

City of Jacksonville

117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chamber
1st Floor, City Hall

Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

Ju'Coby Pittman, Chair - Excused

Chris Miller, Vice Chair

Matt Carlucci

Tyrona Clark-Murray

Mike Gay

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: 2:05 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 2:38 PM

Present: 6 - Vice Chair Chris Miller, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, Council Member Mike Gay, Council Member Nick Howland and Council Member Jimmy Peluso

Excused: 1 - Chair Ju'Coby Pittman

Presentation by Ross Hammock, FDOT

Ross Hammock of Florida Department of Transportation gave a presentation on Bridge Safety.

He explained that bridges are inspected every two years, with the exception of movable bridges that are inspected yearly. About \$18 million a year is spent on bridge inspection and maintenance.

He described the safety features to prevent and mitigate the damage of collisions. There are two major types of anti-collision safety features: fender systems and dolphin systems. Fender systems are like "guardrails" on a highway; they can redirect and absorb contact to avoid collisions but could likely not prevent collision if a large enough vessel collided with the fender system head-on. Dolphin systems are large concrete structures, usually located at bridges near port facilities frequented by larger vessels, built at the base of bridges' support structures. However, even these systems would not absorb the full momentum of a head-on collision.

Mr. Hammock presented information on the Dames Point Bridge, which was completed in 1989 and includes fender and dolphin systems as well as an air gap monitoring system that helps vessels know whether they are able to safely fit underneath the bridge.

He stated that Jacksonville is a maritime city and that all bridges in the area have been designed with that in mind. However, accidents can still happen, as did with the collision at the Matthews Bridge in 2013. The maritime coordinator has great responsibility in preventing accidents from occurring, and the presentation concluded with the message of "don't fit -- don't commit" for vessels.

CM Miller asked whether FDOT was considering any updates or renovations in light of the tragedy in Baltimore regarding the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Mr. Hammock responded that there were no current plans and that the risk of this type of tragedy occurring in Jacksonville was low, although the increasing size of vessels does increase risk. CM Miller noted that it is important to be as safe as possible and that he would like to see an analysis of what types of vessels travel through the St. Johns River system. Mr. Hammock noted that the largest vessels tend to not travel further south than the Dames Point Bridge, as the channel depth would not support vessels of that size any further south.

CM Howland asked how vessels are made aware of the data provided by air gap monitors, and Mr. Hammock answered that NOAA provides real-time readings of this data. CM Howland asked whether there is any way to stop traffic if the air gap monitors deem the situation on the bridge unsafe, and Mr. Hammock stated that FDOT would rely on the help of JSO to help stop traffic.

CM Clark-Murray asked who specifically monitors the air gap monitor readings and communicates to other agencies when it is unsafe, and Mr. Hammock stated that he did not know the exact procedure but that all can see the reading in real-time. CM Clark-Murray expressed interest in seeing a representative from the port community to discuss these procedures.

CM Peluso asked who originally funded the installation of the dolphin systems; Mr. Hammock answered that JTA paid for their installation, but FDOT now had responsibility for these systems. CM Peluso asked why the dolphin systems were only present on one side of the support structure at certain bridges; Mr. Hammock answered that dolphin systems are placed in the areas that have the highest risk of seeing a collision. CM Peluso stated that he believes that the City and State should have conversations with the Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers to discuss plans to harden

infrastructure.

Item/File No. Title History

1. [2024-0203](#) ORD Approp \$800,000.00 From the Solid Waste Disposal Fund to Pay for the Purchase of Recycle Carts & for Necessary Temp Residential Solid Waste Collections in FY 23-24 (B.T. 24-076) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/26/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

DEFER

2. [2024-0204](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming a Portion of an Opened & Improved Alley, Estab in the Plat of Hendricks Subdivision of Homestead Tract South Jax, as Recorded, Located in Council Dist 5, at the Req of Karen Hirshberg & G.I.S. Holdings, Inc., Subject to Reservation Unto the City of an All Utilities, Facilities & Access Easement Over the Closure Area; Prov for Appvl Subject to Conditions; Waiving C.R. 3.107 (Reintroduction of Bills), Council Rules, as to the Requirement That an Ord That Failed Passage Not Be Reintroduced for 12 Months (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: R, TEU, LUZ
3/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/26/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 4/2/24, 4/16/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

PH OPEN/CONT 4/16/24

Public Hearing:

no speakers

3. [2024-0205](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming an Opened & Improved Portion of the North Entrance Road (Alumni Way) R/W, as Recorded, Located in Council Dist 3, at the Req of the UNF Board of Trustees; Subject to Reservation Unto JEA of an All Utilities, Facilities & Access Easement Over the Closure Area; Prov for Appvl Subj to Conditions (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Lahnen)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: TEU
3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/26/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/2/24 TEU PH Amend/Approve 6-0

TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 4/2/24
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

PH AMEND/APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - Pittman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Update recording reference to include Official Record Book 3073, Page 731**
- 2. Provide that JEA is reserving a Non-Exclusive All Utilities, Facilities and Access Easement.**

• **Closure requested to connect adjacent property for university educational, athletic and auxiliary uses**

Public Hearing:

John Hale expressed his support for the bill and stated that he was available to answer any questions regarding the bill.

CM Miller closed public hearing for the bill.

Edward Linsky of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment to update the recording reference; the amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Clark-Murray introduced an amendment; Carla Lopera of the Office of the General Counsel explained that this amendment provided that JEA is reserving a non-exclusive all utilities, facilities, and access easement. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee, and the two amendments were rolled into one.

- 4. [2024-0206](#)** ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a Locally-Funded Agrmt (Lump-Sum) btwn FDOT & the City Pursuant to Which the City Agrees to Pay FDOT \$2,500,000 for Certain Roadway Improvements; Prov for Oversight by the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/26/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
4/2/24 F Approve 7-0
4/2/24 TEU Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - Pittman

• Funding was previously appropriated as part of the Old Middleburg 103rd - Branam Field - 01 project

5. [2024-0209](#) ORD Approp \$18,429,138.41, Including (1) \$11,554,138.41 from the Projs Titled McCoy's Creek Improvements/Pipe Removal, Kernan Blvd Widen - 4 Lanes DVD - JTB & McCormick, Hammond Blvd Wall, University Blvd & Jack Rd, San Jose Blvd - New, St. Johns Bluff Rd - New Sidewalk ES, St. Johns Bluff Rd - New Sidewalk WS, Biscayne Blvd Sidewalk - New & Emerald Trail - S-Line Connector to the Projs Titled McCoy's Creek Greenway - Outfall Improvements With Riverwalk, Park St Road Diet, McCoy's Creek Channel Improvements/Restoration, Ranch Rd - Duval to Tradeport - Sidewalks - Mobility DD, Armsdale Rd - Duval Road Improvements, Duval Road Improvements - btwn Airport Ctr & Main, & Emerald Trail Model Mile Proj... (B.T. 24-065) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso & Gaffney, Jr.) (JWC Apv)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU, JWC
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/26/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/1/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-1 (Diamond)
4/2/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
4/2/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - Pittman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account codes to align with debt and non-debt funding sources**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP Sheets) to correctly reflect current and prior appropriations**

• Transfers funding from closed or completed projects to current projects that need additional funding and returns certain funds (\$527,303.74) to the account of origin for future appropriation

Edward Linsky of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment; the amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

6. [2024-0246](#) ORD-MC Etab the Kings Creek I Community Dev District (Kings Creek I

CDD), Pursuant to Sec 190.005, F.S., & Ch 92, Ord Code, Including the Grant of Special Powers; Naming the District; Describing the External Boundaries of the District; Naming the Initial District Board of Supervisors; Amend Sec 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts), Ch 92 (Uniform Development Districts), Ord Code to Include the Kings Creek I CDD; Prov for Conflict & Severability (Teal) (Introduced by the TEU Committee Pursuant to Sec 92.09, Ord Code)

3/26/24 CO Introduced: R, TEU

4/1/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

4/2/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 & Sec 190.005, F.S. & Sec 92.11 Ord Code- 4/23/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

7. [2024-0248](#) ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for Grant Funding through the Readiness & Recreation Initiative Grant Prog Funded by the Dept of the Interior, National Park Svc, & the Dept of Defense, & Committing to Undertake a Future Proj to Acquire & Develop 57± Acres of Property (R.E. # 168281-0000 & R.E. # 168437-0000) Located Adjacent to Naval Station Mayport Along S.R. A1A Subject to the Grant Award; Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver All Grant Agrmts btwn the City & FDEP, as Well as All Docs Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Amend the City's CIP to Include the Proj; Prov for City Oversight by the Dept of Parks, Recreation, & Community Svcs; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Diamond, Lahnen, Freeman, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Carlucci, Carrico, Howland, Arias, Pittman & Gaffney, Jr.)
3/26/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
4/1/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
4/2/24 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
4/2/24 TEU Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 4/9/24

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - Pittman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Reflect that the Project, inclusive of acquisition and development, is anticipated to cost \$1,875,000 as follows:**
 - a. 50% acquisition cost of \$625,000 (to be funded through Federal Grant)**
 - b. Passive Recreational Improvements of \$1,250,000 (100% City funded)**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (Project Information Sheet) to reflect planned recreational improvements**
- 3. Correct Scrivener's**

- **City will apply to FDEP for grant funding and commits to undertake a future project to acquire and develop approximately 57 acres adjacent to Naval Station Mayport**
- **Property would be open to the public for passive recreation and access to the water**
- **Grant would require the City to complete recreational improvement within 3 years**
- **The US Navy has committed to paying 50% (\$625,000) of the acquisition cost at closing**
- **The nature of the emergency is that the deadline for the Program grant application is April 15th**

Edward Linsky explained the emergency; the emergency was unanimously approved by the Committee. Mr. Linsky explained the amendment; the amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Peluso noted that Brian Burket had given a presentation on this grant application and project to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission and expressed his support for the bill.

Public Comment:

Carnell Oliver stated that he would like to see equity considered when large bridge or mass transit projects are being discussed. He noted that these efforts would require coordination of city, state, and federal government officials. He expressed that the Matthews Bridge might soon need to be replaced.

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

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

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