

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

9:30 AM

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

Finance Committee

*Nick Howland, Chair
Randy White, Vice Chair
Raul Arias
Kevin Carrico
Reggie Gaffney, Jr.
Will Lahnen
Ju'Coby Pittman*

*Legislative Assistant: Barbara Ireland Hobson
Council Auditor's Office: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor
Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor
Council Research: Jeff Clements, Chief
Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy
Administration: Scott Wilson, Council Liaison*

Meeting Convened: 9:30 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:12 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Randy White, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Kevin Carrico, Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., Council Member Will Lahnen and Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

Attendance

Council President Ron Salem (2023-671, 3023-723), Council Members Mike Gay (2023-20) and Rahman Johnson (2023-610); Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Merriane Lahmeur, Barbara Hobson - Legislative Services Division; Eric Grantham, Steve Cassada – Public Information Division; Mary Staffopoulos, Lawsikia Hodges – General Counsel’s Office; Scott Wilson – Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche – Finance and Administration Department

Chairman Howland convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair announced that 2023-723 would be taken up first, followed by 2023-61, 2023-562, then the rest of the agenda in order.

Public Comment

Carnell Oliver said the county courthouse was built as a Taj Mahal and the Mayor Peyton administration privatized fleet management to his family’s company. The new Procurement Code should prohibit any elected official from getting any benefit from City procurement, and the same thing should apply to board and commission appointees. The swamp needs to be drained.

John Nooney said 2023-716 approves an alcoholic beverage zone in downtown Jacksonville, which he supports. The waterways are one of Jacksonville’s greatest attractions. Development is coming to downtown.

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... (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Cumber) (Co-Sponsors CMs Salem, Carlucci & Gay)
 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
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 6-0
 10/16/23 R Substitute/Approve 7-0
 10/17/23 F Substitute/Approve 7-0
 10/17/23 TEU Substitute/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/24/23

SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the NCSPHS substitute approved yesterday. He noted that CM Gay will be holding a noticed meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss 2 items the NCSPHS Committee declined to approve in the substitute.

The committee was in recess from 10:23 to 10:31 a.m. due to a technical problem with the sound system.

CM Gay thanked everyone who has contributed to the development of this bill and welcomed anyone interested to come to his meeting tomorrow to discuss the remaining outstanding issues. Depending on the results of that meeting he may offer a floor amendment at next Tuesday's Council meeting. President Salem expressed a preference to keep the bill in committee if there is not clear consensus on the two remaining issues rather than engage in extensive debate during the council meeting next Tuesday. At the request of CM Carrico, Mr. Gay expressed his thoughts on local preference in procurement, which he believes is appropriate to support Jacksonville businesses. He cited the example of multi-county mutual preference alliances in the Sarasota and Tallahassee areas and said the Northeast Florida Regional Council member counties could engage in a similar alliance. CM White said he had concerns about the Gay #2 amendment on local preference and its impact on Jacksonville companies doing work in other counties.

Chairman Howland relinquished the chair and offered an amendment regarding single source procurements to require quarterly reporting of such procurements, including presentations to the Finance Committee by the Chief of Procurement for such contracts valued over \$50,000. He asked that the Chief come to the next Finance meeting to make a presentation on single source procurements for the last fiscal quarter. President Salem cited the recent hiring of a City lobbying firm on a no-bid contract as being concerning, given the criticism the Council has received for approving direct contracts in this year's budget. Scott Wilson of the Mayor's Office said that single-source contract information is available at any time upon request, but the administration has no objection to this proposed amendment, with the suggestion that any single-source contracts coming from the legislative branch be included in the list as well. The two amendments were rolled into a single Finance amendment and approved. President Salem pointed out that the wording of the Howland amendment includes all single-source procurements, which includes those by the City Council. Phillip Peterson noted the difference between single-source procurement contracts and City Council-approved direct contracts with third-party provider agencies. CM Carrico asked to be provided with information on how the City's lobbying contract was awarded to the company that currently holds it.

As substituted,

- 1. Incorporates CM Gay amendment #1 (except for owner-direct purchase program)**
- 2. Incorporates Auditor recommended amendment to require a minimum of 3 responses for professional services unless it is determined by the Chief, in writing, that no advantage would be obtained by resoliciting**
- 3. Requires quarterly reporting to the Finance Committee of all single-source purchases in excess of \$50,000**

2. [2023-0307](#) ORD-MC re the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Amend Sec 22.12 of the Charter of the COJ; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees & CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F
5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23

DEFER

3. [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

4. [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
8/8/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/8/23

DEFER

5. [2023-0562](#) ORD Amend the JTA FY 21-22 Budget; Amend Ord 2021-504-E (the City of Jacksonville Budget Ordinance) by Amend Revised Schedule O (Estimated Operating Revenues) & Revised Schedule P (Operating Expenditures) to Approp Add'l Revenues to Offset Increased Operating Expenses Exceeding the Appvd JTA Budget for FY 21-22 (Staffopoulos) (Request of JTA)
 8/22/23 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 9/6/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/6/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/12/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 F Approve 8-0
 10/17/23 TEU Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/12/23

APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen, Pittman and Salem

President Salem described his frustration with the JTA over the practice of filing late budget amendments for prior fiscal years. Cleveland Ferguson, Executive Vice President of the JTA, introduced JTA’s new Chief Financial Officer and said that internal processes have been changed to prevent the problem from reoccurring. Phillip Peterson distributed a chart showing when JTA’s fiscal year true-up amendments have been processed in years past, which show a pattern of increasing delays from the time the JTA board approves the amendments until the amendments are actually filed with City Council. He noted that the need for budget amendments is typically identified by the third quarter of a fiscal year and there is no prohibition against making budget amendments during a fiscal year. Council Auditor Kim Taylor said that budget amendments should ideally be processed during the current fiscal year so that Council is aware of how the JTA budget is changing and why. Chairman Howland noted that the failure to make amendments during a fiscal year impacts on the ability of the Finance Committee to make accurate year-to-year budget comparisons during budget hearings.

- **JTA's FY 2021/22 budget is increasing by \$7,139,991, as follows:**
- **Bus:** **\$3,871,965**
- **Connection (CTC):** **829,738**
- **Skyway:** **729,996**
- **Ferry:** **259,868**
- **General Fund:** **1,448,424**

6. [2023-0610](#) ORD Approp \$200,000 From the General Fund - GSD Fund Balance to the Historic Stanton Rehab Activity; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver an Amendment to the Grant Agrmt for the Historic Stanton School Bldg btwn the City & Historic Stanton, Inc. to Extend the Term of the Agrmt to Exp on 9/30/24; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson & Peluso) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Lahnen, Pittman & Salem)
 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
 10/2/23 NCSPHS Substitute/Rerefer 6-0
 10/3/23 F Substitute/Rerefer 7-0
 10/10/23 CO Substitute/Rerefer 17-0
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
 10/17/23 F Approve 8-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/26/23 & 10/24/23

APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen, Pittman and Salem

CM Johnson advocated for the bill and said the only impact is to move the funding from last fiscal year to this year. CM Pittman asked to be added as a co-sponsor. CM Johnson described the phasing of the project. Phillip Peterson explained the allocation of funds that lapsed into fund balance at the end of the last fiscal year.

- **Appropriates General Fund – GSD operating reserves of \$200,000 to the contingency account (\$143,710) and subsidies and contributions to private organizations account (\$56,290) within the Historic Stanton Rehab activity**
- **These amounts represent the unspent balances remaining in the accounts on September 30, 2023 which fell to General Fund – GSD fund balance at the close of the fiscal year**
- **Approves an amendment to the grant agreement with Historic Stanton to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2024, retroactive to October 1, 2023**

7. [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

8. [2023-0657](#) ORD Apv a Mobility Fee & Credit Contract btwn the City & Eisenhower Property Group, LLC, to Auth Mobility Fee Credits in Exchange for the Conveyance, at No Cost to the City & With No Further Council Action, of Land for a R/W Corridor Referred to as “Braddock Road East” Located Within Mobility Zone 4 & Council Dist 8, from the Intersection of Braddock Rd & Lem Turner Rd to the NE Including Any Land Along Existing Braddock Rd that May Be Needed for Intersection Improvements at Lem Turner Rd, & for the Memorialization of the Mobility Fee Required for Future Dev of the Property Known as the Braddock Family Parcel PUD; Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver the Agrmt & All Closing Docs Relating Thereto, & Otherwise Take All Necessary Actions to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agrmt in Accord with Sec 655.507, Ord Code; Prov for Oversight by the Planning & Dev Dept re the Mobility Fee Credit & Mobility Fees, & the Real Estate Div of the Public Works Dept for the Acquisition/Acceptance of Conveyance(s), & Prov Oversight by the R/W Stormwater Maintenance Div of the Public Works Dept Thereafter (Grandin) (Req of Mayor)
(Companions 2023-656 & 2023-658)
9/26/23 CO Introduced: F, TEU, LUZ
10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/3/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/3/23 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

DEFER

9. [2023-0668](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Interlocal Agrmt btwn the City & St. Johns County, FL (SJC), as Auth by Sec 163.01, F.S., for the Purpose of Allocating the Duties & Obligations with Regard to Permitting, Operation, Maintenance & Repair of Certain Portions of Race Track Rd with Portions Thereof in Both City Council Dist 11 & SJC; Prov for Oversight by Public Works (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 9/26/23 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/3/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 F Approve 7-0
 10/17/23 TEU Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 10/10/23

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson described the purpose of the bill.

- **St. Johns County will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs of portion of Race Track Rd. located in Duval County**
- **Interlocal agreement approved by St. Johns County on 7/18/23**

10. [2023-0669](#) ORD Approp \$585,760 from the Gen Fund - GSD Fund Bal to Downtown Economic Dev Fund to Fund Downtown Preservation & Revitalization Prog Loans to Regions Bank, as Previously Auth by Ord 2021-210-E & Ord 2023-150-E, & Auth an Intrafund Transfer of \$200,000, Representing Both Budget & Actual Prior Expense, btwn Centers Within the Downtown Economic Dev Fund; Prov for Reverter of Funds (B.T. 23-055) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
 10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 10/10/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

1. Strike transfer language and reflect a total appropriation amount of \$785,760
2. Revise fiscal year of appropriation to 2023-2024
3. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to correct BT

- Appropriates \$585,760 from General Fund operating reserves for previously approved Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program (DPRP) forgivable loans to Regions Bank
- Regions Bank can request an additional \$314,240 in DPRP forgivable loans (subject to future appropriation) pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement

11. [2023-0671](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 111.270 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 2 (Health & Human Services), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Estab a Permanent Homelessness Initiatives Special Rev Fund For the Purposes Described Herein; Prov For Codification Instructions; Approp \$1,000,000 to the Homelessness Initiatives Special Rev Fund, Including \$500,000 From the Council President's Designated Contingency Acct & \$500,000 From the Mayor's Task Force Contingency Acct; Prov For Oversight By the Social Svcs Div of the Dept of Parks, Rec & Community Svcs (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Johnson, Clark-Murray, Carrico, Pittman, Gaffney, Jr., Arias, Lahnen, White, Howland & Miller)
- 9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/2/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 10/16/23 R Amend/Approve 7-0
 10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 8-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 8 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen, Pittman and Salem

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. President Salem emphasized that this fund is intended to provide diversion funding for persons in danger of becoming homeless, not those already homeless. He announced his intention to appoint a special committee on homelessness. In response to a question from CM Pittman, President Salem said he and the administration are searching for the right non-profit agency to administer the program and distribute the funds to the intended recipients. CM Pittman asked if she had a conflict that would preclude her from serving on the special committee. Mary Staffopoulos said she is researching this question with the Ethics Office. CM Arias asked if this program had ever been tried in Jacksonville before; President Salem said not to his knowledge, but something similar has been tried in other cities. He said he has tried to keep the defined uses of the funding as flexible as possible in order to meet various types of emergency needs as they arise to prevent people from becoming homeless. Phillip Peterson described the several assistance programs the City already offers via its Social Services Division and Military and Veterans Affairs Department and noted that millions of dollars in federal funding had been received in recent years that have been applied to rent and utility assistance.

CM Carrico asked to be added as a co-sponsor and cautioned that there need to be strong guidelines on the use of the funds to prevent abuse. CMs Pittman, Gaffney Jr., and Arias asked to be added as co-sponsors. Phillip Peterson explained why the administration of the program is being assigned to the Office of Grants and Compliance instead of offices that currently make direct disbursements of City funding. He noted that once an administrative agency is selected, separate legislation will be needed to approve a direct service contract. CM Pittman recommended that the administrative organization not be an agency that currently provides homeless services so that there is not a potential conflict of interest. CMs Lahnen, White and Howland asked to be added as co-sponsors and Mr. Lahnen offered his expertise in providing services to veterans on the verge of homelessness if it would be helpful in developing the program.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

- 1. Clarify funding is limited to individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless and not those already homeless**
- 2. Clarify that maximum payment of up to \$1,500 is on a per calendar year basis**
- 3. Revise annual appropriation calculation from an amount not to exceed 15% to 20% of the available balance in the fund as of the prior fiscal year end**
- 4. Add provision specifying that the appropriation for FY 24/25 will be based on the available balance in the fund as of 12/31/23**
- 5. Change oversight department to the Grants and Contract Compliance Division**
- 6. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to correct BT**

- **Establishes a new Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to provide financial assistance to individuals at risk of becoming homeless (maximum one-time payment of up to \$1,500)**
- **Funds will be appropriated at a minimum on an annual basis in conjunction with the annual budget in an amount not to exceed 15% of the available balance within the Fund as of the immediately preceding fiscal year end**
- **Requires annual report to Council on the expenditures from the Fund**
- **Appropriates \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 from the Council President's contingency account and \$500,000 from the Mayor's Task Force contingency account) to the new Fund**

12. [2023-0673](#) ORD Prov For Determination of Satisfactory Performance by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC in Conducting Annual Audits For the City & Certain Other Funded Progs For the FYs Ending 9/30, 2020, 2021 & 2022; Apv, & Auth Execution by the Council President, or His Desig, of an Independent Auditor Agrmt Btwn the City & Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, Outlining the Terms & Conditions to Engage Said Firm to Provide an Annual Audit of the City & Certain Other Funded Progs For 1 Add'l 1-Yr Period For the FY Ending 9/30/24 Under the Single Audit Approach; Prov For the Independent Auditor's Fee & Hrs to be Provided by the Council Auditor's Office (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by the Finance Committee (CMs Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney, Jr., Lahnen & Pittman)
9/26/23 CO Introduced: F
10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Council Auditor Kim Taylor noted that this is the last available renewal option for Carr, Riggs and Ingram to perform the City's annual independent audit. An RFP will be issued for the FY24-25 audit for a new auditing firm.

- Approves a one-year contract extension for the City's annual audit for the fiscal year ending 9/30/24 with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC at a total fee of \$405,350
- This one-year contract is the last renewal option authorized by the current contract

13. [2023-0677](#) ORD Approp \$137,000 From the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to Fund the Various Crime Prevention & Law Enforcement Expenditures & Activities Including: (1) Prov \$37,000 to Procure 2 UTV Vehicles for JSO Patrol Units; (2) Prov \$30,000 to Procure a Real Time Crime Ctr Workstation for JSO; (3) Transferring \$12,5000 From the Fund to the Teen Driver Special Rev Fund in Accordance With Sec 111.365, Ord Code, to Fund the Teen Driver Challenge Prog; (4) Transferring \$12,500 From the Fund to the Police Explorers Trust Fund in Accordance With Sec 111.340, Ord Code, to Fund JSO Police Explorer Post; (5) Transferring \$25,000 From the Fund to the First Coast Crime Stoppers; & (6) \$20,000 to be Used For the Homeward Bound Prog (B.T. 24-007) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff)
- 9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
 10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

1. Attach executed certification of compliance with F.S. 932.7055 as new Exhibit
2. Authorize execution of Agreement between City and First Coast Crime Stoppers related to the \$25,000 contribution and attach Agreement as new Exhibit
3. Reflect that the revenue being appropriated is Contributions from Private Sources
4. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account codes
5. Pg. 1, line 23, after "PROGRAM", insert ", AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-007"
6. Correct Scrivener's

14. [2023-0678](#) ORD Approp \$202,335.05 From the Federal Forfeitures Trust Fund to Estab the FY 23-24 Operating Budget For the Federal Forfeitures Trust Fund (B.T. 24-005) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff)
 9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
 10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

1. Pg.1, line 31, strike “fund balance” and insert “federal forfeitures”
2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct account code and fund title

• Funds will be used for security equipment (\$80,842), hardware/software maintenance & licenses (\$40,750), specialized equipment (\$26,899) and cleanup of prior year's expenses (\$53,844)

15. [2023-0679](#) ORD Approp \$2,407,004.95 From the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to Estab the FY 23-24 Operating Budget For the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; Auth a Position Within the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund (R.C. 24-004) (B.T. 24-006) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff)
 9/26/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 10/2/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/3/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/10/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
 10/17/23 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/10/23

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

JSO budget officer Bill Clement explained the purpose of the bill. CM Arias asked about the particular uses of the funds to benefit inmates. Mr. Clement said he would provide additional information to CM Arias about the amount of funding in prior years and the number of inmates served by the program. In response to a question from CM Pittman, Mr. Clement described the eligibility of indigent inmates to receive toiletries kits.

• Funds will be used for salary and benefits of employees whose duties directly relate to the Trust Fund (\$135,998), supplies and equipment (\$816,204), computer equipment (\$905,407) and specialized equipment at the various facilities (\$549,396)

16. [2023-0715](#) RESO Apv & Auth the Execution of an Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Project Orion, to Support the Expansion of Company's Operations at a New Facility Located on the West Side of Jax; Auth a 10-Yr REV Grant Not to Exceed \$1,500,000; Apv & Auth the Execution of Docs by the Mayor, or Her Designee, & Corp Sec; Auth Appvl of Tech Amendments by the Executive Dir of OED; Prov for Oversight by OED; Prov a Deadline for the Company to Execute the Agrmt; Affirm the Proj's Compliance with the Public Investment Policy Adopted by Ord 2022-726-E, as Amended; Req 2-Reading Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 3.305 (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: F
10/17/23 F Amend/Approve 7-0

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Economic Development Officer Ed Randolph talked about the benefits of the project, including retention of the company's existing 175 employees in addition to the 250 new jobs. At the request of the Chair, he described how the state average wage requirement has been removed from the Public Investment Policy.

AMENDMENT

Attach revised Exhibit 1 (Project Summary) to correct job creation deadline

17. [2023-0716](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 55.105 (Boundaries of Jacksonville Downtown Area), 55.106 (Definitions), & 55.112 (Project & Program Funding), Pt 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ch 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ord Code, to Revise & Add Certain Definitions, Clarify Proj & Prog Funding, Add Language Identifying the DIA as the Desig Supervising & Admin Body Over the Downtown Economic Dev Fund, & Amend the Sec Title; Prov for Codification Instructions (Lopera) (Req of DIA)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R, F
10/16/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

18. [2023-0717](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark Desig by Ord 2021-377-E at 510 Julia St, Owned by 510 N Julia LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2023-0718](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark & Landmark Site Desig by Ord 2006-859-E at 424 N Hogan St, Owned by 218 W Church LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2023-0719](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Historic Landmark Site Desig by Ord 2003-1410-E at 218 W Church St, Owned by 218 W Church LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2023-0720](#) ORD Approp \$880,606.82 from the Projs Titled Hidden Village Dr Underdrain Rehab, Via Valencia Drainage Improvements - DSR & Underdrain Replacements to the Projs Titled Hanson Dr Underdrain Improvements, Brookmont & Lamanto Ave E Underdrain Improvements & Big Fishw-Ecosys Restor Proj-Acoe Joint to Pay for the Installation of a New Underdrain on Both Sides of Hanson Dr, the Construction of a New Underdrain System in the Area of Brookmont Ave E & Lamanto Ave, & the Funding of the City's Portion of the Big Fishweir Creek - Ecosystem Restoration Proj; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds from the Prior Projs to the Projs (B.T. 24-014) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU, JWC
10/16/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

22. [2023-0721](#) ORD Approp \$750,000.00 from the FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Christobel Septic Tank Phase-Out Proj; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect FDEP Grant Funding for the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 24-013) (Brown) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Carlucci)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
10/16/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2023-0722](#) ORD Approp \$162,000 from the Jax Rec & Environmental Land Acquisition Capital Projs Fund to the New Town Success Zone Park at Edward Waters University Proj; Prov for Oversight by Parks, Rec & Community Svcs (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

24. [2023-0723](#) ORD-MC re the Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Settlement Proceeds Grants; Amend Sec 84.204 (Organization & Proceedings), Pt 2 (Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee), Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code; Amend Secs 84.302 (Manager of Opioid Abatement; Responsibilities), 84.304 (Eligibility to Apply for Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), 84.305 (Application Requirements), 84.306 (Review, Evaluation & Scoring of Applications by OSUD Grants Committee), 84.307 (Funding Allocations by OSUD Grants Committee; Grant Award Limitations), Pt 3 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ch 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), Ord Code; Waiving Grant Awards Deadline Dates for FY 23-24; Prov a Grant Awards Funding Allocation Deadline for FY 23-24; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Introduced by CP Salem)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R, F
10/16/23 R Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
10/17/23 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0-1 (Carrico)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601- 10/24/23

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen, Pittman and Salem

Abstain: 1 - Carrico

CM Carrico announced that he would be abstaining from the vote since his employer may possibly make application for these funds. Phillip Peterson explained the reason for the emergency to extend the deadline. The emergency was approved. Mr. Peterson explained the Rules Committee amendment, which includes the amendment proposed yesterday by Council President Salem in that committee. President Salem said this bill results from a monumental task to get the grant program set up and thanked everyone responsible. Council Member Pittman asked how many people will serve on the grant committee; President Salem said 7 members who have been nominated and screened.

RULES AMENDMENT

1. Clarify mandatory application workshop language
2. Clarify that affidavit submitted by applicant must be accurate as verified by the Manager of Opioid Abatement
3. Correct scrivener's errors

- Amends Code Ch. 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants) to revise the organization and proceedings language and remove references to FY 23/24 deadlines
- Waives the FY 23/24 grant process deadlines established by Ord. 2023-350-E and establishes a revised deadline to adopt the final grant award funding allocations by January 31, 2024 (instead of December 1, 2023)
- A one cycle emergency has been requested in order to extend the deadlines for the FY 23/24 grant process which cannot be met due to an unforeseen delay in the initial member appointments to the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee

25. [2023-0724](#) ORD Apv the Issuance & Sale by JEA of Its Electric Sys Revenue Bonds &/or Its Electric Sys Subordinated Revenue Bonds, Its Bulk Power Supply Sys Revenue Bonds &/or Its Power Park Issue 3 Bonds, in an Aggregate Amt Not To Exceed \$1,900,000,000, for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition &/or Construction of Additions, Extensions & Improvements to the Electric Sys of JEA or for Purposes Auth Under the Bulk Power Supply Bond Reso or the 2nd Power Park Bond Reso, or of Refunding Electric Sys Revenue Bonds, Electric Sys Subordinated Revenue Bonds, Bulk Power Supply Sys Revenue Bonds &/or Power Park Issue 3 Bonds; Apv the Issuance & Sale by JEA of Its Water & Sewer Sys Revenue Bonds &/or Its Water & Sewer Sys Subordinated Revenue Bonds, in an Aggregate Amt Not To Exceed \$2,500,000,000, for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition &/or Construction of Additions, Extensions & Improvements to the Water & Sewer Sys of JEA or of Refunding Water & Sewer Sys Revenue Bonds &/or Water & Sewer Sys Subordinated Revenue Bonds; Apv the Issuance & Sale by JEA of Its Dist Energy Syst Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Amt Not To Exceed \$150,000,000, for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition &/or Construction of Additions, Extensions & Improvements to the Dist Energy Sys of JEA or of Refunding Dist Energy Sys Revenue Bonds; Entering Into Certain Covenants with JEA & the Holders of Such Debt; Prov that the Debt Instruments Auth Hereby are Limited Obligations of JEA (Greenberg Traurig) (Req of JEA)
 10/10/23 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601- 10/24/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2023-0739](#) RESO Desig 7893 Hogan Settlement Rd, Jax, FL, as a Brownfield Area for Environmental Rehab & Economic Development; Prov for Notification of Brownfield Site Rehab Agrmt (R.E. # 007618-0000) (Dist. 12-White) (Teal) (Req of Mayor)
 10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 10/17/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearings Pursuant to Sec 376.80, F.S.& Ch 166, F.S. - 10/24/23 & 11/14/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

27. [2023-0740](#) RESO Desig 1959 Kings Ave & 0 Kings Ave, Jax, FL, as a Brownfield Area for Environmental Rehab & Economic Development; Prov for Notification of Brownfield Site Rehab Agrmt (R.E. # 082062-000 & 082112-0000) (Dist. 5-J. Carlucci) (Teal) (Req of Mayor)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearings Pursuant to Sec 376.80, F.S.& Ch 166, F.S. - 10/24/23 & 11/14/23

READ 2ND & REREFER

28. [2023-0741](#) RESO Upon an Acknowledgement of Due Auth & the Making of Findings, Apv the Issuance by the JHFA of Its Homeowner Mortgage Revenue Bonds, in 1 or More Series, in an Aggregate Face Amt not to Exceed \$100,000,000 for the Purpose of Purchasing Mortgage Loans Originated by Participating Local Lending Institutions to Finance the Purchase or Rehab of New or Existing Owner-Occupied Residences Situated in Duval County, FL, or Purchasing Securities Guaranteed by the Federal Govt or Agencies Thereof or for the Purpose of Refunding Outstanding Bonds of the JHFA Previously Issued for Such Purpose; Req the Intro of a Reso of the Council of the City of Jax, FL, Apv the Issuance of the Bonds; Auth the Submission of a Request for a Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Allocation; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Hodges) (Req of JHFA)
10/10/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/16/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

Council Auditor's Office – Bill 2023-715: Project Orion**Developer Name – Project Orion****Project Location – Manufacturing facility located on the west side of Jacksonville****Incentives Provided –**

- **\$1,500,000 10-year 50% REV Grant**

Performance Schedule –

- **Completion of improvements no later than 12/31/2027**
- **Creation of 250 new jobs no later than one year after completion of improvements**

Number of Jobs to be Created – 250 (no wage requirement)**Number of Jobs to be Retained – 175****Capital Investment – \$28,775,000 (tenant building improvements and tangible personal property)****Records Retention/Audit Clause – Yes****Clawback Language –**

- **In the event reporting requirements are not met in the time period specified in the agreement, the City will be entitled to withhold disbursement of the REV Grant**
- **If the Company fails to invest the amounts listed below, the City funding will be reduced by the corresponding amount:**
 - **Fails to invest at least \$28,775,000 by 12/31/27 – REV grant reduced proportionately**
 - **Fails to invest at least \$23,000,000 by 12/31/27 – REV grant is terminated and any amounts paid to the Developer will be repaid to the City**
- **If the Company fails to create the 250 new jobs and maintain the new jobs for the length of the REV grant, the REV grant payment in that year will be reduced proportionately**
- **In any year that the Company fails to maintain at least 200 new jobs and retain the 175 retained jobs, the REV grant will be forfeited for that year**

OED has calculated an ROI of 1.82 for this project**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2023.*********Note: Items may be added at the discretion of the Chair.*******

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