

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

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

### **Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee**

*Ju'Coby Pittman, Chair*

*Chris Miller, Vice Chair*

*Matt Carlucci*

*Tyrona Clark-Murray*

*Mike Gay - Excused Absence*

*Nick Howland*

*Jimmy Peluso*

*Legislative Assistant: Steven Libby*

*Council Auditor's Office: Edward Linsky*

*Council Research: Eamon Webb*

*Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera*

*Administration: Scott Wilson*

*Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana*

**Meeting Convened: 2:02 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:25 PM**

**Present:** 6 - Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair Chris Miller, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, Council Member Nick Howland and Council Member Jimmy Peluso

**Excused:** 1 - Council Member Mike Gay

**Attendance:**

**CM Arias - 2023-881**

**Peggy Sidman to provide details on new voting system**

**Item/File No.**

**Title History**

- [2023-0793](#)** ORD Naming the City-Owned Bldg Located at 6360 Commerce St, Jax, FL 32211, in Council Dist 1, Pursuant to Sec 122.105 (Public Buildings, Public Facilities & Public Parks Naming & Renaming Procedures), Ord Code, To be Known As the “Rita F. Reagan Building” (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CMs Salem & Amaro) (Co-Sponsor CM Carlucci) (JHPC Apv)  
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer  
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105 - 1/3/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec. 122.105, Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24  
Public Hearing Add. Per Sec. 122.105 - 1/23/24

**This Ordinance was PH Defer.**

Public Hearing: no speakers

- [2023-0797](#)** ORD Making Certain Findings; Apv the Application of Gaston Tree Debris Recycling, L.L.C. For Renewal of Its Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CON) to Operate a Yard Trash Recycling Facility With a Modification to Allow for the Expansion of the Facility onto an Adjacent Parcel; Prov for Conds of Said Renewal (Dillard) (Introduced by CP Salem, pursuant to Ch 380, Ord Code)  
11/14/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
11/20/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/21/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/28/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/2/24 NCSPHS Approve 5-0  
1/3/24 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 380, Ord Code - 1/3/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

**PH APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Miller, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Howland and Peluso

**Excused:** 1 - Gay

- **Facility is located in Council District 11**
- **Specific Operating Conditions allow for an additional 400 tons of material to be processed daily, for a total of 1,200 tons per day**
- **There is no change in operating days and hours**

Public Hearing: no speakers

3. [2023-0834](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Unopened & Unimproved Portion of the Eden St R/W, Estab in the Plat of Biltmore # 05 Replat, as Recorded, at the Req of Tober Corporation; Prov for Appvl Subj to Conditions (Dist 10 - Pittman) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
11/28/23 CO Introduced: TEU  
12/5/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/12/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 1/3/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/12/23

**PH APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Miller, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Howland and Peluso

**Excused:** 1 - Gay

- **Closure requested for the potential development of storage units, apartments or single family homes**

Public Hearing: no speakers

4. [2023-0835](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Unopened & Unimproved Portion of the Moat St Alley R/W, Estab in the Plat of W Jacksonville, as Recorded, at the Req of Sar Inv LLC; Prov for Appvl Subj to Conditions (Dist 9 - Clark-Murray) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
11/28/23 CO Introduced: TEU  
12/5/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/12/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/3/24 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 1/3/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 12/12/23

**PH APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Miller, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Howland and Peluso

**Excused:** 1 - Gay

**• Closure requested for the potential development of a multi-tenant garage or warehouse**

Public Hearing: no speakers

CM Clark-Murray noted that she spoke with the neighborhood association affected by this disclaiming of right-of-way and that the association raised no objections.

5. [2023-0837](#) ORD Approp \$1,042,000.00 from the Countywide Bridges Proj to Fund 2 Named Projs, with \$792,000.00 to Fund Yellow Bluff Rd Bridge Repairs, & \$250,000.00 to Fund the New Berlin Guardrails Proj; Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds (B.T. 24-027) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)  
11/28/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
12/4/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/5/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/5/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/12/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/2/24 NCSPHS Approve 5-0  
1/3/24 F Approve 7-0  
1/3/24 TEU Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 12/12/23

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Miller, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Howland and Peluso

**Excused:** 1 - Gay

6. [2023-0840](#) RESO Auth the Granting of a Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchise to Five Talent Services, LLC d/b/a MobileDumps of Jacksonville Pursuant to Ch 380 (Solid Waste Management), Pt 6 (Nonresidential Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Franchise), Ord Code; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Solid Waste Div (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
11/28/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
12/4/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/5/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/5/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/12/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/2/24 NCSPHS Approve 5-0  
1/3/24 F Approve 7-0  
1/3//24 TEU Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Miller, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Howland and Peluso

**Excused:** 1 - Gay

7. [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**

8. [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**

9. [2023-0867](#) ORD Approp a \$67,340.00 Grant from the EPA Pursuant to the Clean Air Act to Provide Funding for the Purchase of New Air Monitoring Equipment for Particulate Matter & Ozone Concentrations; Purpose of Approp; Prov for Oversight & Reporting by the Neighborhoods Dept, Environmental Quality Div (B.T. 24-028) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
1/2/24 NCSPHS 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**

10. [2023-0868](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, That Certain Revocable Permit & Hold Harmless Agrmt Btwn the City, JU, & OCEARCH for the Use of a City Owned Dock Facility in the Mayport Community on Submerged Lands Leased Pursuant to the Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease (BOT File # 160359172) Auth by Ord 2022-215-E, for the Docking of Vessels Used for Research & Educational Purposes, With an Initial Term of 30 Yrs, With 4 5-Yr Renewal Options, With No Usage Fee; Prov Further Authorizations; Prov for Oversight by Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Amaro & Clark-Murray) (JWC Apv)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU, JWC  
1/2/24 NCSPHS 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**

11. [2023-0872](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from the Traffic Calming - Dist 1 Other Construction Costs Acct to the Council Dist 1 Contractual Svcs Acct to Provide Funding to Address Various Blight & Safety Concerns in Council Dist 1; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect Removal of the Traffic Calming - Dist 1 Proj; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Amaro) (Co-Sponsor CM Carlucci)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
1/2/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 5-0  
1/3/24 F Emergency/Approve 7-0  
1/3/24 TEU Emergency/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

**EMERGENCY/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Pittman, Miller, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Howland and Peluso

**Excused:** 1 - Gay

- **Contractual services funding will be utilized for tree trimming, beautification, landscaping enhancements and traffic calming**
- **The nature of the emergency is that there is an immediate need to reallocate these funds to address ongoing blight and safety concerns**

Edward Linsky of the Council Auditor's Office explained the nature of the emergency, with the bill addressing pressing blight concerns in District 1.

CM Carlucci requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

The emergency was unanimously approved by the Committee.

12. [2023-0875](#) ORD Declaring the Public Necessity for Acquiring Fee Simple Title & Temp Construction Easements Through Condemnation by Right of Eminent Domain to Certain Real Property in Council Dist 4, Such Real Property Being a Portion of: R.E. # 152854-0505; R.E. # 152866-1300; R.E. # 152854-0550; & R.E. # 152576-0250, With a Total Appraised Value of \$1,115,950, as Required for the Belfort Rd Widening Proj; Approp \$1,300,000 from Belfort Rd Widening/DM Other Construction Costs to DM R/W Acquisition to Fund the Purchase of Certain Real Property Described Herein for the Belfort Rd Widening Proj, Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Include a Funding Source for Land Acquisition & Site Preparation to the Proj; Auth the Real Estate Div of the Dept of Public Works to Make Offers & Negotiate for the Purchase of the Properties; Auth Issuance of a Declaration of Taking; Auth & Directing OGC to Institute Appropriate Condemnation Proceedings (B.T. 24-029) (Boeckman) (Req of Mayor)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
1/2/24 NCSPHS 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**

13. [2023-0881](#) ORD Approp \$25,000 From the Council President's Designated Contingency to JSO for the Provision of Traffic Control Svcs at the Intersection of Wells Creek Pkwy & Philips Hwy as Described Herein; Prov for Reverter of Funds; Prov for Oversight by JSO; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci, Carrico, Pittman, Gaffney, Jr., Howland & Clark-Murray)

12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
1/2/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 6-0  
1/3/24 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0  
1/3/24 TEU Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/9/24

### **FINANCE AMENDMENT**

- 1. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to appropriate the funds into an account for Contractual Services**
- 2. Invoke the provisions of Section 126.107(g) to direct contract with Hart Halsey LLC D/B/A Extra Duty Solutions**
- 3. Attach Vender Letter as new Exhibit to establish the Officer pay rates**

**• The nature of the emergency is that traffic control at the intersection is needed to address safety concerns until the intersection improvements are completed**

Edward Linsky explained the nature of the emergency, with traffic concerns at the intersection of Wells Creek Parkway and Phillips Highway posing an immediate safety concerns for the residents of the adjacent neighborhood.

CM Peluso stated his support for the bill, noting that he had discussed the potential of the homeowners' association off-setting some of the bill's cost but understood that this traffic situation was a legitimate safety concern.

CM Arias gave some background on the bill. This bill is meant as a temporary solution to the traffic problem; the traffic light that should serve as a permanent solution will not be installed until December 2024. He clarified that this bill would hire off-duty police officers rather than mandating overtime. The officers will direct traffic during school year mornings at the request of the community.

CM Carlucci requested to be added as a co-sponsor and stated that he believes that CM Arias did the right thing in finding an immediate solution to a pressing need.

Ellis Burns and Bill Clement of JSO spoke on the bill, stating that they needed to clarify several issues, such as IRS salary implications of hiring off-duty officers, with the Office of the General Counsel before the bill's passage.

Mr. Linsky explained the amendment, with the amendment clarifying that JSO would be hiring off-duty officers through Extra Duty Solutions. The emergency was unanimously approved by the Committee. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Clark-Murray asked whether these issues regarding contracting off-duty officers could result in the delay of the bill, and Mr. Linsky responded that these issues should be resolved by Tuesday's meeting.



Public Comment:

Carnell Oliver spoke on bill 2023-0867 appropriating an EPA grant to provide funding for air-quality-monitoring equipment. He requested that a representative from JEA report to the Council on its efforts to reduce pollution and transfer to clean energy. He noted that various branches and levels of government need to be on the same page.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2024.**

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

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Minutes:

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