

City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9:30 AM

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

Finance Committee

Nick Howland, Chair

Randy White, Vice Chair - Excused

Raul Arias

Kevin Carrico

Reggie Gaffney, Jr. - Excused Early Departure 11:49 AM

Will Lahnen

Ju'Coby Pittman

Legislative Assistant: Maritza Sanchez

Council Auditor's Office: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor

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

Council Research: Jeff Clements, Chief

Office of General Counsel: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy

Administration : Scott Wilson

Meeting Convened: 9:31 AM**Meeting Adjourned: 12:01 PM**

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

Attendance

CM Matt Carlucci, Council President Ron Salem; Merriane Lahmeur, Maritza Sanchez, Ivana Gavric – Legislative Services Division; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Brian Parks – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Steve Cassada – Public Information Division; Mary Staffopoulos – Office of General Counsel; Scott Wilson, Bill Delaney – Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche – Finance and Administration Department

Chairman Howland convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair announced that Mary Staffopoulos will discuss the Strategic Plan legislation. Ordinances 2024-74, -75 and -83 will be taken up together as related Sheriff’s Office appropriations, followed by 82, then the rest of the agenda in order. Kim Taylor will discuss Report

Public Comment

Carol Eichling, a board member of the Baymeadows Community Improvement District, discussed 2024-69, saying there is considerable discussion in the community about this bill. The community expects and deserves fair and equitable treatment, and everyone should share in the responsibilities. Please don’t continue deferring the legislation; some action needs to be taken to resolve the issues.

Carnell Oliver said 2024-101 illustrates JEA’s continuing pattern of overspending its budget. He proposed to contract with the City but has received no response.

John Nooney commented on several bills. 2024-79 proposes the FIND projects for funding this year and he is in full support. More public access is needed to waterways, including an access point on Pottsburg Creek adjacent to his house.

Ariane Randolph said the Jacksonville Armada land lease process for a new soccer stadium was not equitable and inclusive of interests in the Eastside. Since the agreement is being requested for an extension, now is the perfect time to examine what the community really needs, which may not be a soccer stadium. She urged opening up the process to engage the community about what they want.

City Council Strategic Plan

Mary Staffopoulos of the General Counsel's Office distributed the draft legislation to enact the Council's Strategic Plan as discussed at the last committee meeting. It is done in ordinance form because it includes an Ordinance Code waiver and provides mostly 1-year projects in addition to a long-term strategy of allocating \$5M per year to a strategic downtown major projects fund. The short-term projects are grouped into strategic categories. Council Member Diamond's proposed project for a \$200,000 allocation to Atlantic Beach to assist with construction of a lifeguard station was added after the last meeting after Mr. Diamond returned from his military deployment. The committee authorized introduction of the legislation as a Finance Committee bill on next week's Council agenda.

Item/File No.**Title History**

1. [2023-0307](#) ORD-MC re the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Amend Sec 22.12 of the Charter of the COJ; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees & CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F
5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23

DEFER

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. [2024-0031](#) ORD Approp \$229,962.47, in Grant Funds Awarded by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Through the FL Dept of State, Div of Elections, to Provide Reimbursement to the City for the Costs of Purchasing Goods &/or Svcs for Voting Technology Upgrades or Enhancements; Prov for Carryover of Funds; Prov Oversight by SOE (B.T. 24-022) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)
 1/10/24 CO Introduced: R, F
 1/16/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/17/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/23/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 R Amend/Approve 5-0
 2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 1/23/24

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

- 1. **Revise appropriation year to FY 22/23 and amount to \$227,891.50 to reflect final grant award**
- 2. **Include language authorizing the execution of the grant agreement**
- 3. **Strike carryover language**
- 4. **Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct appropriation amount, year, and accounts**
- 5. **Place Revised Memorandum of Agreement on file to include missing attachments**
- 6. **Correct scrivener’s errors**

- **As amended, appropriates \$227,891.50 in grant funds received from the State of Florida Division of Elections in September 2023**
- **Grant funds were used to reimburse the City for voting equipment and security monitoring services purchased in FY 22/23**

- 4. [2024-0068](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor or Her Desig & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver: (1) a 1st Amendment to Option Agrmt & Purchase & Sale Agrmt; & (2) a Parking Lot License Agreement, Each btwn the City & RP Sports Investments, Inc., to Extend the Commencement Date for Construction of the Proj to 7/31/24, to Extend the Substantial Completion Date for Construction of the Proj to 3/1/26, to Reduce the Min Square Footage of the Office Bldg from 25,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft, & to Provide for the Use by the City of a Min of 531 Parking Spaces to Partially Fulfill the City’s Parking Obligations for the Annual FL-GA Football Game & Game Day Parking Obligations Under the Jaguars Lease; Prov for Oversight by OED With Regard to the License (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/21/24 F Approve 6-0
 2/21/24 TEU Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

Ed Randolph of the Office of Economic Development explained the request for the extension of the closing deadlines and the reduction in the amount of office space. In response to a question from Chairman Howland, Mr. Randolph said there is no fiscal impact to the extension. He said, in response to the earlier public speaker’s comments, that he has received a letter from Historic Eastside Community Development Corp. expressing their support for the project.

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, line 11, strike "intends" and insert "intended"

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

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

DEFER

6. [2024-0070](#) ORD Approp \$66,000.00 in Grant Funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin Funded Through the FY 23-24 State & Community Highway Traffic Safety Prog, Through FDOT to the PSBU Grants/Occupant Protection Proj FY24 to Increase Safety Belt Use; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec, to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City That Certain FDOT Subgrant for Highway Traffic Safety Funds # G2S39 Between the City & FDOT; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-052) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/21/24 F Approve 6-0
 2/21/24 TEU Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

JSO budget chief Bill Clement described the purpose of the appropriation for a seat belt use promotion campaign. JSO Chief Mike Silcox said there will be both warnings and paying citations issued and a public awareness campaign.

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

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

Scrivener's

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

8. [2024-0072](#) ORD Approp \$84,651.22 from Public Parking Fund Bal to the Downtown Parking Garage Maintenance Proj to Pay for Reviews & Reports Related to Structural & Maintenance Assessments of the Ed Ball Garage & the Duval Street (Library) Garage; Amend the 24-25 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. 24-043) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
- 1/23/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 2/21/24 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Absent: 2 - White and Salem

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. In response to a question from CM Pittman, Lori Boyer, CEO of the DIA, said studies have been done of other City parking garages previously but none that could be found for the Water Street and Ed Ball Building garages so they want to be sure they are in good condition. There are normal maintenance items that need to be done every 5 or 10 years to keep parking garages in good operational condition. She suggested that the Public Buildings Division recommend an appropriate timeframe for doing future condition studies. Ms. Boyer said she will be coming back to the Council to recommend changes in coordination between the Public Parking Office in DIA and the Public Buildings Division in the Public Works Department regarding funding responsibility for maintenance and capital improvements to parking garages.

AMENDMENT

1. Reflect that appropriation will be used to fund professional services related to performing a structural and maintenance assessment of the Ed Ball and Duval St (Library) Garages
2. Strike CIP amendment language and Remove Exhibit 2 (CIP)
3. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to change appropriation to Professional Services
4. Correct Scrivener's

9. [2024-0073](#) ORD Approp \$122,091.00 in Fund Bal from the Environmental Protection Fund to Assist in the Ecological Restoration of Hogans Creek by Prov Funding to Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc. for a Water Quality Credit Pilot Proj in the Branches Off of Hogans Creek; Prov a Carryover of Funds thru 9/30/25; Invoking the Exception of Sec 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract With Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver That Certain Funding Agrmt btwn the City & Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (the City Treasury), Ch 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Payment by the City; Prov for City Oversight by the Neighborhoods Department, Environmental Quality Div; Req Annual Reports & a Final Report to Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (B.T. 24-054) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Peluso) (JWC Apv)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU, JWC
 2/5/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0
 2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 6-0
 2/21/24 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. In response to a question from the Chair, James Richardson of the Environmental Protection Board said the balance in the EPB Trust Fund will be approximately \$700,000 after this appropriation. He described the intent of the pilot project to examine water quality credits in relation to natural stream restoration.

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 1, lines 8 and 11: strike “Hogans” and insert “McCoys”
2. Pg. 3, line 28: strike “September 30, 2025” and insert “Project completion”
3. Strike carryover language
4. Strike waiver of Sec. 110.112 (Advance of City Funds) and clarify payment will be made upon City’s receipt of final report
5. Correct scrivener’s errors
6. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to reflect correct appropriation

- Appropriates \$122,901 from the Environmental Protection Fund fund balance to fund a water quality credit pilot project for McCoys Creek
- Authorizes a direct contract with Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc. for completion of the project
- The City will disburse funding to Groundwork Jacksonville upon receipt of the final report

10. [2024-0074](#) ORD Approp \$200,000.00 in Grant Funding from FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Operation Players Club (OPC) Proj FY 23-24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-049) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & Clark-Murray)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 NCSPHS Withdraw 7-0
 2/21/24 F Withdraw 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

WITHDRAW

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

Excused: 1 - White

Chief Clement explained the reason for the withdrawal due to the operation already having been completed and reimbursed from another funding source.

11. [2024-0075](#) ORD Approp \$150,000.00 in Grant Funding from FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Fentanyl Overdose Death Investigations (FODI) Proj FY 23-24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-050) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Clark-Murray & Carlucci)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/21/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/13/24

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

Chief Clement described the use of the funds for overtime for undercover investigations.

12. [2024-0079](#) ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the Florida Inland Navigation Dist (FIND) for 2024 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Projs; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver All Grant Agrmts btwn the City & FIND, as Well as All Docs Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Meet Funding Requirements; Prov for City Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Comm Svcs (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Diamond)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/21/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

Brian Burkett of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services described the process of developing and ranking potential FIND projects and described the 3 proposed projects. He said this is an aggressive ask of FIND, somewhat larger than what the City was awarded last year. CM Carrico asked for an update on the Pottsburg Creek at Beach Boulevard boat ramp project. Mr. Burkett said the project is under active design but it is a complicated project with lots of considerations with regard to adjoining properties and flooding issues. It should be ready for a FIND application next year. In response to a question from Chairman Howland, Mr. Burkett said that the Beaches cities can make application for FIND funding themselves, but seldom do.

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

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

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

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

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. In response to a question from the Chair, Lori Boyer said the MPS garages are making more revenue than budgeted and the excess revenue is being transferred to the Shipyards West CRA project budget.

AMENDMENT

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

- 14. [2024-0081](#) ORD Approp \$512,866.00 From the Bldg Inspection 159 Fund Bal & General Fund to Various Accts Within the Bldg Inspection Fund to Fund Salaries & Benefits for 10 FT Employees; Apv & Auth (1) An Increase to the Employee Cap for the Bldg Inspection Div of the Planning & Dev Dept From 118 to 124 in Order to Allow for the Addition of 2 New Permit Assist Sr Positions, 2 New Professional Engineer Positions, & 2 New Bldg Plans Examiner Sr Positions, & (2) An Increase to the Employee Cap for the Development Svcs Div of the Planning & Dev Dept From 51 to 55, in Order to Allow for the Addition of 1 New City Planner III Position, 1 New Professional Engineer Position, 1 New Associate Engineer Position, & 1 New Traffic Technician Principal Position, All Within the Bldg Inspection Fund (Fund 15104) (B.T. 24-044) (R.C. 24-035) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Carlucci & Peluso)
 - 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 - 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/20/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-2 (Freeman, Diamond)
 - 2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0
 - Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE

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

Excused: 2 - White and Gaffney Jr.

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. In response to a question from CM Carrico, Josh Gideon, Chief of the Building Inspection Division, described how the new positions will assist with the improvement of the permitting process and reduce the backlog of pending applications. He described the other improvements that have been made, including the development of an online application system and the use of contract private plan reviewers to bolster City staff capability. Mr. Carrico noted the complaints he's heard about insufficient staff at the Fire Marshall's Office and their inspection delays. CM Arias said the level of customer service has to improve, including more customized and friendly assistance, and asked when results will begin to be seen after the new employees are hired. Mr. Gideon said the online permitting system will have the ability to produce metrics about processing time and productivity. Mr. Arias suggested having a Building Inspection employee supplement the processing work of the Fire Marshall's Office to free up their staff to be in the field doing inspections to reduce their backlog. Mr. Gideon cautioned that state law limits how building inspection funds can be used, which is solely for enforcement of the Florida Building Code. Phillip Peterson explained how the allocation of Building Inspection Fund and General Fund dollars takes place depending on employees' job responsibilities related to the Florida Building Code versus other tasks.

Scott Wilson said the administration will be coordinating with JFRD on the Fire Marshall's inspection responsibilities and budget. In response to questions from CMs Carrico and Pittman, Mr. Gideon explained how the division recruits and hires employees for these new positions. Chairman Howland asked about options to improve the processes apart from more employees, including new technology and possibly relaxing some requirements. Mr. Gideon said the Florida Building Code cannot be relaxed, but the division has implemented new technology with the online application system and has hired a private plan review company as needed to reduce the backlog.

AMENDMENT

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

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

- 15. [2024-0082](#) ORD Approp \$400,000 From Gen Fund Operating Reserves to Prov Add'l Funding for the Home Roof Initiative Described & Appvd by Ord 2023-807-E; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Housing & Community Dev Div; Req 1-Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsors CMs Gaffney, Jr., Clark-Murray & Peluso)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-1 (Diamond)
 2/21/24 F Amend/Approve 3-3 (Howland, Arias, Carrico) (Defer)
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

AMEND/APPROVE (DEFER)

- Aye:** 3 - Gaffney Jr., Lahnen and Pittman
- Nay:** 3 - Howland, Arias and Carrico
- Excused:** 1 - White

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Arias asked about how JSEB contractors will be involved in the process. Travis Jeffrey of the Housing and Community Development Division said JSEBs will be encouraged to bid on roofing jobs but are not guaranteed to win contracts. CM Arias said he wanted to add language to require that JSEBs get a certain percentage of the work. Mary Staffopoulos said the City typically includes language strongly encouraging, but not absolutely mandating, JSEB participation in the event that no JSEBs bid on certain contracts which would prevent a contract from being awarded. Mr. Arias offered an amendment to reflect the NCSPHS amendment to remove the emergency passage language, include the fiscal year carry-over language, and prohibit bundling of roofing contracts, but to remove the “strongly encourage” language regarding JSEBs and add a minimum goal of 25% JSEB participation.

Council President Salem cautioned that requiring a minimum rate of JSEB participation might increase the project costs because of a few companies getting most of the work and not having to bid as low to get the contracts. In response to a question from CM Carrico, Mr. Jeffrey said there is a possibility that prices may go up somewhat, but probably not much because there are a number of qualified JSEB companies to compete for the work. Ms. Staffopoulos clarified how the amendment would be worded to make it a strong goal, but not an absolute requirement, for JSEB participation. CM Lahnen suggested reducing the goal from 25% to 20% to match other City programs; Mr. Arias urged holding firm at 25%.

CM Pittman asked how many roofs can be done with the available funding; Mr. Jeffrey said 70-80 are anticipated. He discussed how the application process worked and how many completed applications were received and processed. Sixteen applications have been fully approved, roof inspections are taking place, and several contracts are beginning to work their way through Procurement for awards. Chairman Howland asked Mr. Jeffrey to provide the committee with a list of all the JSEB roofers approved for use by the City. CM Carrico asked if the properties selected were the neediest applicants or just the fastest to get an application into the system before the window closed. Mr. Jeffrey said the program operated on a first come, first served basis and described the criteria used to determine eligibility. He said there is a tremendous need in the community for replacement roofs and many, many homeowners are eligible. It is difficult to evaluate the degree of need, given the nature of the application process. Mr. Jeffrey said he anticipates 90-120 days to get the first 30 roofs actually installed.

CM Arias said this program is different from the City's other home repair programs because homeowners will be required to pay the cost of the roof exceeding \$14,999. He asked Mr. Jeffrey about how quickly roofs will be installed once approved; he responded that the contract will probably specify 10 days from the date of award. CM Arias said the pilot program has not yet proved itself because weeks have gone by and no roofs have been installed yet. He believes every council district should get some roofing work done and the project should prove itself before any more funds are appropriated. In response to a question from CM Gaffney Jr., Mr. Jeffrey said any applicants not served by this pilot program will be moved to the City's other home rehab programs and put on waiting lists. CM Pittman urged that the program not be revised in the middle of the process and should be given a chance to work. Everybody who is on the list now from the original applications should be served first. CM Lahnen said his original reservations about the program have been addressed and he is ready to support this additional appropriation. CM Arias proposed deferring this bill for 2 weeks to see if roofing work is actually being done by that time before making this additional appropriation.

Scott Wilson with the Mayor's Office said 23 of 58 roofers on the City's approved contractor list are registered JSEBs. CM Carrico said he opposes moving the additional money above the line because of the time it is taking to get through the process and get to actual construction. CM Arias said there is no need to move the funds now because they won't be needed for months to come at the rate the program is proceeding. CM Matt Carlucci, the bill's sponsor, advocated for moving the funds now and letting the department get on with the work that needs to be done rather than prolonging the debate. Chairman Howland said there are still many questions to be answered about how the program is getting started and whether it could be improved as it begins operations before more funds are allocated. CM Carlucci said he would accept a deferral if the alternative is voting the bill down entirely so that it couldn't be taken up again for a year.

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

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

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

16. [2024-0083](#) ORD Approp \$100,000.00 in Grant Funding From FDLE, Through Its FY 23-24 State Financial Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in FL Prog, to the PSBU Grants/Fentanyl & Opioid Eradication (FOE) Proj FY 24 to Combat Illegal Fentanyl Activity; Prov for Oversight by the JSO (B.T. 24-051) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller, Clark-Murray & Carlucci)
 1/23/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 2/5/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/13/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/20/24 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/21/24 F Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 2/13/24

APPROVE

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

Excused: 1 - White

17. [2024-0101](#) ORD Amend the JTA FY 22-23 Budget; Amend Ord 2022-504-E (the COJ Budget Ord) by Amending Revised Schedule O (Estimated Operating Revenues) & Revised Schedule P (Operating Expenditures) to Approp Add'l Revenues to Offset Increased Operating Expenses Exceeding the Appvd JTA Budget for FY 22-23 (Staffopoulos) (Req of JTA)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

18. [2024-0102](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, an Amendment 5 to Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & A A Auto Parts, Inc. to Extend the Completion of Construction Date From 9/30/23 to 9/30/24 (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: F
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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19. [2024-0103](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver That Certain Amendment 1 to Lease Agrmt btwn the City & the Boeing Company for Extension of the Term of the Lease for Bldg 68 at Cecil Commerce Center, Consisting of 60,000 sq ft of Space, Located at 6222-1 POW-MIA Memorial Pkwy, Jax, FL 32221, for a Term of 3 Yrs, With Options to Renew for 2 Add'l 1 Yr Terms, at a Monthly Rental Rate of \$15,579.69 With 3% Annual Rent Increases & a CAM Charge of \$200.00 Per Month; Auth Such Other Docs & Technical Changes as May Be Required, Provided That the City's Costs Are Not Increased; Prov for Oversight by OED (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: F
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2024-0105](#) ORD Approp \$209,984.02 From the Countywide Intersection Imp - Intersection Proj to the Townsend Rd Sidewalk - South Proj to Pay for Design & Engineering Costs Related to the Construction of a Sidewalk on the South Side of Townsend Rd, Amend the 24-28 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2023-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for Oversight by the Traffic Engineering Div of the Dept of Public Works (B.T. 24-055) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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22. [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-Sponsor CM Amaro)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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23. [2024-0109](#) ORD Approp a \$1,750,000.00 FY 24 COPS Hiring Prog Grant From the U.S. DOJ / Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) & Approp \$3,476,737.00 to Cover the Required Local Match From the City for the First Yr of the Grant & Add'l Operating Expenses to Train & Outfit 40 New Police Officer Positions Within JSO to Be Hired Under the Grant; Auth Said Positions; Prov for City Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-053) (R.C. 24-057) (Dillard) (Req of Sheriff)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

24. [2024-0110](#) ORD Amend the JEA FY 22-23 Budget; Amend Ord 2022-504-E (the COJ Budget Ord) by Amend Schedule C (JEA Consolidated Operating Budget) & Revised Schedule D (JEA Consolidated Capital Budget) to Approp Surplus Funds From FY 21-22 & Excess Revenues in the Electric System Operating Budget to Make Contributions to the Non-Fuel Purchased Power Rate Stabilization Fund, to Approp the Remaining Balance Within the Environmental - Rate Stabilization Fund to Increase the Transfer to Operating Capital Outlay in the Water System Operating Budget, to Approp the Add'l Transfer From Operating Capital Outlay & Add'l Other Proceeds in the Water System Capital Budget, & to Approp Excess Revenues in the Dist Energy System Operating Budget to Operating Capital Outlay (Staffopoulos) (Req of JEA)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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25. [2024-0112](#) ORD-MC Concerning the Funding of Initiatives Through Certain Economic Dev Agrmt Incentives; Creating a New Sec 106.445 (Vote Required to Fund Initiatives Through Certain Economic Development Agreement Incentives), Subpt E (Miscellaneous Provisions), Pt 4 (Fiscal Management), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Provide That Funding of Add'l Initiatives Through Certain Economic Dev Incentive Agrmts Shall Require a Vote of 14 Members of the Council to Apv & Prov That a Waiver of This Requirement Shall Also Require a Vote of 14 Members of the Council; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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26. [2024-0114](#) ORD Apv the Settlement of Jason Weathington v. JSO, Case No.: 20-020-D, Pending Before the City's Civil Service Board; Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute the Settlement Agrmt; Auth the General Counsel, or His Designee, to Take Further Action to Conclude the Matter (Granat) (Req of Sheriff)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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27. [2024-0117](#) ORD Declaring 330 24th Street W., Jax, FL 32206 (R.E. #087475-0000), btwn Perry Street & Pearl Street N, in Council Dist 10, to Be Surplus to the Needs of the City; Auth Conveyance of the Subject Parcel to the Jacksonville Brotherhood of Firefighters, Inc., a FL Not for Profit Corp, at No Cost; Auth the Mayor & the Corp Sec to Execute a Quitclaim Deed & Other Conveyance Docs; Waiving Sec 122.423 (Disposition for Affordable Housing), Pt 4 (Real Property), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code Waiving Sec 122.424 (Disposition for Direct Sale), Pt 4 (Real Property), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, & Waiving Sec 122.425 (Disposition by Auction or Sealed Bid), Pt 4 (Real Property), Ch 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, the Foregoing Waivers to Allow Donation of Property to the Jacksonville Brotherhood of Firefighters, Inc.; Prov for (1) Property Conveyed “as is,” (2) Req Submission of an Annual Affidavit, & (3) a Right of Reentry for Failure to Use the Subject Parcel for Emergency Housing; Prov for City Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Real Estate Div (Wilson) (Introduced by CMs White & Pittman) (Co-Sponsors CMs Lahnen & Miller)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F, TEU
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

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28. [2024-0118](#) ORD Approp \$2,027,000 From General Fund - GSD Fund Balance to the Jacksonville Historical Society, Inc. (JHS) to Be Used for Renovations to the Florida Casket Company Bldg, Located at 314 Palmetto St, Jax, FL 32202 in Order to Estab a Jacksonville History Center; Prov for a Carryover of Funds Until 3/31/26; Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute a 2nd Amendment to the FY 22-23 City Grant Agrmt btwn the City & the JHS to Extend the Term of the Agrmt to 3/31/26, & to Increase the Maximum Indebtedness by an Additional \$2,027,000 for a New Total Maximum Indebtedness Not-to-Exceed \$2,577,000; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance & Admin Dept (Lopera) (Introduced by CMs Carlucci, Amaro, J. Carlucci, Miller & Peluso)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/20/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 2/27/24

READ 2ND & REREFER

29. [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)
2/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F
2/20/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/21/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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Council Auditor Report

Council Auditor Kim Taylor reviewed Report #880: Quarterly Summary for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2023, which looks at projections for the year provided by the Finance and Administration Department following the first quarter of operations.

JEA will need a budget amendment to reflect use of reserve funds for FY23-24 capital projects and a small adjustment to the District Energy System budget.

JTA will require a budget amendment to reflect revenues over budget from local option sales tax and gas tax collections and increased costs in the Connexion service.

JPA is anticipating a positive revenue variance due to increasing cruise ship revenue and investment earnings.

JAA projects a \$17.7M positive variance due to the Concourse B and new parking garage projects being delayed and not needing funding yet.

City General Fund: \$25.3M overall positive variance; \$5.7M in additional revenue due to increased ad valorem tax collections (\$3.5M of that additional revenue is being appropriated to Jacksonville University's law school relocation project in a pending bill) and increased revenue from JFRD transports. The half-cent sales tax revenue is underperforming and projecting less revenue and there are some negative projections in franchise fees and JSO revenue. There is a \$19.6M positive expenditure variance, due to reduced defined contribution retirement plan costs and fuel cost savings.

The Sheriff's Office projects a \$13.1M favorable variance mostly due to unfilled positions. The Office of the Mayor projects a \$182,000 negative variance, which can be corrected by moving funds from elsewhere in the budget to correct the deficit using the mayor's transfer authority. The Ethics Office projects a \$2,000 negative variance due to part-time salary expenses.

ASM Global overspent its expenditure authority without written authorization last year and may do so again. Chairman Howland asked about who approves ASM expenditure requests.

The Solid Waste Division is projecting a \$500,000 positive loan amount variance, leaving the total accumulated loan from the General Fund at about \$57M.

CM Lahnen asked about the Self-Insurance Fund's \$10M favorable variance; Ms. Taylor said it results from less claims being paid out than budgeted so far, but that is a very volatile line item so is subject to change during the remainder of the year. Mr. Lahnen asked for a listing of the bills that have been filed since the budget adoption making allocations from the General Fund reserve.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

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

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