

1 Council Member Dennis offers the following Substitute to File No.
2 2021-464:

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4 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and substituted by the Rules
5 Committee:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2021-464**

9 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENTAL
10 PERMITTING AGENCIES TO ASSIST THE CITY OF
11 JACKSONVILLE WITH FACILITATING LONG-TERM FLOOD
12 CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS AND RESTORATION OF THE
13 NATURAL CHANNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE MCCOYS CREEK
14 RESTORATION PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
15 DATE.

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17 **WHEREAS**, McCoys Creek is located west of downtown, with the
18 headwaters of McCoys Creek beginning west of Leland Street and
19 traveling through several neighborhoods, including Lackawanna, Mixon
20 Town, the Rail Yard District, and Brooklyn. The creek outfalls to the
21 St. Johns River near the Acosta Bridge; and

22 **WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, chronic flooding from McCoys
23 Creek has impacted McCoys Creek Boulevard and adjacent neighborhoods;
24 as widely reported on July 4, 2021, multiple people had to be rescued
25 from vehicles trapped along McCoys Creek Boulevard when an afternoon
26 rain event caused the streets to flood; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has committed \$105 million
28 over the next three years to restore McCoys Creek to a natural state
29 and in the process, mitigate the ongoing and chronic flooding on
30 McCoys Creek Boulevard and in nearby neighborhoods; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the restoration project is planned to restore the

1 natural channel design, expand the flood plain and give room for
2 water runoff, is anticipated to take almost two years (pending weather
3 and other delays), and requires the City's coordination with
4 governmental permitting agencies; and

5 **WHEREAS**, ongoing flooding of McCoys Creek has caused hardship
6 for the surrounding neighborhoods, including some that are
7 economically challenged, and has created adverse impacts on City
8 residents; and

9 **WHEREAS**, given the investment that the City of Jacksonville is
10 making toward these improvements, the City Council desires to
11 encourage governmental permitting agencies to work in coordination
12 with and assist the City of Jacksonville with making long-term flood
13 control improvements so that the project can be completed on an
14 expedited basis; now therefore

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby strongly encourages
17 governmental permitting agencies to work in coordination with and
18 assist the City of Jacksonville with making long-term flood control
19 improvements for the McCoys Creek Restoration Project so that the
20 project can be expedited.

21 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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