## CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-323

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

**Date of Introduction:** May 15, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** TEU

Date of Analysis: May 15, 2019

**Type of Action:** Ordinance abandoning right of way

**Bill Summary:** This bill closes and abandons an improved portion of the May Street right-of-way, established in Deed Book AJ, page 723 of the former public records of Duval County, in Council District 7. There is reserved unto JEA an All Utilities Easement on, over, across, and under the closed right-of-way for ingress and egress and for all utilities, including but not limited to water, sewer, electric, and drainage, so as to provide JEA continued access to service infrastructure. The closure and abandonment by the City of May Street right-of-way is subject to, and will not be recorded in the Public Records until, the execution and delivery of a hold harmless covenant.

**Background Information:** The Downtown Investment Authority has requested the closure of the May Street right-of-way to facilitate the development of the abutting properties to the southeast of the right-of-way. The abutting property owner on the northwest has approved of the closure request.

Policy Impact Area: May Street right-of-way

**Fiscal Impact:** DIA is exempt from closure application fees. No direct cost to the City.

**Analyst:** Hampsey