

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

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

## **Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee**

*Will Lahnen, Chair*

*Ju'Coby Pittman, Vice Chair*

*Matt Carlucci*

*Tyrona Clark-Murray*

*Reggie Gaffney, Jr.*

*Mike Gay*

*Jimmy Peluso - Excused*

*Legislative Assistant: Ivana Gavric*

*Council Auditor's Office: Edward Linsky*

*Council Research: Eamon Webb*

*Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera*

*Administration: Bill Delaney*

*Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana*

**Meeting Convened: 2:00 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 PM**

**Present:** 6 - Chair Will Lahnen, Vice Chair Ju'Coby Pittman, Matt Carlucci, Tyrona Clark-Murray, Reggie Gaffney Jr. and Mike Gay

**Excused:** 1 - Jimmy Peluso

**Attendance:**

**CP White - Visiting**

Council Member Lahnen convened the meeting. Council President White thanked all on the Committee for their work and stated that he anticipated a productive year for the Committee. Council Member Lahnen reviewed the charge of the Committee and procedures for meetings. He noted that the operations of independent authorities like JEA and JTA fall within the charge of the Committee and stated that anyone with presentation requests should reach out to his office.

**Item/File No.**

**Title History**

1. [2024-0436](#) ORD Granting to Peoples Gas System, Inc. (Peoples Gas), Its Successors & Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Natural Gas Franchise Agrmt for Use of the Rights-of-Way of the City of Jax; Apv, & Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, That Certain Natural Gas Franchise Agrmt btwn the City & Peoples Gas to Prov the Terms & Conditions Under Which Said Franchise May be Exercised; Prov for City Oversight by the Planning & Dev Dept, Dev Svcs Div; Directing the Legislative Services Div to Forward the Enacted Ord to the Dev Svcs Div of the Planning & Dev Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
5/28/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
6/3/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/4/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/4/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/11/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/11/24

**DEFER**

2. [2024-0439](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming Portions of Certain R/Ws Within the City to Include: (1) an Opened & Improved Portion of the Grant St R/W, Estab in the Plat of Spratt's Subdivision of East Jax, as Recorded (2) an Opened & Improved Portion of the Georgia St R/W, Estab in the Meig's Replat of Spratt's Subdivision of Block 5, Johnson's Plat of East Jax, as Recorded & (3) an Opened & Improved Portion of the Albert St R/W, Estab in the Plat of East Jax, as Recorded, at the Request of RP Sports Investments, Inc., Subject to Reservation Unto the City & JEA of an All Utilities, Facilities & Access Easement; Prov for Appvl Subject to Conditions (Dist. 7-Peluso) (Staffopoulos)

(Introduced by CM Peluso)  
5/28/24 CO Introduced: TEU  
6/4/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/11/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 6/18/24, 7/16/24, 8/6/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/11/24

### PH OPEN/CONT 8/6/24

Council Member Lahnen opened Public Hearing. There were no speakers. Public Hearing is continued until August 6, 2024.

3. [2024-0457](#) ORD re Ch 745 (Addressing & Street Naming Regulations) Ord Code; to Re-name a Portion of “15th Street East” Extending from Liberty St N to Walnut St to “Swisher Street”; Waiver of Sec 745.105 (h), Ord Code, Which Requires That All Street Name Changes Be for the Entire Length of the Street; Directing the Legislative Svcs Div to Forward This Ord to the Planning & Dev Dept for Processing, Implementation, & Coordination With the Public Works Dept, Traffic Engineering Div, 911 Emergency, Fire & Rescue Dept, the Post Office & Other Affected Agencies & Orgs (Dist. 7-Peluso) (Pollock) (Introduced by CM Miller)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: R, TEU  
6/17/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/15/24 R Approve 7-0  
7/16/24 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Ch 745 Ord Code - 7/16/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

### PH APPROVE

**Aye:** 6 - Lahnen, Pittman, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Gaffney Jr. and Gay

**Excused:** 1 - Peluso

- **Waives Section 745.105(h) requiring street name changes be for the entire length of the street**

Council Member Lahnen opened Public Hearing.

David Cawton stated that he was in attendance representing Swisher and could answer any questions the Committee had for him.

Council Member Lahnen closed Public Hearing.

4. [2024-0464](#) ORD Approp \$500,000.00 from Investment Pool Earnings to Pay for the Purchase of Recycle Carts & for Necessary Temporary Labor Expenses Related

to Residential Solid Waste Collections in FY 23-24 (B.T. 24-118) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/16/24 F Approve 7-0  
7/16/24 TEU Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Lahnen, Pittman, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Gaffney Jr. and Gay

**Excused:** 1 - Peluso

**Scrivener's**

**Pg. 2, lines 2-3, strike "contractual services savings and is anticipated" and insert "investment pool earnings"**

**• Appropriation will provide for:**

- Temporary labor (\$405,000) in the Urban Core
- Replacement recycle carts (\$95,000), including approximately 150 for the Urban Core, 750 for Service Area 1, and 750 for Service Area 2
- As of 6/3/24, there were 3,170 outstanding requests for replacement recycle carts

Will Williams, Chief of the Solid Waste Division, explained the bill. Council Member Clark-Murray clarified that these cart replacements were only for targeted recycle carts to clear the list of outstanding requests.

Council Member Gay stated that many carts are damaged as a result of the way in which they are handled, and he stated that the City should have a conversation with Meridian Waste about this issue.

Council Member Gaffney, Jr. asked for clarification regarding how the administration prioritizes carts for replacement.

5. [2024-0465](#) ORD Approp \$1,278,372.79 Including \$28,372.79 from Loss Deductible Revenue & a Transfer of \$1,250,000.00 Within the Public Bldgs Allocations Fund for Deferred Maintenance Needs at Various City Facilities (B.T. 24-119) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: F, TEU  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

**DEFER**

6. [2024-0467](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming Portions of Certain R/Ws Within the City to Include: an Opened & Improved Portion of the Panther Creek Pkwy R/W, Established in the Plat of Panther Creek Phase 1, as Recorded, at the Request of Panther Creek Preserve, LLC, Subject to Reservation Unto the City & JEA of an All Utilities, Facilities & Access Easement & Reservation; Prov for Appvl Subject to Conditions (Dist. 12-White) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: TEU  
6/18/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/16/24 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. - 7/16/24  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

**PH APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Lahnen, Pittman, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Gaffney Jr. and Gay

**Excused:** 1 - Peluso

**• Closure requested to construct passive park**

Council Member Lahnen opened Public Hearing.

Wyman Duggan spoke on behalf of the applicant. He stated that the neighborhood featured a golf course and had fallen on difficult economic times; the bill would allow for the conversion of a neighborhood road into a passive park.

John Nooney stated that he supported the building of a private park but added that he would like to see new projects to increase public access to waterways.

Council Member Clark-Murray asked Mr. Duggan whether this bill had any impact to waterways, and Mr. Duggan answered that it did not.

Council Member Lahnen closed Public Hearing.

7. [2024-0470](#) ORD Approp \$845,350.00 in Grant Funding from the US Dept of Energy (USDOE) Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Prog to Fund JEA's Restore, Repair & Resiliency Prog, Said Funds to Support Efforts to Conduct Energy Audits & Weatherization Repairs that Lower Energy Bills for Up to 110 Low Income Residents of Jax; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept (B.T. 24-116) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray,

Johnson, Gaffney, Jr. & Pittman)  
6/11/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
6/17/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/18/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/25/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/15/25 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0  
7/16/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
7/16/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 6/25/24

### AMEND/APPROVE

**Aye:** 6 - Lahnen, Pittman, Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Gaffney Jr. and Gay

**Excused:** 1 - Peluso

### AMENDMENT

1. Attach Grant Letter from U.S. Department of Energy
2. Correct Scrivener's

- Program will provide energy audits and weatherization repairs that lower energy bills for up to 110 low-income residents (80% AMI)
- Program will have an initial focus on the City's Historic Eastside

Edward Linsky of the Council Auditor's Office explained the amendment, which was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Joshua Hicks, Affordable Housing Director, explained the bill, which would provide energy audits and weatherization repairs that would lower energy bills for up to 110 low-income residents on the Eastside. He stated that this bill was an extension of a successful pilot program, and the program's success had resulted in the receipt of a federal grant. He added that the program could be expanded to other neighborhoods in the future.

Council Members Gaffney, Jr. and Pittman requested to be added as co-sponsors.

8. [2024-0492](#) ORD Approp \$250,000.00 from the Mobility Fee - Zone 1 Bike Ped-Activity to the Loretto Rd - Sidewalk Proj to Fund Costs Related to the Construction of a Sidewalk Along Loretto 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 Engineering & Construction Management Div of the Dept of Public Works (B.T. 24-121) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
6/25/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
7/15/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/16/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
7/16/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 7/23/24

## READ 2ND & REREFER

### Public Comment:

John Nooney explained that a movie could be made to advertise Jacksonville's waterways and that JSEBs could be involved in this production. He noted that bill 2024-0467 allows for the creation of a private passive park and lamented that 90% of land with waterways access in the City is privately owned.

Lorrinn Cassandra Woods spoke on bill 2024-0467, stating that she was generally concerned with the treatment of nature and hoped that the creation of this private passive park would sufficiently respect nature. She added that she believes that railroad tracks can add to the beauty of natural surroundings and should be maintained when possible.

Council Member Matt Carlucci noted that the garbage collection fee had long not been sufficient to cover costs of garbage collection and stated that he would like to open discussions to solve this issue. He asked whether the administration had any current plans regarding this issue. Joshua Hicks, Affordable Housing Director, stated that he did not have this information and would defer to Bill Delaney, Council Liaison to the administration, who also stated that he was unsure of any specific plans regarding the garbage collection fee.

Council Member Lahnen asked whether there were any adjustments to the garbage collection fee in the upcoming budget, and Edward Linsky of the Council Auditor's Office answered that there were not. Council Member Matt Carlucci stated that the fee could not be changed via the budget, as there was a specific process that must be followed if the City were to choose to raise the fee. He stated that he was "sounding the alarm" on this issue, as garbage collection's running at a deficit could negatively impact the City's fiscal position.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 6, 2024.**

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

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