

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 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 - Excused

Ju'Coby Pittman - Excused Early Departure 10:43 AM

Legislative Assistant: Maritza Sanchez

Council Auditor's Office: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor

Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson, Asst. Council Auditor

Council Research: Eamon Webb, Research Assistant

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration: Scott Wilson

Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 11:20 AM

Present: 6 - Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Randy White, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Kevin Carrico, Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. and Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

Excused: 1 - Council Member Will Lahnen

Attendance:

CP Salem - 2024-160 & 2024-161

CM Diamond - 2024-120

CM Carlucci - 2023-780, 2024-160 & 2024-161

Item/File No.	Title History
1. <u>2023-0307</u>	<p>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)</p> <p>5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F</p> <p>5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer</p> <p>5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer</p> <p>5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer</p> <p>Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23</p> <p>DEFER</p>
2. <u>2023-0621</u>	<p>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)</p> <p>9/12/23 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F</p> <p>9/18/23 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer</p> <p>9/19/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer</p> <p>9/26/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer</p> <p>Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/26/23</p> <p>DEFER</p>
3. <u>2023-0780</u>	<p>ORD-MC to Readopt a Tech Amend to the FL Bldg Code; Incorporating</p>

Recitals; Amend Ch 321 (Adoption of Building Code), Sec 321.103 (Baby-Changing Table Requirements), Ord Code, to Consolidate All Changing Table Requirements & Update Terminology to Correspond With the FL Bldg Code Occupancy Classifications; Repealing Sec 321.103.1 (Changing Table Requirements), Ord Code; Estab Compliance With Sec 553.73(4)(b), F.S.; Including Fiscal Impact Statement Analysis; Readopting the Tech Amend to the 8th Edition of the FL Bldg Code; Auth Transmittal to the FL Bldg Commission; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage; Prov Severability Language; Prov Codification Instructions (Bowles) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman, Clark-Murray, Diamond & Lahnen)

11/14/23 CO Introduced: LUZ

11/21/23 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/28/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/5/24 LUZ Substitute/Approve 6-1 (Arias)

3/12/24 CO CP Refer to NCSPHS, F

3/18/24 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 7-0

3/19/24 F Substitute/Approve 6-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166 & Sec 553.73(4)(b)(1), F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/28/23

SUB/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr. and Pittman

Excused: 1 - Lahnen

FINANCE SUBSTITUE:**As substituted:**

- **Readopts the Local Technical Amendment previously approved by Ord. 2019-803-E to reestablish the baby-changing table requirements set forth in Code Sec. 321.103**
- **Repeals Code Sec. 321.103.1 (Changing table requirements)**
- **Creates a new Code Sec. 321.111 (Family or Assisted-Use Toilet or Bathing Rooms) which:**
 - **Requires that any newly constructed Building or Building undergoing Substantial Renovation (with plumbing renovation) which is required to have an aggregate of six or more water closets (i.e. toilets) have a Family or Assisted-Use Toilet Room or Bathing Room with an Adult-Changing Table unless granted a variance by the Building Code Adjustment Board**
 - **Outlines the various Businesses that must comply with the requirement above**
 - **Requires that any structure, whether newly constructed or undergoing Substantial Renovation, open to the general public with an accessible swimming pool/hot tub have a Family or Assisted-Use Toilet Room with an Adult-Changing Table**
- **Adopts a Local Technical Amendment for the Family or Assisted-Use Toilet or Bathing Room requirements being established in Code Sec. 321.111**
- **Clarifies when a family/assisted-use toilet room or bathing room is required.**
- **Provides that where a family/assisted-use toilet room or bathing room would be required in a pre-existing structure, the owner can retro-fit an existing accessible stall with an adult changing table.**
- **Clarifies that substitution of urinals for water closets does not relieve the business owner of the obligation to add a family/assisted-use toilet or bathing room or alternative where required.**

Trisha Bowles of the Office of the General Counsel explained that the substitute had attempted to model the International Building Code in that buildings that are required to have at least six toilets would have been required to install an assisted-use facility. The NCSPHS substitute was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Arias introduced an amendment; Ms. Bowles explained that the amendment altered three sections of the bill: to clarify when bathing rooms are applicable; to explain that businesses can alter their existing ADA-compliant stall to include an adult changing table; and to make clear that altering toilets to urinals does not relieve businesses of their compliance. She showed a document demonstrating an example of a floor plan of a compliant building and then noted that CM Arias had found a relevant tax credit for \$10,000 for which small businesses were eligible.

CM Arias stated that he believed this amendment to be a "win-win" for both those who need these facilities and for business owners. He explained that the requirement could potentially be cleaned up further to make the altered ADA-compliant stall more private, including potentially to require that the barrier between stalls extend all the way to the ground. CM Carlucci explained that he was satisfied with the amendment if it allowed the bill to pass but emphasized the importance of privacy in constructing these facilities. Mary Staffopoulos of the Office of the General Counsel noted that the figures included in the amendment were obtained via outside source and asked for flexibility to work to develop in-house figures. The amendment was approved unanimously by the Committee and was rolled into a Finance substitute.

CM Howland asked about the variance process, and Ms. Bowles explained that the Building Code Adjustment Board, comprised of development experts, meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month and that developers can apply for variances, which require a \$10 application.

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
3/18/24 NCSPHS Substitute/Approve 5-2 (Gay, Diamond)
3/18/24 R Substitute/Approve 5-0
3/19/24 F Substitute/Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

SUB/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

NCSPHS SUBSTITUTE:

As substituted, amends the Charter of the Baymeadows Community Improvement District (BCID) to make the following changes:

- 1. Require approval of 60% of BCID membership for the purchase of any real property exceeding \$100 (currently 80% approval required)**
- 2. Authorize the BCID to 1) issue bonds, notes, or other forms of indebtedness, 2) accept gifts, and 3) apply for, accept, and use grants or loans of money or property from the government or any person**
- 3. Adopt the Assessment Allocation Report which establishes the methodology for calculation of the assessments and the revised maximum assessment amount by property type:**
 - a. Residential Townhomes/Condos - \$445 per unit**
 - b. Residential Single Family/Duplexes - \$500 per house/unit**
 - c. Commercial Multi-Family - \$365 per door**
 - d. Commercial Business Suites - \$305 per suite**
 - e. Commercial Townhomes/Condos - \$1,320 per unit**
 - f. Commercial Small Business Single Stand-Alone - \$3,140 per business**
 - g. Commercial Large Business Single Stand-Alone - \$16,665 per business**
- 4. Authorize a 3% annual increase to the maximum assessment amounts listed above beginning in 2025 and require City Council approval for assessments that exceed the annual maximum amount (the current BCID Charter does not allow annual increases to the maximum assessment amounts)**
- 5. Require an updated schedule of maximum assessments be provided annually to City Council as an attachment to the proposed BCID budget**
- 6. Require a 2/3 vote of the BCID Board for any increase in assessments above the prior year**
- 7. Provide for the initial election of the BCID Board at the next available regular or special election following City Council approval of the initial BCID budget**
- 8. Clarify that 1) any supervisor elected following the initial appointed leadership shall take office the sooner of January 1 or July 1 immediately following the election and 2) any supervisor elected to fill a vacant seat shall take office immediately upon certification of the election**
- 9. Strike ex-officio BCID Board member**
- 10. Provide for automatic termination of the District upon filing of a master homeowners/property owners association, or similar entity, that assumes the responsibilities of the District**
- 11. Places revised composite documents On File to reflect updated redlined charter**

Trisha Bowles of the Office of the General Counsel explained that the BCID had made recommendations to amend its charter to make it function more efficiently but needed Council approval. She explained that the bill would allow the BCID to hold a vote among members to approve the purchase of property, give the BCID the authority to issue bonds, align board elections with general election dates, remove the ex-officio Council Member on the board for Sunshine law purposes, and provide for a "conditional sunset" if the community were able to propose an alternative solution.

The substitute was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Arias stated that this bill is a necessity for BCID to function; he explained that infrastructure in these neighborhoods is over fifty years old but would not be supported by the City as it is private infrastructure. He stated that he had held two community meetings and the "conditional sunset" in the bill eased the concerns of those who otherwise opposed the BCID. He also explained that these roads could be taken over by the City once brought up to Code, which would hopefully be accomplished at some point in the next seven years.

5. [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

DEFER

6. [2024-0107](#) ORD Approp \$3,500,000.00 From the General Fund - Property Taxes Acct to JU to Offset Operational Expenses for the Relocation of the JU College of Law; Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & JU to Provide Funding for Certain Expenses Related to the Relocation of the JU College of Law; 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 a Direct Contract With JU; Prov for Oversight by OED (B.T. 24-058) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Amaro & Salem)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/24 R Amend/Approve 5-0
3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

AMENDMENT

Attach revised Exhibit 2 (Term Sheet) to correct scrivener's error within clawback language

- **Appropriates \$3.5 million from unappropriated current year General Fund property tax revenue to provide a grant to Jacksonville University for the operation and relocation of their law school from its current location in the Vystar tower to the former Atlantic National Bank Building located at 121 W. Forsyth Street**
- **The total grant amount is anticipated to be \$6.5 million over a two-year period**
- **Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis and will be subject to a sliding scale repayment if JU vacates the downtown campus or ceases to operate the law school during the first 30 months following disbursement of the full \$3.5 million**
- **A total of \$5 million was previously appropriated to Jacksonville University for the establishment of a law school downtown (\$3.75 million has been paid to date with the remaining balance anticipated to be paid in the current fiscal year)**
- **Waives Code Sec. 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) in order to allow for a direct contract with Jacksonville University**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which corrected the clawback language in the bill. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Ed Randolph of the Office of Economic Development explained that Jacksonville University Law School needed a larger downtown campus given its rapid expansion; he stated that the City was excited to support them and would be committing \$6.5 million over the next two years.

CM Howland asked about the appropriation source, and Kim Taylor of the Council Auditor's Office stated that this would draw from excess property tax revenue. CM Howland stated that this would have drawn from the General Reserves if not for the excess property tax revenue. CM Carrico asked how much the City had received in excess property tax revenue, and Ms. Taylor responded that this amount was roughly \$5.8 million and that the City had used some in a December bill to provide Motorola emergency funds.

CM Howland stated that he supports the bill; he explained that he does not like drawing from General Reserves but explained that he recognizes having a thriving law school is essential to attracting top-notch professionals to the city.

CM Arias expressed his support for the bill, noting that JU is the only law school in the city and that this appropriation should open up money for JU to use for scholarships.

- 7. [2024-0120](#) ORD-MC re City & JEA Employees Entering Into Certain Military Svc; Amend Sec 116.501 (Military Leaves of Absence), Pt 5 (Military Leave), Ch 116 (Employees & Employee Benefits), Ord Code, to Extend the Amt of Time City & JEA Employees May Remain on Active Pay Roll From 30 to 90 Days Upon Commencement of Certain Military Svc; Prov for Add'l Paid Leave for Certain City & JEA Employees Whose Spouses Are Ordered Into Certain Military Svc; Amend CR 2.202 (Attendance; Voting), Ch 2 (Committees), Council Rules, to Provide for Standing Excused Absences for Members Called Into Military Service; Amend CR 4.501 (Absence From Meetings), Ch 4 (Procedures), Council Rules, to Provide for Standing Excused Absences for Members Called Into Military Svc; Requiring Collective Bargaining; Prov for Codification Instructions; Prov for Severability (Granat) (Introduced by CM Diamond) (Co-Sponsors CMs Howland, Miller, Lahnen, White, Freeman, Johnson, Boylan, Arias & Carrico)
 - 2/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 - 2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 3/18/24 R Amend/Approve 5-0
 - 3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 - Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr. and Pittman

Excused: 1 - Lahnen

RULES AMENDMENT

- 1. Pg. 4, line 8: Update reference from “Chief of Human Resources” to “Director of Employee Services”**
- 2. Exclude all elected officials from changes to Sec. 116.501**
- 3. Add state duty to the excusal category for Council Members**
- 4. Correct scrivener’s errors**

- **Amends Code Sec. 116.501 (Military leaves of absence) to:**
 - **Allow City and JEA full time employees to remain on active payroll for up to 90 days (an increase from 30 days) following departure for active duty for periods of at least 30 days**
 - **Grant 40 hours of paid special leave each calendar year to any City or JEA employee who has a minor dependent child or a disabled adult dependent child and whose spouse is ordered into military service pursuant to U.S.C. Title 10 for a period of at least 30 days**
- **Amends Council Rule 2.202 (Attendance; Voting) and Council Rule 4.501 (Absence from Meetings) to not require additional notices of absence for Council or Committee meetings after an initial notice has been provided to the Council Secretary or Chief of Legislative Services by a Council Member who is ordered into military service pursuant to state or federal law**
- **Had this change been in effect for calendar year 2023, the estimated additional cost for both the City and JEA would have been approximately \$400,000 (based on length of deployments and applicable salaries for those employees on active duty deployments)**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which changed a director title in the bill, excluded elected officials from the proposed changes, and added state duty to the excusal categories. CM Diamond explained that the bill extends the time that City and JEA employees get receive full paychecks while deployed from 30 days to 90 days. He stated that this bill would have cost the City \$400,000 had it been in place last year. He explained that it would also provide eight hours of flex time to the spouses of deployed military, which he stated would be a unique policy to Jacksonville that would establish Jacksonville as an extremely military-friendly city. He stated that the automatic nature of the benefit would also take the politics out of getting deployed. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

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

CM Pittman asked what percentage of City or JEA staff would benefit from this change; CM Diamond explained that 46 City employees (including JSO) and 3 JEA employees would have benefited. He stated that this would have cost roughly \$400,000 but could provide an exact number through the Council Auditor upon passage of the bill. CM Pittman also asked whether CM Diamond had consulted any deployed military in developing the bill, and CM Diamond stated that he had, including conversations with Peggy Sidman, concluding that this benefit would be very helpful to both those deployed and their families.

CM Carrico requested to be added as a co-sponsor; he recounted that the fact that his father was deployed in Desert Storm presented a challenge to his mother and that this benefit would have greatly assisted his family.

CM Howland stated that this bill, among other policies, contributes to making Jacksonville perhaps the most military-friendly City in the country.

8. [2024-0160](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from the Council President's Desig Contingency to Council Staff Svcs - Other Professional Svcs Acct for the Future Hiring or Retention of Legislative Counsel to the City Council Pursuant to Sec 7.01 of the City Charter & Ch 14 (Office of Legislative Counsel), Ord Code; Prov for Carryover to 9/30/25; Prov for Oversight by the City Council Staff Svcs (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Howland, Freeman, Diamond, White, Miller & Carrico)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 R Approve 4-1 (Boylan)
 3/19/24 F Approve 6-1 (Pittman)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney Jr. and Salem

Nay: 1 - Pittman

Excused: 1 - Lahnen

- **Appropriates \$100,000 from the Council President contingency account to provide funding for employment or retention of legislative counsel to the City Council**
- **At the 2/26/24 City Council Personnel Committee meeting, the committee approved a motion to begin contract negotiations with GrayRobinson P.A. for legislative counsel to the City Council**
- **Pursuant to Code Sec. 14.105, the final contract must be approved by the Personnel Committee**

CP Salem stated that this appropriation will pay for legal services in the case that they are ever needed to represent the Council; he stated that there is no present need at this time but that this bill will allow the Council to move quickly if the need ever arises. He thanked CM Diamond for his work in identifying GrayRobinson as the firm.

CM Carrico thanked CP Salem and CM Diamond and requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

CM Carlucci explained that he would not support the bill; he stated that he believed the hiring of outside counsel went against the spirit of consolidated government. He explained that, in his previous experience, the opinions of outside counsel often do not hold much weight when compared to the opinions of the Office of General Counsel.

CM Gaffney asked whether the outside counsel would only be used in special situations such as with the Jaguars; CP Salem explained that the City already has outside legal representation in matters regarding the Jaguars and that GrayRobinson would provide more broad-based counsel in emergency situations, representing the entire Council and not individual council members. He added that the acquiring of this legal counsel required Council approval.

CM Carlucci noted that he provides insurance to several attorneys at GrayRobinson and might not be able to vote on the legislation but could still speak on the legislation.

9. [2024-0161](#) ORD Approp \$122,500 from the Council President's Desig Contingency to Various Accts within the Jax Public Library (JPL) for Relocation, Storage, Digitization & Preservation of City of Jax/Duval County Historical Records; Prov for Reverter of Funds; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a MOU by & btwn the City & JPL Outlining the Terms, Conditions & Responsibilities of the Parties with Respect to Relocation, Storage, Digitization & Preservation of City of Jax/Duval County Historical Records; Prov for Oversight of the MOU by the City Council Staff Svcs & Oversight of Completion of the Work by JPL (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci, Johnson, Freeman, J. Carlucci, & Boylan)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 R Approve 6-0
 3/19/24 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - Lahnen

- **Appropriates \$122,500 from the Council President contingency account to provide funding for the relocation, storage, digitization, and preservation of City records that are currently being stored in the basement of City Hall**
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) will perform the work pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
- **The estimated timeline for project completion is approximately 18 months**
- **There will be a recurring annual cost of approximately \$10,000 for the digital storage of these documents**

CP Salem explained that this bill was to provide for the transfer and storage of documents, up to 150 years old and currently stored in the City Hall basement near a water pipe that poses a threat to the documents' longevity, in the Jacksonville Public Library. He stated that document that persuaded him of the worthiness of this cause was the minutes document from the City Council meeting in the immediate aftermath of the Great Fire of 1901. The Jacksonville Public Library would also work to digitize these documents so that they could be accessed by the public.

Peggy Sidman, Council Secretary, stated that there would be about 200 volumes moved to the library. She noted that they would still be owned by the City Council; they would be on loan to the Jacksonville Public Library, who could store them more safely and make them available and searchable to the general public.

Tim Rogers, Library Director of the Jacksonville Public Library, stated that the library would utilize staff to transport the physical documents to the library and make the documents available digitally to the general public. The City looked into the cost of transporting the documents through a private vendor, and using library staff was half the cost and also allowed the City to retain more control over the documents throughout the process. He stated that the total \$122,000 was likely an overshoot; the library asked for about 10% more than they thought the project would cost as a contingency for rising costs.

CM Carlucci said that he had taken a trip down to the basement to see the historical documents; he noted that there is so much history in the room that it is overwhelming and stated his support for the bill.

CM Arias asked whether the project would require the full appropriation amount; Tim Rogers stated that the \$122,000 included about a 10% contingency for rising costs. He stated that any funds left over would be returned to the City.

CM Pittman asked how long the project would take; Ms. Sidman answered that transportation would be complete in roughly six weeks and digitization would be complete in roughly eighteen months. CM Pittman asked whether the records could be accessed via the City website; and Mr. Rogers answered that they could be.

10. [2024-0164](#) ORD Adopting the City Council’s 1-Yr Strategic Plan; Setting the City Council’s Top Budget Priorities for the 24-25 FY; Encouraging the Mayor to Incorporate the Council Priorities Into the 24-25 Budget; Waiving the Provisions of Sec 106.110 (City Council Strategic Plan), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, Requiring Submittal of the Strategic Plan With Corresponding Funding Requests to City Admin No Later Than 2/15 (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by the Finance Committee (CMs Howland, White, Arias, Carrico, Gaffney, Jr., Lahnen & Pittman)) (Co-Sponsors CMs Freeman & Johnson)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 R Amend/Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

AMEND/APPROVE

- Aye:** 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.
Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

AMENDMENT

1. **Include Ord. 2023-371-E within listing of previous Council strategic plan legislation**
2. **Pg. 6, lines 5-6: correct program name to “Myrtle-Moncrief-Avenue B Business Corridor” and strike language regarding proposed renaming**
3. **Pg. 5, lines 4-7: strike the request to appropriate \$200,000 to support organizations that provide programs/services that address health disparities and replace with a request to appropriate \$100,000 to Wegotchu Enterprises NPD, Inc. for operation of a wellness clinic and \$100,000 to Hope Across the Globe, Inc. for the provision of mental health services in Duval County.**

- **Waives the requirement in Code Section 106.110 (City Council Strategic Plan) that the City Council submit their funding requests for the strategic plan to the Administration no later than February 15th annually**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Carrico introduced a floor amendment to add an appropriation for mental health services in the Southside area. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee, and the two amendments were rolled into one.

11. [2024-0165](#) ORD Apv an Amendment to the Façade Renovation Grant Prog Appvd as Part of

the Public Investment Policy of the OED to Provide That Grant Matching Dollars Will Not Be Required When a City-Appvd JSEB is Retained by an Eligible Business & Completes the Façade Renovation Work & to Increase the Total Amount of City Funding That May Be Provided in Level 1 & Level 2 Areas (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Arias, Amaro, Gay, Gaffney, Jr. & Johnson)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 R Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 F Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

• **Amends the Façade Renovation Grant Program Guidelines established in the Public Investment Policy to make the following changes:**

- **Increase City funding from \$5,000 to \$7,500 for projects located in Level 1 Economically Distressed Areas**

- **Increase City funding from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for projects located in Level 2 Economically Distressed Areas**

- **Remove match requirement of \$2 of City funding for every \$1 of owner/tenant funding if a business uses a Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business (JSEB) to complete the project and instead the City will cover the cost of renovation up to the maximum amounts per applicable area**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the bill, which allows JSEBs to be exempt from the matching grant requirement in the Façade Renovation Grant Program in qualifying areas.

CM Howland asked whether this bill increased the pool balance for grants, and Mr. Peterson stated that it does not. He added that there is currently roughly \$81,000 left in this balance. CM Howland asked whether legislation was necessary to replenish this balance, and Mr. Peterson responded that the Office of Economic Development could request replenishment and likely would soon once the available funds had been expended.

12. [2024-0166](#) ORD Approp: (1) \$300,000 from the Council President's Designated Contingency, & (2) \$200,000 from the Resiliency Infrastructure Improvements Proj Into the Planning & Development Resiliency Office - Other Professional Svcs Acct, for a Total of \$500,000, in Order to Procure the Svcs of a Planning Consultant to Create an Urban Forestry Mgmt Plan (UFMP) for the City; Purpose of Approp; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds; Prov for Carryover of Funds to FY 24-25; Prov

for Oversight by the Planning & Development Dept (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Salem)

2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F

3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

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13. [2024-0167](#) ORD Approp \$800,000.00 from the Dept of Health for Maintenance & Renovations to the FL Dept of Health Central Health Plaza Bldg Located at 515 W 6th St; 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 Dept of Public Works, Public Bldgs Div (B.T. 24-069) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
- 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
- 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
- 3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
- Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

1. **Include language stating that the City shall not commence construction of the project until appropriated funds have been received by the City**
2. **Increase appropriation amount by \$90,395.15 to a total amount of \$890,395.15**
3. **Attach Revised Exhibits 1 (BT) and 2 (CIP) to reflect increased appropriation**
4. **Correct Section numbering**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which clarified that the project would not commence until the funds had been received and clarified the appropriation amount. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee. CM Howland noted that these funds were coming from the State.

14. [2024-0168](#) ORD Transferring \$802,300.54 in Federal Grant Funds from Permanent & Probationary Salaries & Associated Fringe Benefits to Contractual Svcs to Expand the City's Existing Contract with Family Foundations of Northeast

Florida, Inc. to Provide Intervention & Prevention Svcs to High Risk Participants; Auth Positions; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107 (e) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City an Agrmt btwn the City & Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc.; Prov Oversight by the Grants & Contracts Compliance Div of the Finance & Administration Dept; Prov for Carryover of Funds to FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-048) (R.C. 24-075) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

DEFER

- 15. [2024-0169](#) ORD Approp \$1,425,000.00 in Grant Funding from the U.S. DHS/ FEMA, Funded Through the FL Div of Emergency Mgmt, With No Local Match, to the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant, & to Fund 3 New Positions Within JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Prog; Auth Said Positions; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Agrmt No. R0928, Federal Award ID No. EMW-2023-SS-00058-S01, btwn DHS/FEMA & the City; Prov for City Oversight by JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div (B.T. 24-062) (R.C. 24-074) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 3/18/24 R Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 F Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.
Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

Scrivener’s

- 1. Pg. 2, line 8, after “Agency” insert “Through the Florida Division of Emergency Management”
- 2. Pg. 2, line 21, strike “21-074” and insert “24-074”

Grant includes funding for:

- Duval Personnel - \$283,452
- Duval Travel, Training and Equipment- \$604,398
- St. Johns Equipment - \$238,187
- Clay Training and Equipment - \$193,667
- Nassau Equipment - \$80,200
- Baker Equipment - \$25,096

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the bill, which disbursed grant funds with no City match to fund new JFRD positions.

- 16. [2024-0170](#) ORD Approp \$10,000,000.00 From Proj Contingency to Engineering & Design for Costs Associated With Major Renovations at the Municipal Stadium, & to Correct Various Acct Strings & Update Proj Information; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj (B.T. 24-063) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 3/18/24 R Amend/Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

AMENDMENT

1. Clarify that \$3,566,036 is being moved from a project to an activity for future debt service related to the Municipal Stadium Renovations project
2. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP) to correctly reflect the movement of dollars from contingency to design and from the project to the activity

- Funding was appropriated to a Project contingency as part of the FY 23/24 annual budget
- \$10 million is being moved from a contingency account to a design account within the Project and \$3,566,036 is being moved from the Project into an activity
- This legislation does not change the total funding of \$20 million that was included in the FY 23/24 budget for the stadium renovation project
- Future construction costs of the Project have not been included in the CIP

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which clarified technical language regarding the movement of funds. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Mike Weinstein explained that this bill moved money that already been assigned to the stadium for the City's share of the design work; the Jaguars had already paid about \$8 million in design work on the renovated stadium. This money would also pay for a construction company to be the City's "eyes and ears" throughout the construction process. CM Howland clarified with Mr. Weinstein that the dollar amount in this bill reflected roughly what the Jaguars had already expended.

17. [2024-0171](#) ORD Approp \$75,497.00 from the Mosquito Control State Fund 00112 Fund Bal to Be Used for Mosquito Control Div Operational Expenses, Including the Purchase of Equipment & Supplies, During FY 23-24 (B.T. 24-066) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 3/19/24 F Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

18. [2024-0172](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Parks, Rec & Community Svcs Dept Dir to Accept a Donation From the Placemaking & Equity Fund, Inc. For the Enhancement of Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing Park in the Amount of \$868,506.00, in Accordance With Sec 111.105(b), Ord Code, Which Donation Requires at Least \$125,000.00

to Be Dedicated to the Construction of a Mist Fountain, \$228,000.00 for Stage Construction & the Remainder to Be Expended on General Enhancement of the Lift Ev’ry Voice & Sing Park; Approp \$868,506.00 From PROD Office of the Dir - Parks & Rec Contributions From Private Source to the CIP Proj Entitled “Parks QOL - Lift Eve’ry Voice & Sing Park” for Enhancements to the Park; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj (B.T. 24-059) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)

2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F

3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0

3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach donation letter as a new exhibit**
- 2. Include account information within explanation of appropriation section**
- 3. Include language to state that the construction cannot commence in the portion of the project relative to the donation until funds are received.**

Concern:

The City has not yet received the \$868,506 donation. Typically funds are not appropriated from a private entity until the funds have been received. The funds can legally be spent once appropriated, which could lead to deficit spending if the donation is not received.

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which attached a donation letter as an exhibit. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Hwoland clarified that the bill does not approve the acceptance of the donation; it approves the appropriation of funds, and the donation had not yet been received. Mr. Peterson stated that this was correct but that the donor was awaiting Council approval before transferring the funds. CM Arias asked what would happen if these funds were expended and then the donation never arrived, and Mr. Peterson explained that the City would essentially then be spending money that it did not have. CM Arias explained that he believed this to be a slippery slope.

Daryl Joseph, Chief of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, stated that specific donations were tied to specific projects within the park. The stage would be constructed regardless of the donation, but the mist fountain was tied to a specific private donation. He stated that the administration would not move forward with this project until the donation had been received, even if it had the authority to do so. Mr. Peterson stated that the Council could include language in the bill to state that the project would not commence until the funds had been received. Mr. Joseph stated that construction on the stage was ongoing, and Mr. Peterson stated that this potential amendment would only apply to this specific appropriation. CM Arias proposed an amendment with the language that Mr. Peterson had suggested, and the amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee. The two amendments were rolled into one.

CM Carrico asked whether the City had ever been negatively affected by similar projects in the past, and Mr. Peterson stated that he does not remember any perfect comparisons but does recall "negative cash" projects in the 2015 CIP Special Committee where the City had not received funds that it had expected to receive.

19. [2024-0173](#) ORD Approp \$2,162,000 From the Drainage System Rehabilitation & the Underdrain Replacements Projs to: (1) the Silver St Drainage Improvement Proj; (2) the Cain Ln & Able St Drainage Proj; (3) the Crest Dr Drainage Proj; (4) the Old Kings Rd Drainage Proj; (5) the Sunbeam Rd Drainage Proj; (6) the Saddle Rd Underdrain Repair Proj; & (7) the Reedy Branch Underdrain Repair Proj; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj (B.T. 24-061) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

AMENDMENT

1. Clarify that appropriation includes \$1,226,483 from the Drainage System Rehabilitation and \$935,517 from the Underdrain Replacements projects
2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to update appropriation amounts based on available funding
3. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP) to reflect updated appropriation amounts and correct prior years amounts

Funds appropriated to the following projects:

- Silver Street Drainage (CD 7) - \$25,000
- Cain Ln. & Able St. DSR (CD 9) - \$436,000
- Crest Drive DSR (CD 12) - \$502,000
- Old Kings Rd. DSR (CD 10) - \$300,000
- Sunbeam Rd. DSR (CD 5) - \$400,000
- Saddle Rd. Underdrain (CD 12) - \$294,000
- Reedy Branch Underdrain (CD 11) - \$205,000

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which clarified the appropriation amounts. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Steve Long explained the various drainage projects that would be receiving funds through this bill; CM Arias asked whether the BCID could use these funds, and Mr. Long stated that they could not as these funds could only be used for public infrastructure.

20. [2024-0174](#) ORD Approp \$1,435,385.00 in Grant Funding From the FL DOT Through the National Park Service to Pay for Construction of the Timuquan Trail - Segment C Along Fort Caroline Rd in Council Dist 1; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver a Local Agency Prog Agrmt, Financial Proj Nos. 441861-2-58-01 & 441861-2-68-02, btwn the State of FL DOT & the City; 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 Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 24-064) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
- 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

AMENDMENT

Clarify that the funds are from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Florida Department of Transportation

- **This project is the first segment funded towards an area-wide trail plan consisting of 8 separate segments and over 6 miles of trails**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which clarified the funding source. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

21. [2024-0175](#) ORD-MC re the Mayor's Reorg of the Executive Branch Pursuant to Ch 21 (Executive Branch, Generally), Pt 2 (Executive Reorganization), Ord Code; Recitals; Creating a New Ch 23 (Central Services Department), Ord Code; Repealing in Their Entirety Pt 6 (Procurement Division), Pt 7 (Information Technologies Division), Pt 8 (Fleet Management Division), & Pt 9 (Grants & Contract Compliance Division), Ch 24 (Finance & Administration Department), Ord Code; Renaming & Amend Ch 24 (Finance & Administration Department), Ord Code; Amend Sec 26.201 (Economic Development) & Sec 26.202 (Office of International Trade), Pt 2 (Functions & Activities), Ch 26 (Economic Development), Ord Code; Creating a New Sec 26.204 (Jacksonville Film & Television Office) & 26.205 (Office of Equal Business Opportunity - Business Compliance), Pt 2 (Functions & Activities), Ch 26 (Economic Development), Ord Code; Creating a New Ch 27 (Sports & Entertainment Department), Ord Code; Repealing in Its Entirety Pt 2 (Sports & Entertainment Division), Ch 28 (Parks, Recreation & Community Services), Ord Code; Amend Sec 28.103 (Powers; Functions & Duties of Director); Pt 1 (General), Ch 28 (Parks, Recreation & Community Services), Ord Code; Creating a New Sec 31.102 (Deputy Fire Chief) & 31.103 (Administrative Services Chief), Pt 1 (Office of Director), Ch 31 (Fire & Rescue Department), Ord Code; Repealing in Their Entirety Pt 6 (Animal Care & Protective Services Division) & Pt 7 (Office of City Link/630-City), Ch 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Ord Code... (B.T. 24-071) (R.C. 24-085) (Hodges) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Peluso)
2/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F
3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

DEFER

22. [2024-0176](#) ORD Approp \$11,954.00 in Grant Funding from the FL DOT to Pay for Oversight of the Design of 5th St Over Six Mile Creek Bridge No. 724039, in Council Dist 9; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver a Local Agency Prog Agrmt, Financial Proj No. 437414-1-38-02, btwn the State of FL DOT & the City; 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 Dept of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 24-068) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 3/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 3/19/24 F Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 TEU Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

APPROVE

- City anticipates that the State will contribute additional funds towards the Project in the future
- Public Works has estimated a total Project cost of \$6.3 million

23. [2024-0177](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, a Roadway Jurisdiction Transfer (RJT) Agrmt btwn the City & FDOT Transferring From the State Highway System to the City a Portion of the R/W Known as University Blvd (Roadway ID 72110000) Including the Responsibility for the Operation, Maintenance, & Repair of the Roadway & Prov for Recording of R/W Maps in the Public Land Records by the City; Prov for City Oversight by the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/19/24 F Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 TEU Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Gaffney Jr.

Excused: 2 - Lahnen and Pittman

- **FDOT has committed to providing \$9.5 million towards the Complete Streets Project along the subject segment**
- **City currently owns adjoining segments of University Blvd from:**
 - **University Blvd. Bridge to Arlington Expressway**
 - **Merrill Rd extending north**

Phillip Peterson of the Council Auditor's Office explained the bill; the City accepts responsibility for ownership and maintenance of a portion of University Boulevard. Mr. Peterson noted that the state would be committing roughly \$9.5 million in grants for this project. CM Howland asked roughly how long this amount would be able to sustain maintenance, and Steve Long of Public Works explained that it should allow for two to three resurfacing projects over the years and emergency maintenance for many years. CM Arias clarified with Mr. Long that these funds would only be available for the maintenance of this portion of roadway.

- 24. [2024-0178](#)** ORD Declaring That Certain Parcel of Real Property (R.E. # 022605-0000) Located at 0 Bergmann Rd, in Council Dist 10, to Be Surplus to the Needs of the City; Prov for the Direct Sale of the Surplus Property & Requiring Grantee to Sign Site Access Agrmt; Waiving the Provisions of Sec 122.424 (Disposition by Direct Sale), Pt 4 (Real Property) Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, & Sec 122.425 (Disposition by Auction or Sealed Bid), Pt 4 (Real Property) Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Allow for the Direct Sale of the Parcel to Alberta Williams at the Negotiated Sales Price of \$4,493; Prov Auth to the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute a Quit-Claim Deed (Wilson) (Introduced by CM Pittman)
 2/27/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
 3/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/5/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 R Amend/Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
 3/19/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/12/24

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Howland, White, Arias, Carrico and Pittman

Excused: 2 - Gaffney Jr. and Lahnen

AMENDMENT**Provide for oversight by Public Works Real Estate Division**

- **City to retain access rights to the Property for environmental monitoring**
- **Property is not suitable for Affordable Housing due to inclusion in a flood zone**
- **Waives Sections 122.424 (Disposition by direct sale) and 122.425 (Disposition by auction or sealed bid) to allow for direct sale of the Property to Alberta Williams**

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which provided for oversight by the Real Estate Division. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

CM Pittman explained that she had been contacted by the applicant; the property had previously been owned by her family and the City had no use for the property.

25. [2024-0198](#) ORD Etab the FY 24-25 Categories of Most Vulnerable Persons & Needs for PSG Appropriations in Accordance with Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, & Etab a Recommended Funding Amt for the Micro-Grant Pilot Program (Staffopoulos) (Req of PSG Council)
 3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2024-0199](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Amend 3 to Lease Agrmt btwn the City & Grace Aerospace LLC, Extending the Term of the Lease to 3/31/27 with Respect to the Leased Space Located in Bldg 905, with 2 1-Yr Renewal Options, at a Monthly Rental Rate of \$16,464.73, with 3% Annual Rent Increases, & with a Common Area Maintenance Fee of \$200.00 Per Month, & Requiring Tenant to Surrender All Leased Space Located in Bldg 905-1, Each Bldg Located Generally at 13541 Lake Newman St, Jax, FL, in Cecil Commerce Ctr; Prov for City Oversight by OED (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

27. [2024-0200](#) ORD Approp \$544,427.00 in Grant Funding From the U.S. DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Prog, to Fund Various Progs & Activities Aimed at Crime Control & Prevention & Improving Public Safety in Duval County; Auth Positions; Prov for Oversight by

the Office of Grants & Contract Compliance of the Finance & Admin Dept (B.T. 24-070) (R.C. 24-038) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

28. [2024-0201](#) ORD Approp \$284,508.81, Consisting of \$98,000.00 from the Insured Progs Fund - Premium Paid Property Acct to the Self Insurance Fund - Other Professional Svcs Acct to Fund Onsite Physical Therapy & Industrial Performance Prog Svcs Provided to JFRD, & \$186,508.81 btwn Expenditure Accts Within the Insured Progs Fund to Increase Budgeted Amounts Based on Actuals (B.T. 24-078) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

29. [2024-0202](#) ORD Allocating \$78,443.00 in Grant Funds From the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Svcs HIV Emergency Relief Proj Grant, Originally Approp Pursuant to Ord 2023-504-E for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Pt A Prog, to Fund a New FT Accountant Senior Position Within the Social Svcs Div of the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept, With No Local Match Required, to Support the Prog; Purpose of Approp; Auth Said Accountant Senior Position (B.T. 24-060) (R.C. 24-064) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 3/26/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

30. [2024-0203](#) ORD Approp \$800,000.00 From the Solid Waste Disposal Fund to Pay for the Purchase of Recycle Carts & for Necessary Temp Residential Solid Waste Collections in FY 23-24 (B.T. 24-076) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
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31. [2024-0206](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a Locally-Funded Agrmt (Lump-Sum) btwn FL DOT & the City Pursuant to Which the City Agrees to Pay FL DOT \$2,500,000 for Certain Roadway Improvements; Prov for Oversight by the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
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32. [2024-0207](#) ORD Approp \$500,000.00, Including \$250,000.00 in Grant Funds Awarded by the FL Dept of Environmental Protection, Office of Resilience & Coastal Protection, & \$250,000.00 from the City Resiliency Infrastructure Improvements Proj Fund for the City Match, for the Huguenot Memorial Park - Shoreline Enhancement Proj; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds; Prov for Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept (B.T. 24-075) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray) (JWC Apv)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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33. [2024-0208](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute: (1) an Amendment 1 to Amended & Restated Redev Agrmt btwn the City & Armory Redevelopment Associates, LLC; & (2) an Amendment 1 to Amended & Restated Lease Agrmt btwn the City & Armory Redevelopment Associates, LLC, to Extend the Contingency Period to Obtain Zoning & Financing for the Improvements; Desig OED as Contract Monitor for the Amended RDA, Amended Lease Agrmt & Related Agrmts; Prov for City Oversight of the Proj by the Dept of Public Works & OED; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agrmts & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Docs (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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34. [2024-0209](#) ORD Approp \$18,429,138.41, Including (1) \$11,554,138.41 from the Projs

Titled McCoy's Creek Improvements/Pipe Removal, Kernan Blvd Widen - 4 Lanes DVD - JTB & McCormick, Hammond Blvd Wall, University Blvd & Jack Rd, San Jose Blvd - New, St. Johns Bluff Rd - New Sidewalk ES, St. Johns Bluff Rd - New Sidewalk WS, Biscayne Blvd Sidewalk - New & Emerald Trail - S-Line Connector to the Projs Titled McCoy's Creek Greenway - Outfall Improvements With Riverwalk, Park St Road Diet, McCoy's Creek Channel Improvements/Restoration, Ranch Rd - Duval to Tradeport - Sidewalks - Mobility DD, Armsdale Rd - Duval Road Improvements, Duval Road Improvements - btwn Airport Ctr & Main, & Emerald Trail Model Mile Proj to Pay for the Completion of the Projs, & (2) \$6,875,000 From the Authorized Capital Projs Fund to the JTA Transportation Projs Pay-As-You-Go Fund With Respect to the Shindler 103rd to Argyle Forest Proj, & Updating Prior Approps to Reflect Actuals; Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the CIP Projs; Prov for Oversight by the Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div of the Dept of Public Works (B.T. 24-065) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray) (JWC Apv)
 3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU, JWC
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
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35. [2024-0210](#) ORD Approp \$60,000, Including \$10,000 to Sigma Beta Club of Jacksonville Inc., \$10,000 to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jax Alumnae Chapter, \$10,000 to Kappa Alpha Psi Jacksonville Foundation, Inc., \$10,000 to Beta Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., \$10,000 to Omegas 4 Change, Inc. (Affiliate of Omega Psi Phi Theta Phi Chapter, Inc.), & \$10,000 to Alpha-Jax Foundation, Inc. (Gamma Rho Omega Chapter, Inc. Of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority), From Designated Contingency Accts Within the General Fund to the Private Orgs Acct Within the KHA Fund to Provide Funding for Various Youth Progs & Svcs as Described Herein; Amend the 4th Revised Schedule M to Ord 2023-511-E; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Pt 1 (General Regulations), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for Direct Contracts...Prov for Oversight by KHA (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Johnson)
 3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F
 3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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36. [2024-0212](#) ORD-MC Auth a Special Assessment on Hospitals Licensed by the Agency for Healthcare Admin to Fund the Low-Income Pool Prog; Incorporating Recitals; Estab Authority & Findings; Recognizing No Financial Impact to the City;

Creating a New Ch 492 (Low-Income Pool Assessment); Including Purpose & Authority; Identifying the Requirements for the Special Assessment; Prov Exhibit 1 Listing the Properties to Be Assessed; Auth Annual Signing of the AHCA Letter of Agrmt & the Dispersing of Funds; Prov Procedures for Collection of the Assessments; Including Codification Instructions (Bowles) (Req of Mayor)

3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F

3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

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37. [2024-0219](#) RESO Upon an Acknowledgement of Due Authorization & the Making of Findings, Apv the Issuance by the JHFA of Its Multifamily Housing Rev Bonds (Egret Landing), Series 2024, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$17,000,000 for the Purpose of Financing All or a Portion of the Costs Related to the Acquisition & Construction of a Multifamily Residential Housing Facility for Elderly Families of Low, Middle or Moderate Income, to Be Located at 5804 & 5806 North Main St, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32208, & to Be Commonly Known as “Egret Landing”; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Wilson) (Req of JHFA)
- 3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
- 3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

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38. [2024-0220](#) RESO Upon an Acknowledgement of Due Authorization & the Making of Findings, Apv the Issuance by the JHFA of Its Multifamily Housing Rev Bonds (Hollybrook Homes Apartments), Series 2024, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$26,279,000 for the Purpose of Financing All or a Portion of the Costs Related to the Acquisition & Rehab of a Multifamily Residential Housing Facility for Persons or Families of Low, Middle or Moderate Income, to Be Located at 104 King St, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32204, & to Be Commonly Known as “Hollybrook Homes Apartments”; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Wilson) (Req of JHFA)
- 3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
- 3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
- 3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

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39. [2024-0221](#) RESO Upon an Acknowledgement of Due Authorization & the Making of Findings, Apv the Issuance by the JHFA of Its Multifamily Housing Rev Bonds

(Sulzbacher Enterprise Village), Series 2024, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$16,000,000 for the Purpose of Financing All or a Portion of the Costs Related to the Acquisition & Construction of a Multifamily Residential Housing Facility for Persons or Families of Low, Middle or Moderate Income, to Be Located at Walgreen Rd, Approximately 2,150 ft North of the Intersection of Walgreen Rd & Golfair Blvd, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32209, & to Be Commonly Known as “Sulzbacher Enterprise Village”; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged (Wilson) (Req of JHFA)
3/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

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Public Comment:

Carol Eichling registered in favor of 2024-0069 but did not wish to speak.

Alice Mauro registered in favor of 2024-0069 but did not wish to speak.

Susan Dawood spoke in opposition to 2024-0069, saying that the bill needed to go further to remove inequities in the BCID structure. She stated that common properties should be removed from the BCID, that homeowners over 65 should be exempted, that the millage rate and stormwater fee should be reduced, that newly-built Horton roads should be removed, that the BCID should allow the opportunity for HOAs to withdraw from the BCID, and that two communities that are currently not included should be included.

Shawn Seagroves spoke in opposition to 2023-0780. He stated that the prospect of retrofitting his restaurant to install adult changing tables could put his restaurant out of business. He noted that smaller businesses would have a much more difficult time complying with the requirements than larger businesses and that this requirement might incentivize prospective small business owners to consider smaller locations in order to dodge the six-toilet requirement threshold in the bill.

Carnell Oliver stated that the government should subsidize the installation of adult changing tables. He spoke in opposition to 2024-0175, explaining that any executive re-organization should be accompanied by conversation about Charter revision. He stated that it was his goal to see equal representation on the City Council and on boards and commissions; this could be accomplished by expanding the City Council, having some mechanism to amend the Charter every seven years, and pushing for Constitutional amendments to ensure equal representation.

Brittany Cunningham spoke in support of 2023-0780; she stated that small business owners have greater opportunities than parents of children with special needs. She explained that it is difficult to take her child places because the sense of privacy and dignity in many places of public accommodation is nonexistent, and this bill would present her greater opportunity to take her child out in public.

Brittany Beinourtrusting spoke in support of 2023-0780; she noted that disabilities can appear later in life and that there is great financial burden on families with disabilities of which those who do not walk in their shoes might not be aware. She explained that the cost of a bean bag that she had considered buying for her daughter Dreaven would have cost her \$2,000. She acknowledged that there would be costs on small business owners but stated that there were emotional and stigmatic burdens placed on those with disabilities by not having full ability to live a public life.

Robbin Brydges spoke in support of 2023-0780; she stated that these changing tables would enable her to maintain her son Dalton's dignity and privacy while out in public. She shared stories of having to change her son in public, which creates an uncomfortable situation for her, for Dalton, and for those around her. She noted that she would be a fierce advocate for her son and that the availability of private facilities would increase Dalton's quality of life.

John Nooney spoke on 2024-0034; he invited Chief Ayoub and Chief Powers to do a site inspection of a property that houses a FEMA repetitive-loss house and could become a public park directly on

Pottsburg Creek. He noted that he found it embarrassing that there is \$27 million in the Resiliency Fund.

CM Carrico welcomed KHA Goodwill's Mayor's Youth at Work Partnership, who thanked the Committee for the opportunity to gain insight on the legislative process.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

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

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