

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**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  
Rory Diamond  
Terrance Freeman  
Mike Gay*

*Legislative Assistant: Rebecca Bolton  
Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor  
Council Research: Jeff Clements, Chief  
Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy  
Administration: Scott Wilson*

**Meeting Convened: 9:30 am**

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:36 am**

**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 Rory Diamond

**Attendance**

Council President Ron Salem; Merriane Lahmeur and Rebecca Bolton – Legislative Services Division; Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Mary Staffopoulos and Shannon McGillis – General Counsel’s Office; Steve Cassada – Public Information Division; Scott Wilson – Mayor’s Office

Chairman Boylan convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair welcomed CM Diamond as a new member of the committee replacing CM Peluso. He announced that agenda items #7, 8 and 13 will be taken up together as they are on the same general topic of appropriating grant funds to the JSO.

**Public Comment**

Beverly Rivers said Old Middleburg Rd North is being used as a high-speed cut-through in a residential neighborhood as a means to get to I-295. Cars are going too fast, there is no speed enforcement, pets are being killed by cars, and there is very heavy traffic all day long in a residential area.

CM Matt Carlucci said he has been working on an idea to encourage reduction of speed limits on neighborhood streets from 30 mph to 20 mph. He would like to propose it for discussion by council members in the future. He understands that re-signing every neighborhood to the lower speed would be expensive, but perhaps newly developed neighborhoods could be signed for 20 mph when they are built.

John Nooney asked for a public waterway access point on Pottsburg Creek adjacent to his home. More public access to waterways is needed.

**Item/File No. Title History**

1. [2023-0621](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, an Amendment 2 to Redev Agrmt By & Among the City, DIA, Fuqua BCDC One Riverside Project Owner, LLC (Developer), Assignee of Fuqua Acquisitions II, LLC, & TBR One Riverside Owner, LLC, as Partial Assignee of Developer, Amend the Redev Agrmt Dated 12/20/21 Previously Auth by Ord 2021-796-E, as Previously Amended by Amendment 1 to Redev Agrmt Dated 10/12/22, as Auth by Ord 2022-493-E, (Collectively, the “Agreement”), to Modify the Performance Schedule & Associated Terms of the Agrmt; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmts & Transactions, & Auth Tech Changes to the Docs (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)  
9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/19/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/26/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/26/23

**DEFER**

2. [2024-0039](#) ORD-MC Concerning the Downtown Overlay Zone & the Downtown Sign Overlay Zone; Amend Sec 656.361.7.1 (Application & Review Procedure to DDRB & Council; Appeals), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Revise the Proj Types Subj to Staff Review & to DDRB Review, & to Clarify & Revise the Review Process & Procedures for Specified Projs; Amend Sec 656.361.8 (Deviations), Subpt H (Downtown Overlay Zone & Downtown District Use & Form Regulations), Pt 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Eliminate the Workshop Requirement for Select Deviations; Amend Sec 656.1335 (Design Review), Subpt B (Downtown Sign Overlay Zone), Pt 13 (Sign Regulations), Ch 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Allow Staff Review of Certain Sign Applications (Lopera) (Req of DIA)  
1/10/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, LUZ  
1/16/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/17/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/23/24

**DEFER**

3. [2024-0068](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor or Her Desig & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver: (1) a 1st Amendment to Option Agrmt & Purchase & Sale Agrmt; & (2) a Parking Lot License Agreement, Each btwn the City & RP Sports Investments, Inc., to Extend the Commencement Date for Construction of the Proj to 7/31/24, to Extend the Substantial Completion Date for Construction of the Proj to 3/1/26, to Reduce the Min Square Footage of the Office Bldg from 25,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft, & to Provide for the Use by the City of a Min of 531 Parking Spaces to Partially Fulfill the City’s Parking Obligations for the Annual FL-GA Football Game & Game Day Parking Obligations Under the Jaguars Lease; Prov for Oversight by OED With Regard to the License (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
- 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
2/21/24 F Approve 6-0  
2/21/24 TEU Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

**APPROVE**

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

**Scrivener’s**

**Pg. 2, line 11, strike “intends” and insert “intended”**

- **Extends commencement of construction date by 6 months to 7/31/24**
- **Extends completion of construction by 7 months to 3/1/2026**
- **Reduces the minimum square footage of the office building (new construction) from 25,000 to 10,000**
- **Requires RP Sports Investments provide a minimum of 531 parking spaces in connection with the City’s obligations under the FL/GA Agreement and the current Jaguars Lease, at no cost to the City**
  - **Requirement will be for an initial period of 2 years (through the 2025 Jaguars NFL season), but may be extended for an additional 2 years (through the 2027 Jaguars NFL season), if needed**
  - **Requirement will terminate upon execution of a new or amended and restated lease between the City and the Jaguars, or upon mutual agreement by the parties**

4. [2024-0069](#) ORD Amend Sec 2 of ORD 2021-838-E Which Established a Dependent Special Dist Known as the “Baymeadows Community Improvement District” (BCID); Amend BCID Charter Sec 2 to Auth Issuance of Bonds; Deleting the Limit on Annual Adjustments to Assessments; Rev the Updated Annual Maxims for Assessments; Adding & Incorporating by Reference the Proposal Special Assessment Allocation Report; Removing the Ex Officio Requirement; Amend the Initial Election Date (Bowles) (Introduced by CM Arias)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/5/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

**DEFER**

5. [2024-0070](#) ORD Approp \$66,000.00 in Grant Funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin Funded Through the FY 23-24 State & Community Highway Traffic Safety Prog, Through FDOT to the PSBU Grants/Occupant Protection Proj FY24 to Increase Safety Belt Use; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City That Certain FDOT Subgrant for Highway Traffic Safety Funds # G2S39 Between the City & FDOT; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-052) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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2/21/24 F Approve 6-0  
2/21/24 TEU Approve 7-0  
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**APPROVE**

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

JSO budget officer Bill Clement explained the purpose of the grant to promote increased seat belt usage. JSO Chief Mike Silcox said for the year to date the department has issued 15,000 citations and 12,000 warnings. Four or 5 of the 24 traffic fatalities to date were not wearing seat belts. High traffic areas will be targeted for seat belt enforcement and there will be a public information campaign.

6. [2024-0071](#) ORD Approp \$25,000.00 in Grant Funding from Florida Animal Friend, Inc. to Pay for Spay & Neuter Svcs for Stray & Resident-Owned Free Roaming Cats & Kittens in the Community; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Animal Care & Protective Svcs Div (B.T. 24-047) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Diamond, Carlucci & Boylan)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
2/21/24 F Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

**APPROVE**

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

CMs Diamond, M. Carlucci, and Boylan asked to be added as co-sponsors.

**Scrivener's**

1. Pg. 2, line 2: capitalize "general fund"
2. Pg. 2, line 5: insert space before "2024"

7. [2024-0074](#) ORD Approp \$200,000.00 in Grant Funding from FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Operation Players Club (OPC) Proj FY 23-24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-049) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Clark-Murray)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Withdraw 7-0  
2/21/24 F Withdraw 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

**WITHDRAW**

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

Bill Clement described the reason for the withdrawal, as the operation has already been completed with funds from another source. Chairman Boylan asked how these grant funds relate to the City's opioid settlement fund. Phillip Peterson explained that they are tracked and used separately due to their different funding sources. CM M. Carlucci asked to be added as a co-sponsor to 2024-74, -75 and -83.

8. [2024-0075](#) ORD Approp \$150,000.00 in Grant Funding from FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Fentanyl Overdose Death Investigations (FODI) Proj FY 23-24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-050) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Clark-Murray & Carlucci)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
2/21/24 F Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

**APPROVE**

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

9. [2024-0079](#) ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the Florida Inland Navigation Dist (FIND) for 2024 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Projs; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver All Grant Agrmts btwn the City & FIND, as Well as All Docs Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Meet Funding Requirements; Prov for City Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Comm Svcs (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Diamond)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0  
2/21/24 F Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

**APPROVE**

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

CM Clark-Murray described the Jacksonville Waterways Commission’s review and approval of the FIND projects. Brian Burkett of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services described how potential projects were evaluated and rated. The McCue Boat Ramp project is a continuation project with construction following the planning grant phase; the Blue Cypress pier is for construction to replace a dilapidated structure, with planning costs paid for by City funds and FIND paying for construction. CMs Clark-Murray and Diamond asked to be added as co-sponsors.

• **Authorizes application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for the following 2024 grants:**

- **Mike McCue Boat Ramp Bulkhead - Construction (CD 13): \$1,600,000**
- **Blue Cypress Park Fishing Pier - Construction (CD 1): \$575,000**
- **Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp Improvements - Design (CD 9): \$75,000**

• **If funded at the amounts shown above, City funding of \$2,700,000 will be required to meet the match requirements and cover the City’s internal cost of managing the projects**

10.     [2024-0080](#)     ORD Approp \$531,652.61 in Available Revenue From Various Accts Within the Downtown Northbank CRA Trust Fund to the Northbank Shipyards W CRA Proj & Deapprop \$27,963.86 From the Downtown Northbank CRA Trust Fund - Courthouse Reef Parking Acct (B.T. 24-025) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0  
2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

**AMEND/APPROVE**

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

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Freeman asked Lori Boyer, CEO of the Downtown Investment Authority, about the RFP for parking garage operation. Ms. Boyer said the RFP window has closed and 5 submissions were received and are being evaluated. She explained the true-up process for excess revenues in the parking garages “all-years” fund and the use of the excess revenues for the Shipyards West project. CM Lahnen asked for a timeline on the Shipyards West project. Ms. Boyer said the project, excluding a potential military museum facility, is estimated to cost \$44-\$48M more than originally budgeted. This bill helps fund the construction of the CRA-funded portion of the park. CM Diamond said he is curious about the performance of the courthouse parking garage. Ms. Boyer said the COVID pandemic caused lots of court hearings to be moved online so there is less traffic and demand for parking in that garage. The State Attorney’s Office employees are mostly parking in the First Baptist Church garages because they are a less expensive option. DIA has been meeting with the Mayor’s Office about trying to get more City employees to use the courthouse garage at discounted rates comparable to other City-owned garages. DIA has hired a full-time parking management employee who will help to explore options for filling up that garage. The Chair asked Ms. Boyer to copy all committee members on an email providing detailed budget information on the parking garages. CM M. Carlucci said that City’s rising revenues and good financial outlook provide a window of opportunity to make the investments needed in major projects being planned.

Speaking of major projects, Chairman Boylan invited everyone to the Tuesday, February 27th 1:30 p.m. meeting of Special Committee on JSO Primary Facilities.



**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Attach Revised BT to correct account codes**
- 2. Clarify that this legislation is authorizing the following activities:**
  - a. Appropriating \$531,652.61 for the Shipyards West CRA Project**
  - b. Deappropriating a total of \$41,687.93 to account for revenue shortfalls within the Northbank CRA**
  - c. Cleaning up of prior appropriations based on actuals**

11. [2024-0081](#) ORD Approp \$512,866.00 From the Bldg Inspection 159 Fund Bal & General Fund to Various Accts Within the Bldg Inspection Fund to Fund Salaries & Benefits for 10 FT Employees; Apv & Auth (1) An Increase to the Employee Cap for the Bldg Inspection Div of the Planning & Dev Dept From 118 to 124 in Order to Allow for the Addition of 2 New Permit Assist Sr Positions, 2 New Professional Engineer Positions, & 2 New Bldg Plans Examiner Sr Positions, & (2) An Increase to the Employee Cap for the Development Svcs Div of the Planning & Dev Dept From 51 to 55, in Order to Allow for the Addition of 1 New City Planner III Position, 1 New Professional Engineer Position, 1 New Associate Engineer Position, & 1 New Traffic Technician Principal Position, All Within the Bldg Inspection Fund (Fund 15104) (B.T. 24-044) (R.C. 24-035) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Carlucci & Peluso) 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-2 (Freeman, Diamond)  
2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 5 - Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray and Gay

**Nay:** 2 - Freeman and Diamond

CM Lahnen said the Building Inspection Fund is legally restricted in its uses and asked if the positions all meet those requirements. Phillip Peterson said some of the time of these employees will be charged to the General Fund where their functions don't qualify for use of the Building Inspection Fund, which currently has accumulated about \$20M. State law only allows the accumulation of an average of the last 4 years' expenditures and we are nearing that cap, so this is a good expenditure of the funds. CM Clark-Murray said she did a ride-along with a Fire Marshall inspector and asked if these funds could be used for that function as well. Mr. Gideon said they could not. CM M. Carlucci said improving the building permitting process has been a long-standing issue through many mayoral administrations. He recommended having workshops with contractors to introduce them to the new online permitting system and help them better use it. Mr. Gideon said they have done 3 workshops already with North East Florida Builders Association members and have another scheduled this week. CM Gay recommended reaching out to more contractors not affiliated with NEFBA so they can get the training as well. He asked about the state requirements for plans examiners. Mr. Gideon said all their employees are state qualified or are actively licensed architects or engineers who are also qualified to review plans. CM Gay said he hears complaints about the time that civil plan reviews take and the lack of private plan reviewers in that side of the process.

CM Diamond said he is planning to make changes through the LUZ Committee to help tackle the permitting issue. He doesn't think adding new positions is the answer to the problem and said he prefers paying the existing employees better so they stay with their experience and knowledge and using more private plan reviewers. Mr. Gideon said his division has hired a private plan review company within the last few weeks to help tackle the backlog. CM Clark-Murray asked about the promotion path in the Planning Department and whether the 10 new slots could be filled by existing employees. Mr. Gideon said they could, but that then leaves other vacancies that need to be filled. CM Freeman asked about the permitting backlog and how soon it can be eliminated. Mr. Gideon said they issue about 2,500 permits per week of all kinds. Building permits are where the delay and backlog really exist. About 850 building permit applications are received each week. Single family home permitting takes an average of 20 days, commercial buildings an average of 30 days. The goal is to take 10 days off each of those categories in 6 months and evaluate what is having the best effect – more employees, more private reviews, or more online permitting system. The COVID pandemic produced a spike of remodeling permits for 18-24 months.

Chairman Boylan asked about staffing different types of permitting. Mr. Gideon explained that state law requires different types of expertise for different types of development reviews and they have differentiated staff for each type. Mr. Boylan asked if the current budget can accommodate the additional overtime for the new employees; Mr. Gideon said it can. He said the department has had the Employee Services Department do a salary study of other comparable cities and the private sector that should come back in a few months. CM Gay urged paying a good salary to hire and retain top quality employees, while hiring private companies temporarily to handle peak volumes when needed.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Correct appropriation language**
- 2. Correct employee cap increase within the Development Services Division to an increase from 48 positions to 52 positions**
- 3. Correct scrivener’s errors**

- Appropriates \$444,132 from fund balance within the Building Inspection Fund and \$24,897 from salaries within the General Fund Resiliency Office to fund nine months of salary, benefits, and internal service charges (ITD costs) for ten new positions within the Building Inspection Fund**
- A portion (\$24,897) of the costs of the new positions will be allocated to the General Fund Planning & Development Department through supervision allocation**
- Based on the budgeted salary level (base level plus 5%), the annual cost of the ten new positions equals \$600,116**

**12.     [2024-0082](#)**     ORD Approp \$400,000 From Gen Fund Operating Reserves to Prov Add'l Funding for the Home Roof Initiative Described & Appvd by Ord 2023-807-E; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Housing & Community Dev Div; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Gaffney, Jr., Clark-Murray & Peluso)  
1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-1 (Diamond)  
2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 3-3 (Howland, Arias, Carrico) (Defer)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:**           6 -   Boylan, Lahnen, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Freeman and Gay

**Nay:**           1 -   Diamond

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Carlucci talked about the tremendous need for this program because many homeowners are in dire straits with regard to potentially losing their homeowners insurance coverage because their insurance companies require a new roof to continue coverage. Travis Jeffrey of the Housing and Community Development Division described how the initial program launched in January and was oversubscribed in the first half hour of availability. 16 of the first 20 selected applications were approved, the projects are being bundled and bid out through the Procurement Division, and construction will begin in the next few weeks. Council President Salem asked about what happens if the owner of a home on which a roof is installed sells the property. Mr. Jeffrey said if the owner sells the property in less than 5 years, there is a lien that must be repaid. Their staff checks ownership status every year. In response to a question from CM Lahnen, he explained how the applications were evaluated and what happens when the cost of the roof exceeds what the owner can afford above the City's contribution.

CM Diamond said he opposes the program on the grounds that it is not something the City should be doing and is a transfer of wealth from some council districts to others and from some taxpayers to others against their will. CM Freeman asked about how roofing contractors are selected and monitored. Mr. Jeffries said all payment is done on a reimbursement basis after the Building Inspection Division and Housing and Community Development Division do inspections of the completed work. Mr. Freeman asked if local companies and/or JSEBs get any preference in hiring and if the awards are done purely on the lowest bid. Mr. Jeffrey said the awards are done on low bid and there are no local preferences. CM Gay said his concern is that the program is basically controlled by insurance companies and whether they do or don't issue a roof requirement letter. He urged that local companies and JSEBs be utilized for the work and said that bundling contracts works against JSEBs being able to bid on the work. CM M. Carlucci said this bill makes available funds already approved in the budget and doesn't take it from any other uses. His philosophy is that taxes are paid for the good of society as a whole, not for particular benefits to each individual who pays them.

CM Freeman said he can't support the program as currently outlined and offered an amendment: 1) remove the practice of bundling of contracts in the procurement process; 2) add a strong encouragement, but not a mandate, to hire JSEB contractors. CM Gay recommended giving JSEB program chief Gregory Grant the ability to be involved in the process to find qualified JSEBs to apply.

The Freeman amendment was approved.

Chairman Boylan asked how much has been drawn down from the Operating Reserve thus far this year. Phillip Peterson said approximately \$51M so far; the \$316M balance in the Operating Reserve as of September 30, 2022 is up to approximately \$338M based on the status as of the September 30, 2023 quarterly summary. Mr. Boylan said there is a good return on investment to the City as a whole by doing this roof work and the City has been a good steward of public funds with healthy reserves.

CM Carlucci said the state ethics bill amendment restricting the power of ethics commissions pending in the state legislature goes to committee tomorrow and he urged council members to call legislators and oppose the weakening of the ethics law.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Remove emergency language**
- 2. Include carryover to FY 24/25**
- 3. Attach revised program guidelines to 1) prohibit bundling of projects and 2) strongly encourage the use of JSEBs for the program**

- **Appropriates \$400,000 from General Fund Operating Reserves to increase the funding for the Home Roof Program from \$546,000 to \$946,000**
- **Eligibility criteria for the Home Roof Program includes the following:**
  - **Gross annual household income at or below 80% of the area median income**
  - **Property must be owner-occupied, single family homes (one to four units) or manufactured modular home**
  - **Eligible rehabilitation activities include roof replacement only – shingle and/or modified bitumen**
  - **Maximum amount available for each home is \$14,999**
  - **The City's financial assistance will be provided in the form of a deferred payment loan, at 0% interest, for a term up to five years. No monthly payments will be due, and the loan balance will decrease on a pro-rated basis annually for the mortgage term as long as the property remains the applicant's primary residence.**

13.     [2024-0083](#)     ORD Approp \$100,000.00 in Grant Funding From FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Fentanyl & Opioid Eradication (FOE) Proj FY 24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by the JSO (B.T. 24-051) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Clark-Murray & Carlucci)  
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2/21/24 F Approve 6-0  
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**APPROVE**

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

14.     [2024-0104](#)     ORD Approp \$1,289,128.00 From the Opioid Settlement Fund - Miscellaneous Settlements Acct to Pay for Medical Equipment & Supplies to Respond to the Increase in Opioid Overdose Emergency Calls (B.T. 24-039) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

15. [2024-0105](#) ORD Approp \$209,984.02 From the Countywide Intersection Imp - Intersection Proj to the Townsend Rd Sidewalk - South Proj to Pay for Design & Engineering Costs Related to the Construction of a Sidewalk on the South Side of Townsend Rd, Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Traffic Engineering Div of the Dept of Public Works (B.T. 24-055) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/21/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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16. [2024-0109](#) ORD Approp a \$1,750,000.00 FY 24 COPS Hiring Prog Grant From the U.S. DOJ / Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) & Approp \$3,476,737.00 to Cover the Required Local Match From the City for the First Yr of the Grant & Add'l Operating Expenses to Train & Outfit 40 New Police Officer Positions Within JSO to Be Hired Under the Grant; Auth Said Positions; Prov for City Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-053) (R.C. 24-057) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff)  
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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17. [2024-0111](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Ch 86 (Homelessness Initiatives Commission), Ord Code, to Create a Homelessness Initiatives Commission & to Estab the Functions, Powers & Duties of Said Commission; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by the Spec Comm on Homelessness & Affordable Housing (CMs J. Carlucci, Amaro, Arias, Miller, & Peluso)) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Lahnen, Carlucci & Johnson)  
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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18. [2024-0113](#) ORD-MC Concerning the JHA; Creating a New Sec 51A.113 (Annual Presentation of Affordable Housing Programs & Goals Required), Pt 1 (Jacksonville Housing Authority Established), Ch 51A (Jacksonville Housing Authority), Ord Code, to Provide That the JHA Shall Make an Annual Presentation to Certain Council Standing Committees; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Introduced by the Spec Comm on Homelessness & Affordable Housing (CMs J. Carlucci, Amaro, Arias, Miller & Peluso))  
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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19. [2024-0118](#) ORD Approp \$2,027,000 From General Fund - GSD Fund Balance to the Jacksonville Historical Society, Inc. (JHS) to Be Used for Renovations to the Florida Casket Company Bldg, Located at 314 Palmetto St, Jax, FL 32202 in Order to Estab a Jacksonville History Center; Prov for a Carryover of Funds Until 3/31/26; Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute a 2nd Amendment to the FY 22-23 City Grant Agrmt btwn the City & the JHS to Extend the Term of the Agrmt to 3/31/26, & to Increase the Maximum Indebtedness by an Additional \$2,027,000 for a New Total Maximum Indebtedness Not-to-Exceed \$2,577,000; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Lopera) (Introduced by CMs Carlucci, Amaro, J. Carlucci, Miller & Peluso)  
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
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20. [2024-0129](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Thomas B. Waters 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 (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Gaffney, Jr., Peluso, Johnson & Pittman)  
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 4, 2024.**

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

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