

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

2:00 PM

**Council Chamber
1st Floor, City Hall**

Rules Committee

Terrance Freeman, Chair - Excused Absence

Randy White, Vice Chair

Ken Amaro

Michael Boylan

Joe Carlucci

Rahman Johnson

Chris Miller

Legislative Assistant: Steven Libby

Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher

Council Research: Colleen Hampsey

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Bill Delaney

Meeting Convened: 2:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:36 PM

Present: 6 - Vice Chair Randy White, Council Member Ken Amaro, Council Member Joe Carlucci, Council Member Rahman Johnson, Council Member Chris Miller and Council Member Michael Boylan

Excused: 1 - Chair Terrance Freeman

Attendance:

CP Salem - Visiting

CM Carlucci - Visiting

CM Carrico - Visiting

CM Clark-Murray - Visiting

CM Howland - 2023-806

CM Peluso - Visiting

CM Pittman - Visiting

Michael Fackler, General Counsel, was in attendance to answer questions about Mayoral authority and appropriations as related to the 12/26/23 removal of a confederate monument in Springfield Park (Women of the Southland). Council President Salem said the questions should pertain to the removal process, not the monument itself.

CP Salem indicated that the monument removal was an infringement on the power of council even though the costs were covered through a private donation. CP Salem questioned why the draft opinion shared with the media was not signed nor dated by OGC. He asked if Mr. Fackler stands by the draft or if he would make changes to the language. Mr. Fackler said he would modify the use of language related to the Mayor's "exclusive authority" over parks.

CP Salem asked if Mr. Fackler had consulted the Planning Department about a COA (certificate of appropriateness) required for exterior work in a historic district or to a local landmark. He asked about restrictions to Mayoral authority in the Ordinance Code and Charter. He expressed concerns that something similar could happen again, and said he is working on legislation to prevent a reoccurrence. CP Salem asked about a memo written by previous General Counsel, Bob Rhodes, about certificates of appropriateness and historic structures. Mr. Fackler said that per his analysis the Women of the Southland monument was not a protected contributing structure in Springfield Park. Mr. Fackler said the monument was not designated as a local landmark or historical structure. He said that the Procurement Division and Parks Department were consulted on the removal, but not the Planning Department. There was discussion about Capital Improvement projects and the threshold for projects that have a total cost greater than \$100,000. Mr. Fackler said that per his analysis, the monument removal was not a capital project which by definition is one that leads to the acquisition, construction, or extension of the useful life of capital assets. He also said that it is his view that there were not limitations on the use of private donation funds for the removal.

CM Carrico talked about how the monument has been treated as an historical landmark previously, in that COAs were utilized for painting and maintenance. He asked about the timing of the request, and the perceived rush to remove the monument. Bill Delaney, Mayor's Office, said security was the consideration for not publicizing the removal. Mr. Fackler said that sometimes COAs are utilized unnecessarily out of an abundance of caution.

CM Howland reiterated his request for a formal GC opinion about a series of questions about "extralegal actions", public and/or private funding appropriated for a public purpose without council approval, capital improvement project requirements, and the potential removal of other monuments in the city. There was a discussion about the definition of City revenue.

CM Carlucci talked about the lack of push back after removal of a confederate statue in James Weldon Johnson Park under the Curry Administration, the lack of historical designation of the Women of the Southland monument, and the benefit of a strong mayor form of government if/when council is unable or unwilling to take action on the right side of history. He talked about his bill to remove the monument in 2022 that failed 13-6, without much discussion.

CM Joe Carlucci asked about risk and liability if actions are taken based on a draft unsigned legal opinion. He spoke about demolition as a form of capital improvement.

CM Peluso asked if there was an OGC opinion issued when Mayor Curry removed the statue in JWJ park (there was not), and he highlighted that the Women of the Southland monument did not have an

historic designation. CM Peluso noted that Mr. Fackler served previously as the President of Jacksonville Historical Society, and that Alan Bliss, Jacksonville Historical Society Executive Director, corroborated the lack of historical designation for the monument. CM Peluso expressed support for the security measures taken while removing the monument, and noted that Mayor Deegan campaigned on the removal issue.

CP Salem said he feels that the removal was an overstep on the part of the Mayor, encroaching on council authority.

Item/File No.**Title History**

1. [2023-0307](#) ORD-MC re the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Amend Sec 22.12 of the Charter of the COJ; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees & CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F
5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23

DEFER

2. [2023-0685](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Americus Spencer-Harold, a Duval County Resident, to the Construction Trades Qualifying Brd as an Engineer Rep, Filling a Seat Formerly Held by Mark Keister, Pursuant to Sec 62.101 (Board Established), Ch 62 (Construction Trades Qualifying Board), Ord Code, For a 1st Full Term to Exp on 9/30/25 (Hodges) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem & Johnson)
9/26/23 CO Introduced: R
10/2/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Amend/Approve 5-0

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - White, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT**AMENDMENT**

1. Revise seat to general contractor representative
2. Revise name of person being replaced to Sonny Lloyd

NOTE:

The appointee is not eligible to fill the engineer representative seat since she is not an engineer registered by the State. The Administration has requested that the bill be amended to revise the appointee's seat to the general contractor representative since she meets the qualifications for that seat. The general contractor seat is currently filled by Sonny Lloyd who is serving a term ending September 30, 2025. The Administration has requested that Mr. Lloyd be replaced; however, Mr. Lloyd has not resigned from the Construction Trades Qualifying Board. Pursuant to Code Section 62.102(b), any member of the Board may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire Council.

3. [2023-0716](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 55.105 (Boundaries of Jacksonville Downtown Area), 55.106 (Definitions), & 55.112 (Project & Program Funding), Pt 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ch 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ord Code, to Revise & Add Certain Definitions, Clarify Proj & Prog Funding, Add Language Identifying the DIA as the Desig Supervising & Admin Body Over the Downtown Economic Dev Fund, & Amend the Sec Title; Prov for Codification Instructions (Lopera) (Req of DIA) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R, F
10/16/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

DEFER

4. [2023-0731](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Dr. Cynthia R. Griffin, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs, Replacing Dr. Eldridge A. Groomes, Pursuant to Sec 82.102 (Composition of Membership; Officers), Ch 82 (Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp on 6/30/24, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 6/30/26 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Peluso & Johnson)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R
10/16/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/24/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

- 5. [2023-0775](#) RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of Suzanne Pickett, a Duval County Resident, to the Cultural Council of Greater Jax, Replacing Jeff Strohecker, Pursuant to Sec 118.602 (Responsibility), Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grant Program), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp 9/30/26 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Amaro, Johnson & Carlucci)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: R
 11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Withdraw 6-0

WITHDRAW

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

- 6. [2023-0776](#) RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of Darrin Eakins, a Duval County Resident, to the Cultural Council of Greater Jax, Replacing Ryan M. Ali, Pursuant to Sec 118.605 (Cultural Service Grant Committee), Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grant Program), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp 9/30/25, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp 9/30/28 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Amaro, Peluso, Johnson & Boylan)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: R
 11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

Scrivener’s

- 1. Pg. 1, line 9: correct Code section
- 2. Pg. 1, line 23: correct spelling

CMs Johnson and Boylan asked to be added as co-sponsors.

- 7. [2023-0777](#) RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of Monica Hernandez, a Duval County Resident, to the Cultural Council of Greater Jax, Replacing Kirsten Doolittle, Pursuant to Sec 118.602, Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp 9/30/25, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 9/30/28 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso, Miller, Amaro & Lahnen)
 10/24/23 CO Introduced: R
 11/6/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/14/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

AMENDMENT

Correct residency to St. Johns County

- 8. [2023-0805](#) ORD Confirm the Mayor’s Appt of Tamara G. Baker, a Duval County Resident, to the DIA Brd, Replacing George R. Saoud, Esq, Pursuant To Sec 55.107 (Downtown Investment Authority Board), Pt 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ch 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term to Exp on 6/30/26; Waiving Subsec 55.107 (b) (Board Membership; Term of Office & Appointment; Removal; Vacancies; Office-Holding), Sec 55.107 (Downtown Investment Authority Board), Pt 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ch 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ord Code, to Enable Appt of Ms. Baker (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 11/14/23 CO Introduced: R
 11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Withdraw 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

WITHDRAW

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

9. [2023-0806](#) ORD re the FY 22-23 City Grant Agrmt btwn FOBT Pipeline, Inc., a FL Not for Profit Corp (FBOT), & the City (FY 23 City Grant Agreement); Waiving FOBT's Non-Compliance with the Permit Requirement Prov in the FY 23 City Grant Agrmt; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
 11/14/23 CO Introduced: R, F
 11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
 1/3/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

AMENDMENT

1. **Authorize the Council Auditor to remove FOBT Pipeline, Inc. from the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List**
2. **Remove Emergency language**
3. **Correct Scrivener's**

• **FOBT Pipeline, Inc. was added to the Non-Compliance List on 11/8/23 for failing to comply with Agreement terms (Section 118.504) associated with their fiscal year 2022-2023 Agreement by not obtaining a Solicitation of Contributions Registration Letter until after the grant period ended**

CM Howland spoke on behalf of this bill.

Rebecca Williams, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Fruit of Barren Trees, LLC, a neighborhood revitalization firm, was in attendance to answer questions. The bill removes FBOT Pipeline from the non-compliance list. Their Grant Agreement (\$165,000 for the Green District Phase I Affordable Housing Project in Durkeville) required that the nonprofit entity obtain and maintain all permits required by the State of Florida, but FBOT inadvertently failed to comply with this requirement and as a result of the non-compliance, the company is ineligible to receive reimbursement payments.

10. [2023-0813](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Leah N. Palestrant, a Duval County Resident & Registered Voter, as a Member of the Jax Ethics Commission, Pursuant to Sec 602.912, Ord Code, Appt by the Ethics Commission Replacing Ellen M. Schmitt for a 1st Full Term Ending 12/31/26 (Johnston) (Req of Jax Ethics Commission)
 11/14/23 CO Introduced: R
 11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

11. [2023-0818](#) RESO Conf the Council President's Appt of Teresa S. Moore, a Duval County Resident, as a Member of the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee, as a Rural Area Rep, Pursuant to Pt 7 (Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee), Ch 32 (Public Works Dept), Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Ending 7/31/27 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Salem)
11/14/23 CO Introduced: R
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

12. [2023-0832](#) ORD Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute a Contract with JU for the Continuing Manatee Protection Studies for FY 23-24, with Up to 4 Annual Renewals, Subj to Approp by City Council; Invoking Sec 126.107 (g), Ord Code, to Waive Competitive Solicitation & Bidding for Said Contract (Wilson) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsor CM Amaro) (JWC Apv)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: R, F, JWC
12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/5/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
1/3/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 12/12/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Add Planning and Development Department as the oversight department**
- 2. Pg. 1, line 11: strike “WAIVE” and insert “EXEMPT”**
- 3. Pg. 1, line 29: correct bill number to 2019-645-E**

The FY 23/24 Council approved budget includes \$90,000 for continuation of the manatee study.

- 13. [2023-0841](#)** RESO Conf the Mayor’s Reappt of David L. Wakefield, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Housing & Comm Dev Commission, Pursuant to Sec 34.203 (Jacksonville Housing & Community Development Commission; Commission Members), Pt 2 (Housing & Community Development Division), Ch 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Ord Code, for a 2nd Full Term to Exp on 11/30/24 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 11/28/23 CO Introduced: R
 12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

REAPPOINTMENT

Has attended 36 of 41 or 88% of meetings during first full term of 12/1/16 – 11/30/20

AMENDMENT

Clarify seat is a representative of the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing

- 14. [2023-0842](#)** RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of William “Bill” Hoff, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Historic Preservation Commission, Replacing Andres Lopera, Pursuant to Sec 76.102 (Membership), Ch 76 (Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp on 3/4/25, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 3/4/28 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Lahnen, Gaffney, Jr., Carlucci & J. Carlucci)
 11/28/23 CO Introduced: R
 12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

15. [2023-0843](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Sunny Gettinger, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Ethics Commission, Pursuant Sec 602.912 (Membership, Terms, Appointment), Subpt A (Creation & Organization), Pt 9 (Jacksonville Ethics Commission), Ch 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Ord Code, Replacing Carlton Devooght, for a Partial Term to Exp on 12/31/24, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 12/31/27 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: R
12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer

DEFER

16. [2023-0844](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Carl D. Dawson, Jr., a Duval County Resident, to the Downtown Development Review Board, Pursuant to Sec 656.361.9 (Downtown Development Review Board), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, Replacing Christian Harden, as a Contractor, Developer or Realtor Rep, for a 1st Full Term to Exp on 6/30/25 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: R
12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

17. [2023-0845](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Robin M. Lang, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs, Replacing Andrew J. Westhoff, Pursuant to Sec 82.101 (Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs Established), Ch 82 (Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp on 6/30/24, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 6/30/26 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
11/28/23 Co Introduced: R
12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

18. [2023-0846](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Melinda B. Powers, a Duval County Resident, to the DIA, Having Substantial Business Interest in the Southbank CRA, Replacing Craig Anthony Gibbs, Pursuant to Subsec 55.107 (B) (Board Membership: Term of Office & Appointment; Removal; Vacancies; Office-Holding), Sec 55.107 (Downtown Investment Authority Board), Pt 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ch 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Exp on 6/30/24, Followed by a 1st Full Term to Exp on 6/30/28 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
11/28/23 CO Introduced: R
12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

APPOINTMENT

19. [2023-0860](#) RESO Approp \$100,000 from the NW Jax OED Fund/Misc Sales & Charges for the Purpose of Prov a \$100,000 NW Jax Economic Dev Fund (NWJEDF) Business Infrastructure Grant to Titan Florida, LLC to Fund Certain Infrastructure Improvements in Connection With the Construction & Equipping by Company of a Ready-Mix Concrete Plant on the Property Located Generally at 1712 N McDuff Ave; Apv & Auth Execution of Docs by the Mayor or Her Desig & Corp Sec; Auth Appvl of Tech Amendments by the Executive Dir of OED; Prov for City Oversight by OED; Affirming the Proj's Compliance With the NWJEDF Guidelines Appvd & Adopted by Ord 2016-779-E, as Amended; Req 2-Reading Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 3.305 (B.T. 24-037) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0
1/3/24 F Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

CM Miller asked why bankruptcy language is not included in the grant agreement. Joseph Whitaker, OED, explained that this is a reimbursable grant upon project completion.

20. [2023-0861](#) ORD re Chap 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; to Re-name a Portion of “Church Street West” Extending From Jefferson St N to a Dead End Behind Lavilla School of the Arts as “Ray Charles Place” in Council Dist 7; Recognizing the Achievements of Ray Charles; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (H), Ord Code, Which Requires That All Street Name Changes Be for the Entire Length of the St; Waiver of Sec 745.105(I)(3), Ord Code, Which Requires That a Person Reside in the Community Within 5 Miles of the Street Name Change for at Least 10 Yrs; Directing the Legislative Services Div to Forward This Ord to the Planning & Dev Dept for Processing, Implementation, & Coordination With the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering Division, 911 Emergency, Fire & Rescue Dept, the Post Office & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Johnson) (Co-Sponsors CMs Peluso & Pittman)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, TEU
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 1/17/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/9/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2023-0862](#) ORD Approp \$70,000 From a Designated Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to the Human Collective Foundation, Inc. (HCF), for the Human Collective Awareness Prog Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With HCF; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With HCF; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt Btwn the City & the Human Collective Foundation, Inc. For the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
1/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/9/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

22. [2023-0863](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 154.101 (Definitions), Pt 1 (In General), Ch 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ord Code, to Add Certain Definitions; Creating a New Sec 154.115 (Jacksonville Riverwalk Specialty Center), Pt 1 (In General), Ch 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ord Code, to Create & Estab the Jax Riverwalk Specialty Ctr Downtown; Prov for Codification Instructions (Lopera) (Req of DIA) (Co-Sponsors CMs J. Carlucci & Peluso)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
1/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2023-0864](#) ORD Approp \$150,001 From Gain-Loss on Sale of Real Estate Within Fund 32103 - Jax Recreation & Environmental Land Acquisition Fund to the PRSC Parks & Recreation Capital Projs - Parks & Recreation/Parks QOL - Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park Proj Per Ord 2021-496-E for Parks, Recreation, & Community Svcs Dept, Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by the Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park Proj; Prov for Oversight by Parks, Recreation, & Community Svcs Dept (B.T. 24-032) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU
1/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

24. [2023-0865](#) ORD Approp Grant Funds in the Amount of \$899,660.00 from the U.S. DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the 4th Judicial Circuit of FL, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Progs, to Fund the Enhancement of the VTC Progs, for the Grant Term Beginning 10/1/23 thru 9/30/27; Prov for Carryover of Funds thru 9/30/27; Prov for City Oversight by the Court Admin, Dir of Problem Solving Courts (B.T. 24-031) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Miller)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

25. [2023-0866](#) ORD Approp \$399,353.00 in Grant Funding for Yr 1 of a 5-Yr Grant from the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Svcs for the Duval County Adult Drug Court Prog; Prov for Carryover of Funds to Subsequent FYs; Prov for City Oversight by the Court Admin, Dir of Problem Solving Courts (B.T. 24-030) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2023-0870](#) ORD-MC Concerning the City of Jax Emergency Reserve; Approp \$20,000,000 from the City's General Fund/General Svcs Dist Operating Reserve to the Emergency Reserve to Increase the Total Emergency Reserve Balance to 7% of the City's General Fund/General Svcs Dist Operating Budget to Meet the New Financial Planning Target of 7-10% for the Emergency Reserve as Provided for Herein; Amend Secs 106.106 (Balanced Budget & Budget Stabilization Reserve), & 106.107 (Emergency Reserve Policy & Fund), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Increase the Financial Planning Target for the City's Emergency Reserve to 7-10%; Prov Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

27. [2023-0871](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 126.318 (Selection Procedures for Federal & State Lobbying & Grant Writing Professional Services Contracts), Pt 3 (Professional Services Contracts), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Prospectively Amend Subpt C (Procurement Methods & Procedures), Pt 3 (Procurement Thresholds, Modes, Methods, & Procedures), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Estab a Prospective Date of 7/1/24, for the Code Amendmts Contained in Sec 2 of this Ord to Become Effective (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman & Miller)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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28. [2023-0874](#) ORD-MC Amend Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code; Amend Sec 106.103 (Definitions), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, & Sec 106.215 (Supplemental Appropriation & Revenue Reduction Limitations), Subpart A (Budgets & Budget Ordinances; Millage Levy), Pt 2 (Budgets), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Amend the Definition of Reserve or Reserve Fund to Include Contingencies & To Clarify the Number of Votes Required for Appropriations from General Fund Operating Reserves or Its Various Contingencies; Prov Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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29. [2023-0877](#) RESO Appt Wen Raiti, a Duval County Resident, as a Citizen Member of the Better Jax Plan Financial Administration Committee, Pursuant to Sec 761.107, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Exp 3/31/28 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Salem) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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30. [2023-0878](#) RESO Appt Michael R. Hitt, a Duval County Resident, as a Member of the Duval County Tourist Development Council, as a Rep of the Tourist Accommodation Industry & an Operator of a Tourist Accommodation in the 2nd Urban Svcs Dist, Filling a Seat Previously Held by Joe Hindsley, Pursuant to Secs 70.102(a)(4) & 70.102(a)(8), Ordinance Code, & Sec 125.0104(4)(e), F.S., for a Partial Term Ending 6/30/25 (Hampsey) (Introduced by CP Salem)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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31. [2023-0879](#) RESO Honoring & Commending Alice Barnes for Her Decades of Service to the City of Jacksonville for the Duval County Clerk of Courts on the Occasion of Her 50th Anniversary (Webb) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Boylan, Miller, Johnson, White & J. Carlucci)
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - White, Amaro, Carlucci, Johnson, Miller and Boylan

Excused: 1 - Freeman

CMs Boylan, Miller, Johnson and White asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Council Auditor's Office – Bill 2023-860: Project Titan Florida

Company Name – Titan Florida, LLC

Project Location – Ready-mix concrete plant at 1712 N. McDuff Avenue

Incentives Provided –

- **\$100,000 Business Infrastructure Grant (BIG)**

Performance Schedule –

- **Commence construction on or before March 1, 2024**
- **Complete construction on or before December 31, 2027**
- **Creation of 24 new jobs within 36 months from date of grant disbursement**

Number of Jobs to be Created – 24 (\$54,708 average annual salary)

Number of Jobs to be Retained – 74

Capital Investment – \$18,375,273 (construction of building improvements and tangible personal property)

Records Retention/Audit Clause – Yes

Clawback Language –

- **In the event reporting requirements are not met in the time period specified in the agreement, the City will be entitled to withhold disbursement of the BIG Grant**
- **If the Company fails to invest \$3,000,000 by 12/31/27, the BIG Grant will be terminated and any amounts paid to the Company will be repaid to the City**
- **If the Company fails to create the 24 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$54,708 within 36 months of disbursement of the BIG Grant, the Company will repay the City \$4,166.67 for each job below 24**
- **If the Company ceases operations within 5 years of disbursement of the BIG Grant, the Company shall pay the City \$20,000 for each whole year and partial year not in operation within the 5-year period**

OED has calculated an ROI of 14.76:1 for this project over a 10-year period

Public Comment:

John Nooney talked about Pottsburg Creek, the manatee study, and alcohol permitted on the riverwalk.

In opposition to 2023-842 (in response to the recent monument removal and not in opposition of the specific appointee per se): Thom McGuire, Seber Newsome, Kathleen Perera, Carlos Perera, Michelle Tipton, Blake Harper, Kris Kiernan.

In support of 2023-842: Kelly Frazier, Joe Ross Sr., Pastor Gundy, Debbie Tribble, Phyllis Ingram, Charletta Sowell, Lashonda Holloway, Joann Brooks, Essey Howard.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

*******Note: Items may be added at the discretion of the Chair.*******

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