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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-0333

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Morgan

Date of Introduction: May 15, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: May 15, 2019

Type of Action: Approval and authorization of an agreement

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes and approves the Mayor or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and The Wildlife Rescue Coalition of Northeast Florida, Inc.; and provides City oversight by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Background Information: The agreement is for the lease of property within the Arlington Lions Club Park located at 4322-1 Richard Denby Gatlin Road, in District 1. The Wildlife Rescue Coalition of Northeast Florida (WRCNEF) plans to use the property for an experiential learning center for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. WRCNEF has provided services to approximately 2000 wild animals throughout Northeast Florida since 2003. The organization has outgrown its current location that includes old rundown trailers. Arlington Lions Park is centrally located and best suited for a new modular building for the rescue center, and an experiential learning center for students to include medical triage, isolation area and support care of animals.

The term of the agreement is for ten (10) years from the effective date. WRCNEF will pay the City \$1.00 annually for the use of the premises. After the expiration of the agreement, with the consent of the City, WRCNEF is permitted to continue occupancy on a month-to-month term. The City reserves the right to amend the fees and other charges during this time unilaterally.

Policy Impact Area: Wildlife rescue center, Arlington Lions Club Park

Fiscal Impact: The premises use fee is \$1.00 annually.

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