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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-358

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

Date of Introduction: June 8, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: JWC, NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: June 9, 2021

Type of Action: Authorization of development agreement, amendment authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the Development Agreement between the DIA and Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association, Inc. (JHNSA) for the relocation of the USS Orleck to Downtown Jacksonville as a floating museum at the former Jacksonville Shipyard site in Jacksonville's Northbank Downtown Community Redevelopment Area. The Chief Executive Officer of the DIA is authorized to execute additional amendments to the Development Agreement and License Agreement, as needed. The initial license agreement with JHNSA is for a period of ten years, and may be extended for two additional periods of five years under the same terms and conditions. There are no annual or monthly license fees for JHNSA under this licensing agreement, and JHNSA is responsible for all costs of operation and maintenance. The DIA will oversee the Project.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to establish the USS Orleck in downtown Jacksonville as a Ship Museum and tourist attraction that would benefit the City, the Navy, and the public. The agreement includes language to reflect the obligation of JHNSA to relocate or remove the USS Orleck, at no cost to the City, if the DIA determines that the USS Orleck is not contributing to the improvement of Downtown Jacksonville. The vessel is approximately 400' in length and will be moored on the east side of Pier 1, the westerly most pier within the Shipyards property, adjacent to the Berkman Marina. The permitted uses of the vessel include: 1) operate and maintain a ship museum; 2) host overnight camp-aboard activities; 3) host community events and concerts; 4) host children's activities and educational programs; 5) host military, holiday, and private ceremonies and events; and 6) host fundraising events. JHNSA will provide semi-permanent building with an access walkway, restroom facilities, and a guest services area to serve the Ship Museum to be located on the uplands are immediately to the north of Pier 1, and to the east of Catherine Street.

Policy Impact Area: USS Orleck - floating museum at the former Jacksonville Shipyard

Fiscal Impact: There is no City funding required by this legislation

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