

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-205

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

**Date of Introduction:** April 13 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F, Waterways Commission

**Date of Analysis:** April 15, 2021

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agency; continuation of reporting requirements

**Bill Summary:** The bill re-appropriates \$2,260,000 in funds previously allocated to but no longer needed for several Florida Inland Navigational District (FIND) projects to other FIND projects to provide sufficient funding for completion of those projects. It amends the 2021-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to reflect the funding changes for the various projects, designates the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services as the oversight agency for the projects, and provides that the department shall continue to provide quarterly status reports on all active FIND projects to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission.

**Background Information:** In 2019 the City applied for and was awarded FIND grant funding in the total amount of \$1,175,000 for construction of the Mandarin Park Dock and Kayak Launch and the Oak Harbor Boat Ramp Dredge projects and appropriated \$1,410,000 of local matching funds. Those projects were recently advertised for construction and the accepted bids are under budget, leaving approximately \$850,000.00 in FY 2019-2020 Funds available for reallocation to other projects. This bill appropriates those funds to fully fund construction of the Riverfront Park Fishing Platform project, which is currently the City's second highest priority waterway project.

In 2020 the City submitted four FIND grant applications to receive funding for construction of the Jacksonville Zoo Dock, Riverfront Park Fishing Platform, Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp Dredge and Goodby's Creek Dredge projects, but was only awarded funding for the Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp Dredge project. This bill appropriates the City's \$1,410,000 local match for the three projects that failed to receive FIND funding to fully fund construction of the Jacksonville Zoo Dock project, which is the City's highest priority waterway project.

**Policy Impact Area:** Waterways facility improvements

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill re-appropriates \$2,260,000 in funds from FIND projects that are either under budget or will not be constructed this year due to lack of FIND grant funding to fund the full construction cost of the City's top two waterways facility improvement projects.

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