

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2020-115

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Members Carlucci and Wilson

**Date of Introduction:** February 11, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** February 10, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, agreement authorization, *Ordinance Code* waiver and exception, and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$35,000 from the designated City Council Operating Contingency to The Jacksonville Historical Society, Inc. to assist in the restoration project at the Casket Factory building, located at 314 Palmetto Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. This bill also authorizes the contract between the City and the Jacksonville Historical Society, Inc. for contribution of \$35,000 to match funding received from other sources, including a matching grant from Delores Barr Weaver. The agreement invokes the exception pursuant to Section 31 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* to exempt the procurement from competitive solicitation; and waives Section 118.201(f)(7), *Ordinance Code*, in order to allow upfront payment to The Jacksonville Historical Society, Inc. The Office of Grants and Compliance of the Finance and Administration Department will oversee the project.

**Background Information:** The Jacksonville Historical Society purchased the Florida Casket Company Building in 2012. Around that same time, the new Duval County Courthouse was opening and the Jacksonville Historical Society agreed to store files, old record books and related materials that were going to be destroyed due to the relocation. The Jacksonville Historical Society subsequently agreed to store old photo negatives held by the Florida Times-Union, who could no longer store them with their files when they relocated to the Wells Fargo Center. The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for major renovations to the Florida Casket Company Building where historical documents, court records and photo negatives are stored. The Jacksonville Historical Society is seeking to raise \$300,000 for the renovations through donations and other grants, in addition to the City's contribution.

**Policy Impact Area:** The Jacksonville Historical Society

**Fiscal Impact:** \$35,000 appropriated from the designated City Council Operating Contingency

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