

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Morgan, Salem, Hazouri, Pittman, Priestly Jackson, Bowman,
3 DeFoor and Newby and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community
4 Services, Public Health & Safety Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2020-588-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
8 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SECOND
9 AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE
10 UNIVERSITY TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A SECOND
11 ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR THE CONTINUING MANATEE
12 PROTECTION STUDIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021,
13 AND TO INCLUDE THE CONTINUING TASK FOR A
14 BOATER SPEED ZONE COMPLIANCE STUDY, SUBJECT TO
15 APPROPRIATION BY CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN
16 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has engaged Jacksonville
19 University to provide marine science support, particularly in
20 developing and refining the City's Manatee Protection Plan; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the University's A. Quinton White, Ph.D., a highly-
22 regarded expert on marine mammals, especially manatees, has been
23 the principal scientist under the contract with Jacksonville
24 University; and

25 **WHEREAS**, conflict, such as the differing regulatory approaches
26 to manatee protection and the debate over the status of the
27 manatee, indicates the continuing need for marine science support;
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, the City Council authorized the contract with Dr.
30 White through Ordinance 2018-540-E, which invoked Section

1 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code*, to waive competitive solicitation and
2 bidding due to Dr. White's expertise; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the contract amendment approved by Ordinance 2019-
4 645-E was set to expire on October 3, 2020 but provides for three
5 (3) one (1) year renewals; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a revised Task 8 for a Boater Speed Zone Compliance
7 Study (the "Study") was outlined in the first amendment to the
8 contract, which was to be completed within the 2019/2020 fiscal
9 year for the amount of \$90,000.00; and

10 **WHEREAS**, due to lengthy discussions with the Florida Fish and
11 Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FWC") regarding the scope of
12 work for the Study as required by the City of Jacksonville Manatee
13 Protection Plan, 4th Edition, dated November 2017, and delays
14 brought on by COVID-19 which disrupted the University's ability to
15 perform the data collection for the Study, the Study was initiated
16 in FY 2019/2020, but not completed; and

17 **WHEREAS**, because the Study was only partially completed in FY
18 2019/2020 and because the funding is obligated and thus will carry
19 over from FY 19/20 to FY 20/21, no additional funds will be needed
20 for the Study in FY 20/21, which will bring the total contract
21 amount to \$360,000 (\$90,000 for FY 18/19 annual contract +
22 \$90,000.00 for FY 19/20 annual contract, + \$90,000.00 for the
23 Boater Speed Zone Compliance Study + \$90,000 for FY 20/21 annual
24 contract); and

25 **WHEREAS**, at its September 9, 2020 meeting, the Waterways
26 Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed contract
27 extension and the delayed services for the Study; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Council would like to exercise the second
29 extension to renew the contract for an additional one-year renewal
30 to October 3, 2021, and to include the continuation of work on the
31 Study to its completion; now therefore

1 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

2 **Section 1. Authorizing the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to**
3 **Execute a Second Amendment to the Contract for Continuing Manatee**
4 **Protection Studies, dated October 4, 2018.** Subject to
5 appropriation by the City Council, the Mayor, or his designee, and
6 Corporation Secretary are authorized to execute a Second Amendment
7 to the contract with Jacksonville University to exercise the second
8 one (1) year renewal of the contract term for the services of Dr.
9 A. Quinton White and Dr. Gerard Pinto for continuing manatee
10 protection studies in substantially the same form as contained in
11 the document attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1** labeled as
12 "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Continuing Manatee Protection Studies,
13 October 19, 2020 - NCSPHS".

14 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Susan C. Grandin

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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