

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

**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: Maritza Sanchez  
Legislative Assistant: Vanessa Galan  
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: Bill Delaney*

**Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM****Meeting Adjourned: 10:55 AM****Rollcall**

**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

Also:

CP Salem (2023-881); Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Merriane Lahmeur, Maritza Sanchez - Legislative Services Division; Steve Cassada – Public Information Division; Mary Staffopoulos – General Counsel’s Office; Bill Delaney – Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche and Angela Moyer – Finance and Administration Department

Chairman Howland convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. Council President Ron Salem announced that the Council Auditor’s Office is performing a financial analysis of UF Health Jacksonville and said he will be holding a briefing meeting for the council to hear the results of that analysis in the near future.

Mr. Howland announced that item #22, 2023-881, will be taken up first followed by the rest of the agenda in order.

Chairman Howland said he is greatly troubled by the removal of the Memorial to the Women of the Southland statues from Springfield Park and the General Counsel’s unsigned opinion finding that the Mayor could order that action to be taken without the Council's consent. He said the Charter and Ordinance Code give the Council the ability to control the city’s finances and a strong mayor can’t do anything she wants without council authority. He called on former City General Counsels to provide their input on the recent unsigned legal opinion.

Council Secretary Peggy Sidman described the new equipment installed in the Council Chamber and said that IT staff are in attendance to help with any problems that may arise during the meeting.

**Public Commnet**

Carnell Oliver said 2023-860 is important legislation and noted that there is very little money left in the Northwest Economic Development Fund. He recommended devoting a percentage of the annual millage revenue to that fund. The council needs to make more investments in education and economic development in underserved communities rather than supporting the non-profit community.

**Council Auditor Presentation: Report #873: Quarterly Summary for the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2023**

Council Auditor Kim Taylor said the City’s books closed a few days late and last-minute adjustments are still being made. The report shows a net \$1.9M negative revenue variance in the General Fund and a \$75.4M positive variance in expenditures, so the overall net is a \$73.4 positive variance for the General Fund for the year. She noted a pending ordinance to move \$20M to the City’s emergency reserve to meet the higher target for that fund which is being raised by another pending ordinance and said the FY23-24 budget used \$20M of FY21-22 fund balance as a revenue source for this year’s budget. She said the City ended FY21-22 year with \$316M of operating reserves. Emergency reserves stand at about \$100M.

Regarding the independent agencies, Ms. Taylor said the JEA will have budget amendments to file via legislation to reflect a transfer of funds from a reserve account to cover Plant Vogtle-related expenses and \$93M in additional capital expenditures. JTA had 3 areas of its operations expend in excess of budget by a total of \$2.2M so it will also need to file an amendment for Council approval. JPA is anticipating a \$13.5M surplus and JAA will also experience a year-end surplus as a result of the JIA Concourse B construction project not being started in 2023 as expected.

President Salem said he understands that CM Boylan is planning to introduce legislation to appropriate \$10M in Sheriff’s Office budget savings to jail maintenance and capital improvement projects in order to deal with immediate issues identified by the Special Committee on JSO Primary Facilities while planning for a new jail takes place. He also noted the pending legislation to increase the City’s emergency reserve account funding target to 7-10% of the General Fund budget.

<b>Item/File No.</b>	<b>Title History</b>
1. <a href="#"><u>2023-0307</u></a>	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**

2. [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**

3. [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) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)  
10/10/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
10/16/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/17/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/24/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/24/23

**DEFER**

4. [2023-0806](#) ORD re the FY 22-23 City Grant Agrmt btwn FOBT Pipeline, Inc., a FL Not for Profit Corp (FBOT), & the City (FY 23 City Grant Agreement); Waiving FOBT’s Non-Compliance with the Permit Requirement Prov in the FY 23 City Grant Agrmt; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)  
11/14/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
11/20/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/21/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/2/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0  
1/3/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 11/28/23

**AMEND/APPROVE**

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

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Chairman Howland described the work of FOBT Pipeline and his support for its work. Rebecca Williams, President of FOBT, briefly described the agency's programs and services.

#### AMENDMENT

- 1. Authorize the Council Auditor to remove FOBT Pipeline, Inc. from the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List**
- 2. Remove Emergency language**
- 3. Correct Scrivener's**

**• FOBT Pipeline, Inc. was added to the Non-Compliance List on 11/8/23 for failing to comply with Agreement terms (Section 118.504) associated with their fiscal year 2022-2023 Agreement by not obtaining a Solicitation of Contributions Registration Letter until after the grant period ended**

5. [2023-0832](#) ORD Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute a Contract with JU for the Continuing Manatee Protection Studies for FY 23-24, with Up to 4 Annual Renewals, Subj to Approp by City Council; Invoking Sec 126.107 (g), Ord Code, to Waive Competitive Solicitation & Bidding for Said Contract (Wilson) (Introduced by CM Peluso) (Co-Sponsor CM Amaro) (JWC Apv)  
11/28/23 CO Introduced: R, F, JWC  
12/4/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/5/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/12/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/2/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0  
1/3/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 12/12/23

#### AMEND/APPROVE

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

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Pittman asked for details about the contracted services; Eric Hinton of the Environmental Quality Division described the services to be provided by JU.

#### AMENDMENT

- 1. Add Planning and Development Department as the oversight department**
- 2. Pg. 1, line 11: strike "WAIVE" and insert "EXEMPT"**
- 3. Pg. 1, line 29: correct bill number to 2019-645-E**

**The FY 23/24 Council approved budget includes \$90,000 for continuation of the manatee study.**

6. [2023-0833](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Execution of an Amendment 3 to Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Uptown Signature Development, Inc., to Extend the Completion of Construction Deadline for the Company's Mixed-Use Proj in Jax, FL for an Add'l 6 Months Due to Construction Delays, & to Auth the Executive Dir of OED to Extend the Completion of Construction Deadline an Add'l 6 Months for Good Cause Shown; Apv & Auth Execution of Docs by the Mayor or Her Designee & Corp Sec; Prov for City Oversight by OED (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) 11/28/23 CO Introduced: F  
12/5/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/12/23 PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 12/12/23

**AMEND/APPROVE**

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

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

**AMENDMENT**

**Place revised Amendment Three to EDA on file to strike the Performance Schedule reference in Section 12.6**

**Authorizes a third amendment to the Economic Development Agreement with Uptown Signature Development, Inc. to:**

- 1) Extend the completion date for the infrastructure improvements from 12/31/23 to 6/30/24,**
- 2) Provide an option to administratively extend the completion date by up to six months,**
- 3) Extend the final year of the REV grant from 2030 to 2032,**
- 4) Extend the job creation deadline from 12/31/23 to 6/30/24, and**
- 5) Extend the capital investment deadline from 12/31/23 to 6/30/24**

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

Robin Smith of the Public Works Department described the transfer of funds from a countywide fund to specific project uses.

8. [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:** 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Eric Fuller of the Solid Waste Division briefly described the purpose of the CON. CM Arias asked how many non-residential haulers the City has; Mr. Fuller said there are currently 13. He said the City grants CONs to any company that makes application and meets the Ordinance Code criteria and does not limit the number of companies operating in the city.

9. [2023-0860](#) RESO Approp \$100,000 from the NW Jax OED Fund/Misc Sales & Charges for the Purpose of Prov a \$100,000 NW Jax Economic Dev Fund (NWJEDF) Business Infrastructure Grant to Titan Florida, LLC to Fund Certain Infrastructure Improvements in Connection With the Construction & Equipping by Company of a Ready-Mix Concrete Plant on the Property Located Generally at 1712 N McDuff Ave; Apv & Auth Execution of Docs by the Mayor or Her Desig & Corp Sec; Auth Appvl of Tech Amendments by the Executive Dir of OED; Prov for City Oversight by OED; Affirming the Proj's Compliance With the NWJEDF Guidelines Appvd & Adopted by Ord 2016-779-E, as Amended; Req 2-Reading Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 3.305 (B.T. 24-037) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/2/24 R Approve 6-0  
1/3/24 F Approve 7-0

**APPROVE**

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

Joe Whitaker of the Office of Economic Development described the purpose of the infrastructure grant and the benefits it will provide. CM Carrico asked about the current balance in the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund; Mr. Whitaker said approximately \$4M. In response to a question about replenishing the fund, Mr. Whitaker said any new funding would need to come from the Mayor and Council.

10. [2023-0862](#) ORD Approp \$70,000 From a Designated Contingency Acct to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Prov Funding to the Human Collective Foundation, Inc. (HCF), for the Human Collective Awareness Prog Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With HCF; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With HCF; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt Btwn the City & the Human Collective Foundation, Inc. For the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
1/2/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/9/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

11. [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**

12. [2023-0865](#) ORD Approp Grant Funds in the Amount of \$899,660.00 from the U.S. DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the 4th Judicial Circuit of FL, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Progs, to Fund the Enhancement of the VTC Progs, for the Grant Term Beginning 10/1/23 thru 9/30/27; Prov for Carryover of Funds thru 9/30/27; Prov for City Oversight by the Court Admin, Dir of Problem Solving Courts (B.T. 24-031) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Miller)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

13. [2023-0866](#) ORD Approp \$399,353.00 in Grant Funding for Yr 1 of a 5-Yr Grant from the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Svcs for the Duval County Adult Drug Court Prog; Prov for Carryover of Funds to Subsequent FYs; Prov for City Oversight by the Court Admin, Dir of Problem Solving Courts (B.T. 24-030) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

14. [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**

15. [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**

16. [2023-0869](#) ORD Approp \$1,500,000.00 from TDC Fund Balance to Provide Add'l Funding to Jacksonville & the Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. D/B/A "Visit Jacksonville" to Increase Substantially the City's Investment in the Promotion of Sports Tourism to the City; Apv & Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, Amdts to the Existing Sports Tourism Contract Btwn the City & Visit Jacksonville to Reflect Such Add'l Funding & Other Changes as May Be Necessary, Provided the TDC Shall First Apv the Terms Thereof; Amend Rev Schedule W to Ord 2023-504-E; Prov for Oversight by TDC (Wilson) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: F  
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

17. [2023-0870](#) ORD-MC Concerning the City of Jax Emergency Reserve; Approp \$20,000,000 from the City's General Fund/General Svcs Dist Operating Reserve to the Emergency Reserve to Increase the Total Emergency Reserve Balance to 7% of the City's General Fund/General Svcs Dist Operating Budget to Meet the New Financial Planning Target of 7-10% for the Emergency Reserve as Provided for Herein; Amend Secs 106.106 (Balanced Budget & Budget Stabilization Reserve), & 106.107 (Emergency Reserve Policy & Fund), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Increase the Financial Planning Target for the City's Emergency Reserve to 7-10%; Prov Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

18. [2023-0871](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec 126.318 (Selection Procedures for Federal & State Lobbying & Grant Writing Professional Services Contracts), Pt 3 (Professional Services Contracts), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Prospectively Amend Subpt C (Procurement Methods & Procedures), Pt 3 (Procurement Thresholds, Modes, Methods, & Procedures), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Etab a Prospective Date of 7/1/24, for the Code Amendmts Contained in Sec 2 of this Ord to Become Effective (Hodges) (Introduced by CM Howland) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman & Miller)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 1/9/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

19. [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:** 7 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the request for the emergency. CM Carrico asked about the proposed uses of the funds. Joe Johnson, ECA for the bill's sponsor - CM Amaro - said that it will be used for items like palm tree trimming (not supported by the Public Works Department) and blight remediation, and could still be used for traffic calming if a specific need arises. Kim Taylor said that Public Works' funding for trees is prioritized for safety purposes, not aesthetics, so this allocation would fund that sort of work. In response to a question from CM Arias, Public Works Director Nina Sickler said there is approximately \$11M appropriated in the current budget specifically for extra mowing cycles and litter pickup which is now under contract for those specific uses. Mr. Arias recommended that changes be made to Public Works' policies to make this type of expenditure for aesthetic purposes possible. CM Gaffney, Jr. asked for clarification about the source of the funds and the intended uses. CM Lahnen said there is a need for more palm tree trimming that is frequently requested by constituents. Ms. Sickler said there is not currently a policy regarding tree trimming for aesthetic purposes. She cautioned against spending available tree funds for aesthetic trimming early in the fiscal year before the tropical storm season hits later in the summer when there may be a great need for that funding to deal with storm aftermath.

- **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**

20.     [2023-0874](#)     ORD-MC Amend Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code; Amend Sec 106.103 (Definitions), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, & Sec 106.215 (Supplemental Appropriation & Revenue Reduction Limitations), Subpart A (Budgets & Budget Ordinances; Millage Levy), Pt 2 (Budgets), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Amend the Definition of Reserve or Reserve Fund to Include Contingencies & To Clarify the Number of Votes Required for Appropriations from General Fund Operating Reserves or Its Various Contingencies; Prov Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
12/12/23 CO Introduced: R, F  
1/2/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
1/3/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/9/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

21. [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**

22. [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 & Amaro)  
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

#### **EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE**

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

**Excused:** 1 - White

CM Arias explained the reason for the emergency and the bad traffic situation that needs to be addressed. He said the neighborhood's homeowner association will contribute funds to pay for JSO off-duty officers when the City funding allocation runs out. Phillip Peterson explained the amendment which was approved. In response to a question from CM Pittman, CM Arias described the hours the officers will be on duty. JSO Chief Ellis Burns described the operation of the secondary employment program and how officers will be scheduled and paid through a third-party contractor, not through the JSO budget. CMs Carrico, Gaffney, Jr., Pittman and Howland asked to be added as co-sponsors. Mr. Peterson said that there are still some outstanding legal issues regarding the use of off-duty JSO officers and their collective bargaining agreement. More discussion will need to take place with Employee Services and the OGC to iron out these issues. CMs Carrico and Howland thanked the Council President for his use of the President's Contingency to assist district council members in solving problems.

#### **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**

#### **Municipal Code Enforcement Division report on lien and fine settlements and cancellations**

The committee received a report as required by the Ordinance Code from the Municipal Code Enforcement Division reporting the settlement and cancellations of administrative fines and liens during FY22-23. The committee voted to formally accept the report as presented.

#### **City Council Strategic Planning Process**

Chairman Howland said the City Council Strategic Planning Process will proceed with the adoption of a proposed list of Council priorities for FY24-25 at the February 6th Finance Committee meeting for introduction as a resolution for consideration by the full Council at the next council meeting. Council members will receive a memo outlining the priority suggestion process and are invited to submit items for consideration. CM Carrico asked if the proposals should be district-specific or city-wide priorities; Mr. Howland said both are acceptable. He said that the amount of funding available is \$8.8M, with \$5M being allocated to a CIP reserve fund for downtown capital projects and \$3.8M available for allocation by the council (\$200,000 per council member). Proposals should be submitted on the request form provided to Mary Staffopoulos in the Office of General Counsel and to Council Auditor Kim Taylor by noon on January 25th. Council members can have noticed meetings before that date to talk about potential shared projects and priorities.

**Council Auditor's Office – Bill 2023-860: Project Titan Florida****Company Name – Titan Florida, LLC****Project Location – Ready-mix concrete plant at 1712 N. McDuff Avenue****Incentives Provided –**

- **\$100,000 Business Infrastructure Grant (BIG)**

**Performance Schedule –**

- **Commence construction on or before March 1, 2024**
- **Complete construction on or before December 31, 2027**
- **Creation of 24 new jobs within 36 months from date of grant disbursement**

**Number of Jobs to be Created – 24 (\$54,708 average annual salary)****Number of Jobs to be Retained – 74****Capital Investment – \$18,375,273 (construction of 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 BIG Grant**
- **If the Company fails to invest \$3,000,000 by 12/31/27, the BIG Grant will be terminated and any amounts paid to the Company will be repaid to the City**
- **If the Company fails to create the 24 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$54,708 within 36 months of disbursement of the BIG Grant, the Company will repay the City \$4,166.67 for each job below 24**
- **If the Company ceases operations within 5 years of disbursement of the BIG Grant, the Company shall pay the City \$20,000 for each whole year and partial year not in operation within the 5-year period**

**OED has calculated an ROI of 14.76:1 for this project over a 10-year period****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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