

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-553

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

Date of Introduction: August 10, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 10, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$1,162,600, a transfer of funds from Tax Collector investment pool earnings to the Tax Collector General Operations – Finance and Administration Account to be used for build-out of leased space for relocation of the Duval County Tax Collector’s Office Gateway branch. This bill also authorizes the Lease Agreement between the City of Jacksonville, for and on behalf of the Duval County Tax Collector, and Jacksonville Plaza 1 LLC. The Real Estate Division of the Department of Public Works shall provide initial oversight of Lease execution and the Duval County Tax Collector’s Office will provide oversight of the Lease thereafter.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for build-out costs associated with the relocation of the Duval County Tax Collector’s Office Gateway branch (located at 910 W. 44th Street) to a new Soutel branch, located at 4750 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32208. The funds will cover procurement of office furniture, fixtures and equipment, and information technology and other operational expenses necessary for branch relocation. This relocation is necessary because the current lease for the Gateway branch, which expires in March 2022, will not be renewed. The lease for the new Soutel location: provides for use of approximately 6,656 square feet of space in Unit #3 of the plaza located at 4750 Soutel Drive in Council District 10, and has an initial term beginning on the Lease commencement date through September 30, 2027, with options to renew for three (3) additional five (5) year terms. The initial rental rate is \$6,656 per month, with an escalation rate of two percent (2%) per year thereafter.

Policy Impact Area: Tax Collector’s Office

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$1,162,600 as initiated by B.T. 21-095, the Landlord is providing \$25 per square foot toward the build-out, for a total contribution of \$166,400

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