

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 17, 2023

9:30 AM

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

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Michael Boylan, Chair

Will Lahnen, Vice Chair

Matt Carlucci

Tyrona Clark-Murray - Late Arrival 9:39 am

Terrance Freeman

Mike Gay

Jimmy Peluso - Late Arrival 9:40 am

Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor

Council Research: Cory Armstrong

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Brittany Norris

Meeting Convened: 9:38 am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:09 am

Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Michael Boylan, Vice Chair Will Lahnen, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Tyrone Clark-Murray, Council Member Terrance Freeman, Council Member Mike Gay and Council Member Jimmy Peluso

Attendance:

CP Salem (Welcome)

Rebecca Bolton and Merriane Lahmeur, Legislative Services Division; Phillip Peterson, Council Auditors Office; Mary Staffopoulos, Office of General Counsel; and Cory Armstrong, Council Research.

Council President Ron Salem stated the importance of the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee and that the Committee sets the tone for the week. Chair Boylan added that he has given the new members the charge of the Committee set forth in the Council Rules, and he reviewed the agenda.

Item/File No.

Title History

1. [2023-0020](#) ORD-MC Relating to the City of Jacksonville’s Procurement Code; Repealing & Replacing Pt 1 (General Regulations), Pt 2 (Supplies, Contractual Services & Capital Improvements), Pt 3 (Professional Services Contracts), Pt 5 (Extraordinary Critical Purchasing Procedures), Pt 7 (Design-Build Contracts), & Pt 9 (Art in Public Places), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, & Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grant Program), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, in Their Entirety; Creating a New Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Pt 2 (Jacksonville Procurement Awards Committee), Pt 3 (Procurement Thresholds, Modes, Methods, & Procedures), Pt 5 (Ex-Offender Program), Pt 7 (Buy American Program), & Pt 9 (Bid Protests, Suspension, & Debarments), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Modernize & Provide Greater Efficiencies in the COJ Procurement Code; Amend Pt 4 (Nondiscrimination Policy), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Amend the Definition of Nondiscrimination Consistent with Employee Svcs Nondiscrimination Policy; Amend Pt 6 (Jacksonville Small & Emerging Business Program), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Make the Part Consistent with the Changes in this Ord; Creating a New Pt 6 (Cultural Service Grants & Art in Public Places), Subpt A (Cultural service Grant Program) & Subpt B (Art in Public Places Program), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Relocate the Art in Public Places Program Previously Under Pt 9, Ch 126, Ord Code, to Pt 6, Ch 118, Ord Code; Amend Sec 24.603 (Duties of Chief of Procurement), Pt 6 (Procurement Division), Ch 24 (Finance & Administration Department), Ord Code, to Add Add’l Duties Regarding Contract Admin & Oversight; Creating a New Pt 4 (Contract Administration & Oversight), Ch 21 (Executive Branch, Generally), Ord Code, to Require Contract Admin & Oversight in City Contracts: Estab a Prospective Date of 2/1/24, for Code Repeals, Amdts, & New Provisions Contained in This Ord to Become Effective; Directing the Chief of Procurement to Update the Procurement Operating Manual Consistent With This Ord Prior to 1/1/24; Prov for Oversight by the Procurement Div, Finance & Administration Dept; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Cumber)
1/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU
1/17/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/17/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/18/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/18/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/24/23

DEFER

2. [2023-0345](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, to Execute an Amendment 1 to 2nd Amend & Restated Redevelopment Agrmt by & Among the City, DIA, & Axis Hotels LLC to Extend the Building Improvements Completion Date from 6/30/23 to 9/30/23; Auth Tech Changes to Amendment 1; Prov a Deadline for Developer to Execute the Agrmt (Dillard) (Req of the DIA)
5/23/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
6/5/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/6/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/13/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/13/23

DEFER

3. [2023-0370](#) ORD Approp \$473,303.25, Including \$428,226.75 in Grant Funding from FEMA, Through the State of FL Div of Emerg Mgmt, Under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Prog, & \$45,076.50 from General Fund Operating Contingency for the Required 10% City Match, to be Used for Various Design Phase Activities Associated with Construction of a New Hurricane Safe Room for 1st Responders; Amend the 23-27 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2022-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for City Oversight by the JFRD, Emerg Preparedness Div (B.T. 23-096) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
6/13/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
6/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/27/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/17/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/27/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP) to correct appropriation year to FY 2022/23**
- 2. Reflect that City match is from the General Fund Reserve for Federal Programs**

- Appropriation is for design phase only**
- Construction is anticipated to cost over \$7 million with an estimated completion of FY 2025/26**
- Facility will be approximately 20,000 square feet and designed to accommodate a maximum of 850 first responders**
- Facility will be used as a safe room (staging area) for first responders during emergency situations and will also be utilized as a training facility**

Philip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office, explained the amendment, which subsequently passed unanimously. CM Clark-Murray then invited Chief Keith Powers, Director of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, to explain the bill.

Chief Powers said the bill pertains to a hazard mitigation grant program with the objective of constructing an 850-person Hurricane Safe Room for firefighters and police officers on Fairfax Avenue. This facility is designed to shelter first responders during emergencies like storms, enabling a rapid response once the danger has passed.

The funding currently under discussion is intended for the design phase of this project, budgeted at \$473,303.25. Of this, \$428,226.75 is supplied by the federal government, and the city contributes a 10% match amounting to \$45,076.50. Once the design phase is complete, additional funds will be pursued for the construction stage.

CM Carlucci requested Mary Staffopoulos from the Office of General Counsel to explain to the new council members why this legislation requires a 2/3 vote by the Council. Ms. Staffopoulos explained that the City's Ordinance Code requires a 2/3 vote of the Council to approve mid-year amendments to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

CM Lahnen confirmed with Chief Powers that the city's match is 10% and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would also cover 90% of the approximately \$7,000,000 estimated construction costs in the next phase of the project. This 10% city match for the design phase was also verified by CM Gay.

CM Peluso questioned if the legislation could have been incorporated in the proposed CIP for the upcoming fiscal year, rather than being a standalone piece of legislation. Mr. Peterson explained that this was a matter of timing to expedite the design phase.

CM Clark-Murray requested that Chief Powers clarify the issues they face during hurricanes given their central location. Chief Powers responded by emphasizing the need for a safe location for first responders during major storms or emergencies. The proposed facility aims to address this critical need by enabling quick deployment of first responders once a hazardous event has passed.

4. [2023-0372](#) ORD Approp \$418,750.00 from the FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Duval County 2022 Hurricane Ian & Nicole Recovery Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 23-095) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
6/13/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
6/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/27/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/27/23

DEFER

5. [2023-0373](#) ORD Approp \$2,200,000 from the Marine Fire Station # 68 (New) - DM Other Construction Costs Acct to the Marine Fire Station # 68 (New) - DM Land Acct to be Used for the Acquisition by the City of a 3.27± Acre Parcel Located at 10562 Scott Mill Rd, Jax, FL (R.E. # 158834-0000), to be Used for the New Marine Fire Station # 68; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Real Estate Purchase Agrmt btwn the City & Phillip & Suzanne Noe, & All Closing & Other Docs Relating Thereto, to & Otherwise Take All Necessary Action to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agrmt to Purchase the Subj Propty at the Negotiated Purchase Price of \$2,100,000; Amend the 23-27 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2022-505-E to Reflect This Transfer of Funds for the Purchase of Land for the New Marine Fire Station # 68; Prov for Oversight of Acquisition of the Propty by the Real Estate Div of the Dept of Public Works, & Oversight Thereafter by JFRD (B.T. 23-098) (Dist 6-Boylan) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
6/13/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
6/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/27/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
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DEFER

Chair Boylan discussed the progress of the bill, as well as the concerns expressed by the immediate neighbors of the proposed Marine Fire Station. He is actively collaborating with both Renee Hunter and Chief Powers on this bill. CM Carlucci inquired whether the new station would be equipped with a firefighting boat that operates similarly to those at other Marine Stations.

Chief Powers affirmed this, highlighting that current response times are approximately 25 minutes, and there have been instances of fatalities due to the lack of a servicing boat in the area. He assured that the new station would operate exactly like other Marine Stations.

CM Carlucci asked whether this boat would be of the same size or smaller than those at the other Marine Stations, Chief Powers responded that it would actually house a larger boat. This boat would be equipped with a fire pump as well as advanced life support. CM Carlucci also requested Chief Powers to reach out to him post-meeting for further questions.

6. [2023-0376](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain Real Estate Purchase Agrmt btwn the City & Circle of Faith Ministries, Inc. & All Closing Docs Relating Thereto, & to Otherwise Take All Necessary Action to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agrmt, for Acquisition by the City at the Negotiated Purchase Price of \$384,000, of 2 Parcels Totaling 0.83± Acres (R.E. # 141476-0000 & 141476-0010) Adjacent to the Norman Studios Complex; Prov for Oversight of Acquisition of the Propty by the Real Estate Div of the Dept of Public Works, & Oversight Thereafter by Parks, Rec, & Community Svcs (Dist. 1-Amaro) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Salem)
- 6/13/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
6/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/27/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/17/23 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
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APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

- **Funding for the acquisition of the two subject parcels was appropriated by Ord. 2022-687-E**

Daryl Joseph, the Director of the Parks , Recreation & Social Services Department, explained the bill. In response to Chair Boylan's question about site management, Mr. Joseph stated that while the site would be leased to Norman Studios, ownership would remain with the City.

He also provided some background on Norman Studios. In the early 1900s, Jacksonville was known as the "Hollywood of the East". Norman Studios stood out during this era as one of the first venues to depict African Americans in positive roles.

7. [2023-0378](#) ORD Auth Abatement of Rent for Certain Licensees in the FL Theatre Office Bldg for the Months of July, Aug, Sept & Oct 2023 in the Total Estimated Amt of \$2,975.56; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver that Certain 1st Amendment to License Agrmt for FL Theater Office Bldg btwn the City & the Following Licensees, Respectively: (1) Cathy Reed DBA C-Suite Realty, (2) Jacksonville Dance Theater, Inc. & (3) Spec Check, LLC, to Incorporate Terms & Conds Relevant to Rent Abatement where Ongoing Capital Improvements or Other Disruptions May Occur in the FL Theatre Office Bldg that Render Offices Unsuitable for Use & Occupancy; Prov for Oversight by the Real Estate Div of the Dept of Public Works (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
6/13/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
6/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/27/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/17/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/27/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gay and Peluso

AMENDMENT

Clarify that the First Amendment to License Agreement authorizes rent abatement for periods of up to 180 consecutive days in addition to the July – October 2023 time period stated within the bill

Philip Peterson, Council Auditor’s Office, explained the amendment and confirmed to Chair Boylan that the City had not transferred ownership of the Florida Theatre. CM Freeman asked whether the funds mentioned in the bill were taken from the capital improvements fund previously approved by the Council, Mr. Peterson clarified that this bill does not appropriate any funds. It merely acknowledges a lost rent amount of \$2,975.56, incurred while the tenants vacate for a three-month renovation period. CM Freeman requested Mr. Peterson and Renee Hunter to follow up with him to provide him with better clarity on the bill. The amendment was unanimously approved.

8. [2023-0401](#) ORD Approp \$75,000.00 from a FL Inland Navigation Dist (FIND) Proj for Reed Island to Prov Funding for Informational Signage to Warn Boaters of Shoaling Area; Prov for Design & Implementation; Prov for Oversight; Amend the 23-27 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2022-505-E to Reflect the Reduction in Funding for the Proj Entitled FIND Reed Island; Prov for Carryover (Mairs) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
6/27/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
7/17/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 7/25/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

9. [2023-0402](#) ORD Approp \$25,000.00 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund for Donation to First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc., in Accordance with Sec 932.7055(5), F.S., to Support Drug Treatment, Drug Abuse Education, Drug Prevention, Crime Prevention, Safe Neighborhood, & School Resource Officer Progs; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City that Certain Misc Appropriations Agrmt btwn the City & First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc.; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (The City Treasury), Ch 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for Advance Payment to First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc.; Prov for Oversight by the JSO (B.T. 23-099) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
6/27/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
7/17/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/17/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 7/25/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

10. [2023-0404](#) ORD Approp \$3,714,053.79 in Available Rev from Various Accts Within the Downtown Northbank CRA Trust Fund to the Northbank Shipyards West CRA Proj (B.T. 23-100) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
6/27/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/17/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 7/25/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

CM Freeman acknowledged the City Council interns that were in attendance.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 31, 2023.

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

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