

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Member Peluso and amended by the Finance
3 Committee:

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6 **ORDINANCE 2024-172-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
8 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
9 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM
10 THE PLACEMAKING AND EQUITY FUND, INC. FOR THE
11 ENHANCEMENT OF LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING PARK
12 (THE "PARK") IN THE AMOUNT OF \$868,506.00, IN
13 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 111.105(B), *ORDINANCE*
14 *CODE*, WHICH DONATION REQUIRES AT LEAST
15 \$125,000.00 TO BE DEDICATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION
16 A MIST FOUNTAIN, \$228,000.00 FOR STAGE
17 CONSTRUCTION AND THE REMAINDER TO BE EXPENDED ON
18 GENERAL ENHANCEMENT OF LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING
19 PARK (THE "PROJECT"); APPROPRIATING \$868,506.00
20 FROM PROD OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR - PARKS AND
21 RECREATION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE SOURCE TO
22 THE CIP PROJECT ENTITLED "PARKS QOL - LIFT EV'RY
23 VOICE AND SING PARK" (THE "PROJECT") FOR
24 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PARK; PURPOSE OF
25 APPROPRIATION; AMENDING THE 2024-2028 FIVE-YEAR
26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE
27 2023-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF
28 FUNDS TO THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
29 DATE.

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31 **WHEREAS**, the Placemaking and Equity Fund, Inc., in partnership

1 with Everbank, NA, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the
2 Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation, and the Jessie Ball duPont Fund,
3 have generously offered to donate \$868,506.00 for the enhancement of
4 Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park (the "Park"), located in the historic
5 LaVilla neighborhood, Downtown Jacksonville, at 176 Lee Street North
6 between W. Adams and Houston Streets, in Council District 7, as
7 described in the donation letter dated January 22, 2024, from Marty
8 Lanahan, Chair of Placemaking and Equity Fund, Inc., attached hereto
9 as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Park honors two of Jacksonville's most famous
11 residents, James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson, who co-
12 wrote "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," often called the "Black National
13 Anthem," at their home, which was once located on the site that is
14 now the Park; and

15 **WHEREAS**, this Park will be a destination for residents and
16 visitors to learn about "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" and LaVilla's
17 dynamic history and to participate in engaging programs and
18 activities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, this donation is intended to contribute to the overall
20 enhancement of the Park; however, the donors request at least
21 \$125,000.00 be spent on the construction of the mist fountain and
22 \$228,000.00 be spent on the construction of the stage, with the
23 balance available for overall enhancement to the Park; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services
25 Department desires to accept this donation of funds for enhancement
26 of the Park and is seeking City Council approval of the donation in
27 accordance with Section 111.105(b), *Ordinance Code*; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1. Recognizing Gift.** The City Council hereby
30 approves, and authorizes the Parks, Recreation and Community Services
31 Department Director ("Director") to accept and expend the generous

1 donation from the Placemaking and Equity Fund, Inc., in the amount
2 of \$868,506.00 for the enhancement of Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park,
3 and specifically directing \$125,000.00 to be expended on the
4 construction of the mist fountain, and \$228,000.00 to be expended on
5 the stage construction, in accordance with Section 111.105(b),
6 *Ordinance Code*.

7 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
8 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
9 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
10 listed in subsection (b):

11 (B.T. 24-059, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
12 by this reference)

13 (a) Appropriated from:

14 See attached B.T. 24-059 \$868,506.00

15 (b) Appropriated to:

16 See attached B.T. 24-059 \$868,506.00

17 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

18 The funding above is an appropriation of \$868,506.00 from
19 the Contributions from Private Sources account within the
20 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Trust Fund to the
21 Other Construction Costs account within the Parks Quality
22 of Life - Lift Ev'ry voice and Sing project in the Authorized
23 Capital Projects - FY23 and Forward Fund.

24 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
25 Section 2 is to provide funding for enhancements at Lift Ev'ry Voice
26 and Sing Park. Specifically, \$125,000.00 of the funds shall be used
27 for the construction of the mist fountain, and \$228,000.00 shall be
28 used for the construction of the stage, with the remainder of the
29 funds for general enhancement of the Park. Construction on any portion
30 of the Project involving use of the donated funds shall not commence
31 until the City's receipt and deposit of said funds.

1 **Section 4. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance

2 2023-505-E, adopting the 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
3 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is
4 hereby amended to reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project,
5 as more fully described in the Project Information Sheets attached
6 hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference. The
7 City Council finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP
8 until the next annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to
9 the best interests of the community because such deferral will
10 unnecessarily delay completion of the Project.

11 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of
12 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
13 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
14 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
15 an amendment to Ordinance 2023-505-E. In all other respects, the
16 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2023-505-E
17 shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

18 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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