

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes - Amended

Monday, July 31, 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
Terrance Freeman
Mike Gay
Jimmy Peluso*

*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: Scott Wilson, Council Liaison*

Meeting Convened: 9:30 am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:38 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 - Presentation

CVP White - Presentation

CM Howland - 2023-0401

Scott Wilson, Mayor's Office; Rebecca Bolton and Merriane Lahmeur, Legislative Affairs; Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office; Mary Staffopoulos, Office of General Counsel; Cory Armstrong, Council Research

Presentation by Administration on Cooling Areas

President Salem commended the administration for working on solutions to the excessive heat. He wanted to get the information in front of a committee quickly so it could be disseminated to constituents.

Keith Powers gave a presentation on the Excessive Heat Task Force, a collaboration among the Mayor's office, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. The task force aims to establish guidelines and response mechanisms for excessive heat incidents to ensure safety and access to resources for Duval County residents.

The cooling centers are housed in six pre-identified City of Jacksonville (COJ) facilities, predominantly libraries and community centers. Extra facilities are on standby to be utilized should the capacity of the primary centers be exceeded. These locations are selected based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index data and other local parameters. Jacksonville Transportation Authority's cooling buses will supplement the COJ facilities if needed.

The cooling centers operate from 12pm-6pm, Monday through Saturday, when heat thresholds are met. Each center will be staffed by a facility representative, a volunteer (usually from Red Cross), and a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office security personnel.

President Salem inquired about the number of days this summer that we had Heat Emergency designations and Excessive Heat Warnings. There were two instances of Heat Emergency designations and one Excessive Heat Warning.

CM Clark-Murray asked how the public would find this information. Mr. Powers responded that the Mayor is holding a press conference at 1 p.m. today to announce this, along with disseminating information through typical social media channels. There has also been roughly 60 heat illness related calls seen throughout this time period.

CM Peluso asked if there has been an increase in deaths among residents for heat related illness. Mr. Powers responded that he is not aware of any data regarding heat related deaths. CM Peluso encouraged the task force to inform and collaborate with Downtown Vision's ambassador program, as well as addressing homelessness. Dr. Sunil Joshi responded that there has been an increase in emergency room visits for heat related illnesses, but it becomes hard to diagnose if it is secondary or primary. He reiterated that heat can affect heart disease, diabetes, mental health disorders, asthma, and chronic lung disease.

CM Freeman asked if there would be any denials of access or screening for these centers, due to many of the centers having children's programming and concerns of safety. Mr. Powers responded that there are safeguards in place similar to what they do when activated for a storm or shelter.

Dr. Sunil Joshi, from the Mayor's Office, spoke about the educational component of the situation, as well as the cooperation in opening these centers. Chair Boylan asked why there are no EMTs at the sites. Mr. Powers responded that it is a matter of staffing and keeping EMTs able to respond to 911 calls.

CM Freeman asked Dr. Joshi about the collaboration between the Task Force. Dr. Joshi responded that this is a prime example of collaboration between the different groups. Discussion regarding hurricane preparedness has already started, and the task force is geared to handle heat emergencies in the forthcoming years, as this is not anticipated to be a one-off occurrence.

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) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem & Carlucci)
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

President Salem requested clarification on the bill, and the most effective method to facilitate further discussion. President Salem noted that while the administration is intrigued by the bill, they would prefer to review and familiarize themselves with its provisions before proceeding. Given the bill's complexity, he did not wish to forfeit the progress already accomplished.

Mike Weinstein, Mayor's Office, confirmed that the administration was open to advancing the bill in any way that the City Council considered suitable. In response, President Salem stated that, as this was the first time he heard that the Mayor's Office was amenable, he would appreciate some time to ascertain the best strategy for handling the bill.

CM Carlucci expressed a desire to be part of the process for the bill and requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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. [2023-0372](#) 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

4. [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 Her 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
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/27/23

DEFER

Mary Staffopoulos, from the Office of General Counsel, provided an update on the deferred bill. She noted that Chair Boylan is working on several points for the neighbors to consider. The administration would also like some time to collaborate with neighbors who have enlisted an attorney to voice their concerns.

CM Clark-Murray inquired about the discrepancy of \$100,000 between the total appropriation and the purchase price. Keith Powers explained that closing costs associated with finalizing the property transaction account for this difference.

5. [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-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Freeman, Lahnen & Gay)
6/27/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
7/17/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/18/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/25/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/31/23 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
8/1/23 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 7/25/23

APPROVE

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

- **Signage for shoaling area will be located east of Blount Island and west of Little Marsh Hill, between the mouth of Clapboard Creek and the main channel of the St. Johns River**
- **Funds will carryover into FY 23/24**

CM Howland explained the details of the bill to the committee. Phillip Peterson, from the Council Auditor's Office, clarified the source of the money within the budgeted funds. If anyone had questions about the necessity of the funds, CM Clark-Murray referred them to the Waterways Commission presentation on the expanding shoal.

6. [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
7/18/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/25/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/31/23 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
7/31/23 R Approve 7-0
8/1/23 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 7/25/23

APPROVE

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

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Pg. 1, line 13 and pg. 2, line 24: strike "his" and insert "her"

- **Waives Code Sec. 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against) to allow for an advanced payment to First Coast Crime Stoppers within 30 days of execution of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Agreement**

Bill Clement, from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, provided an explanation for the bill. CM Carlucci inquired about the annual funds that First Coast Crime Stoppers manages. Mr. Clement responded that the amount of their donations varies, but he could arrange for someone to provide him with that information. CM Clark-Murray explained the state statute for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund and affirmed her support for the bill.

7. [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
7/18/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/25/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/31/23 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 7/25/23

APPROVE

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

• CRA funding will be used in conjunction with City CIP funding for construction of the Shipyards West Project

Guy Parola, of the Downtown Investment Authority, explained the bill. Phillip Peterson, from the Council Auditor's Office, clarified the bill's funding. CM Freeman recapped the Council's actions in passing a resolution that strongly urged the DIA to assess the value of parking garages. CM Freeman indicated his concerns about the bill and its progression due to the lack of discussion by the DIA Board of Directors on this subject. CM Freeman requested a meeting with the board chair and Lori Boyer to discuss this matter.

Chair Boylan asked Mr. Parola whether there was significant interest in the DIA running the parking garage business. Mr. Parola stated that from their perspective, it is a high priority. He recommended that this would be a good topic for a conversation with Mrs. Boyer. He also mentioned that they had a new parking strategy coordinator who started that day. CM Peluso, as the DIA's liaison, noted that he sees progress in the right direction when it comes to parking. He also expressed his wish to gain a comprehensive understanding of the actions taken regarding parking during the last council session.

CM Freeman reiterated that parking was a primary area of focus during his presidency. He stated that the resolution simply asked to put the parking garages on the market and assess their value.

CM Gay concurred with the request to have a clearer idea of the parking plan. CM Carlucci suggested holding a 'lunch and learn' for new council members who could benefit from the background information. Mary Staffopoulos, from the Office of General Counsel, reminded the Council of the item they are voting on.

8. [2023-0436](#) ORD Approp \$1,077,047.72 from Building Inspection Fund Bal to the Ed Ball Hearing Room & Restroom Improvements Proj for Completion of Phase 2 of the Proj; Prov for Reverter of Funds; Amend the 23-27 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2022-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj (B.T. 23-104) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

9. [2023-0437](#) ORD-MC Amend Section 250.1103 (Ice Cream Truck Operator Permits), Pt 11 (Ice Cream Truck Regulation), Ch 250 (Miscellaneous Business Regulations), Ord Code, to Require Applicants for Ice Cream Truck Operator Permits & Permit Renewals to be Fingerprinted for the Purpose of Conducting a State & National Criminal History Record Check; Prov Codification Instructions (Roberson) (Req of Mayor)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/31/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

10. [2023-0438](#) ORD Conf the Mayor's Appt of Albert J. Ferraro, Jr., as Director of the Neighborhoods Dept of the City of Jax Pursuant to Sec 34.102 (Office of Director), Pt 1 (Department Established; Office of Director), Ch 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Ord Code; Waiving the Requirement in Sec 34.102 (Office of Director), (Department Established; Office of Director), Ch 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Ord Code, that the Director Have a Bachelor's Degree or Higher From an Accredited College or University (Hodges) (Req of Mayor)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
7/31/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

11. [2023-0441](#) ORD Approp \$2,392,309.57 in Reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance Prog (Round 2) Grant Funds from the U.S. Dept of Treasury to the Community Dev Fund Miscellaneous Grants & Aids Acct to Prov Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance to Eligible Households in Duval County Through 9/30/25, to be Administered by the Housing & Community Dev Div of the Neighborhoods Dept in Accord With the Emergency Rental Assistance Prog Estab by Sec 501, Div N, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; Prov for Oversight (B.T. 23-102) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

12. [2023-0443](#) ORD Apv, & Auth an Expenditure from the Parks, Rec & Community Svcs Trust Fund in the Amt of \$500,000 in Accord with Sec 111.105 (b), Ord Code, to be Used to Construct & Install Walking Trials & Lighting at the Fort Family Regional Park at Baymeadows (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
7/25/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
7/31/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/1/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

Public Comment: Carnell Oliver gave a public comment regarding the JSO budget, and Ordinance 2023-0020 and 2023-0402. He also complimented the administration and bipartisanship he is witnessing.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 14, 2023.

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

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