

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2020-226

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

Date of Introduction: April 28, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: April 30, 2020

Type of Action: Approval of economic development agreement; approval of local QTI match; designation of oversight agency; affirmation of compliance with Public Investment Policy; request for fast-track approval

Bill Summary: The bill approves execution of an economic development agreement between the City and Project Kodiak (company identity temporarily confidential) to incentivize the creation of 80 new full-time jobs in Jacksonville. The City commits to a Qualified Targeted Industry local 20% match of \$96,000 (\$1,200 per job for 80 jobs) to the state's \$384,000 grant (80% of \$480,000 total), which includes a High Impact Sector bonus. The Office of Economic Development is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project. Fast-track approval on second reading of the bill is requested. The bill affirms that the incentives conform to the City's Public Investment Policy. It provides that if the agreement is not executed by the company within 90 days after receipt from the City, the agreement is automatically revoked if not extended by the Executive Director of the OED for up to 90 days.

Background Information: Project Kodiak is an international financial services company, headquartered in New York City. The company, which currently does not have a presence in Jacksonville, is considering opening a Jacksonville operation, and creating 80 new jobs, at an average wage of \$74,209, by December of 2020. The new Jacksonville office will be utilized to handle some of the company's international securities processing activities. The company is also considering other options in the southern U.S. for the proposed operation and states that the proposed incentive is a material consideration in its selection of a location for this project.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The City commits to a local QTI match of up to \$96,000 match the state's investment of \$384,000.

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