OF COMPLETION OF THE WORK  
23 BY THE JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY; PROVIDING AN  
24 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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26 **WHEREAS,** Scottish immigrant and American industrialist Andrew  
27 Carnegie devoted a substantial portion of his vast wealth to funding  
28 the construction of public libraries across America in recognition  
29 of the fact that he was largely self-educated as a youth by reading  
30 books borrowed from his local library; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville's Carnegie Library, located on East

1 Adams Street, featured the invitation "Open to all" over its front  
2 door, as does its successor, the Main Library on Laura Street,  
3 inviting the community to partake of the vast amount of information  
4 and resources for learning contained therein; and

5 **WHEREAS,** digitization of the City's historical records offers  
6 another source of information for scholars and the general public to  
7 learn more about Jacksonville's history and government; and

8 **WHEREAS,** digitization of the City's historical records will  
9 make them readily available worldwide, offering a glimpse into aspects  
10 of Jacksonville's long history that may be of interest to scholars,  
11 researchers, and local residents; and

12 **WHEREAS,** digitization of these historical records using the  
13 latest technological advances available will produce the best  
14 possible reproductions of these irreplaceable resources, allowing the  
15 information they contain to be made readily available while also  
16 safely preserving the priceless originals; now therefore

17 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,  
19 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
20 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
21 listed in subsection (b):

22 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and  
23 incorporated herein by this reference)

24 (a) Appropriated from:

25 See **Exhibit 1** \$122,500

26 (b) Appropriated to:

27 See **Exhibit 1** \$122,500

28 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

29 The funding above is an appropriation of \$122,500 from the  
30 Council President's Designated Contingency to the  
31 personnel, equipment, and license accounts of the

1 Jacksonville Public Library, to provide funding to the  
2 Library for the provision of services for relocation,  
3 storage, digitization and preservation of certain  
4 historical City of Jacksonville/Duval County records.

5 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
6 Section 1 is to provide funding to the Jacksonville Public Library  
7 to relocate, preserve, store and digitize certain City of  
8 Jacksonville/Duval County historical records, including but not  
9 limited to, meeting minutes from the Jacksonville City Council, Duval  
10 County Commission, Public Works Commission, and Budget Commission.  
11 These records are currently stored in the City Hall basement and will  
12 be relocated to the Main Library's Special Collections which are  
13 housed in the Florida Times Union room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. The Florida  
14 Times Union room is a secure room accessible only to library staff.  
15 Items currently stored in Special Collections are retrieved by staff  
16 upon customer request.

17 The digitization component of this project will include making  
18 these historical records accessible digitally to all Jacksonville  
19 Library users and to the Florida University System.

20 **Section 3. Reverter.** Any funds remaining after completion  
21 of the project described herein shall be returned to the account of  
22 origin.

23 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is  
24 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
25 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
26 the City that certain Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the  
27 City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Public Library, in an amount  
28 not-to-exceed \$122,500, in substantially the form attached hereto as  
29 **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference.

30 **Section 5. Oversight.** City Council Staff Services shall  
31 oversee the Memorandum of Understanding and the Jacksonville Public

1 Library shall oversee completion of the work described herein.

2           **Section 6.           Effective Date.**   This Ordinance shall become  
3 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
4 without the Mayor's signature.

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6 Form Approved:

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8                     /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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