

1 The Rules Committee offers the following Substitute to File No. 2021-
2 464:

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4 Introduced by Council Member Dennis:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2021-464**

8 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENTAL
9 PERMITTING AGENCIES TO ASSIST THE CITY OF
10 JACKSONVILLE WITH FACILITATING LONG-TERM FLOOD
11 CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS AND RESTORATION OF THE
12 NATURAL CHANNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE MCCOYS CREEK
13 RESTORATION PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
14 DATE.
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16 **WHEREAS**, McCoys Creek is located west of downtown, with the
17 headwaters of McCoys Creek beginning west of Leland Street and
18 traveling through several neighborhoods, including Lackawanna, Mixon
19 Town, the Rail Yard District, and Brooklyn. The creek outfalls to the
20 St. Johns River near the Acosta Bridge; and

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

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

30 **WHEREAS**, the restoration project is planned to restore the
31 natural channel design, expand the flood plain and give room for

1 water runoff, is anticipated to take almost two years (pending weather
2 and other delays), and requires the City's coordination with
3 governmental permitting agencies; and

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

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

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

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

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

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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