

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-253

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Members Peluso and Salem

**Date of Introduction:** March 26, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** March 28, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation of funds; providing for carryover of funds; invoking an exemption in the Ordinance Code; authorizing the mayor to execute and deliver a contract with a private entity; designation of oversight department; request for emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$200,000 from the Council President's Contingency to the General Fund Operating Contractual Services Account within the Planning and Development Department to procure the services of Community Planning Collaborative LLC, to conduct a community engagement and visioning study to develop a roadmap for revitalization and development in Durkeeville. It provides for the carryover of funds to April 30, 2025, and invokes the exemption in Section 126.107(g) of the Ordinance Code to allow for a direct contract with the company. It authorizes the mayor to execute and deliver a contract with Community Planning Collaborative LLC, for the provision of professional services to complete the study, designates the Planning and Development Department as the oversight division for this project, and requests one-cycle emergency passage.

**Background Information:** Community Planning Collaborative LLC is an organization whose goal is to inspire community-led, history-based planning solutions that blend practical planning and land-use strategies with a commitment to working with the people of a neighborhood. The Contractor will conduct a study in Durkeeville with the intent that the results will help guide the revitalization and future development of Durkeeville and will consider and make recommendations for development of several properties owned by the Jacksonville Housing Authority in the area. This study will include taking an assessment of existing conditions throughout the area, followed by an analysis of how to revitalize and appropriately develop the area to meet the needs of the community while engaging community stakeholders and residents in a community-led strategic planning initiative.

The exemption must be invoked to allow for the direct contracting with the Contractor, and this bill requests one-cycle emergency passage because the Contractor has immediate capacity to initiate the study and because the Council would like work to begin as soon as possible while there is significant community interest in seeing an initiative aimed at addressing the current and future needs of the community.

**Policy Impact Area:** Community planning

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$200,000 from the Council President's Designated Contingency for the a community planning study for the Durkeeville community.

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