

# City of Jacksonville

117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

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

### **Finance Committee**

*Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair  
Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair - Excused*

*Raul Arias*

*Rory Diamond*

*Nick Howland*

*Will Lahnen*

*Ju'Coby Pittman - Excused*

*Legislative Assistant: Steven Libby*

*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: 9:30 AM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:20 AM**

**Present:** 5 - Chair Ron Salem, Council Member Nick Howland, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Will Lahnen and Council Member Rory Diamond

**Excused:** 2 - Vice Chair Terrance Freeman and Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman

**Attendance:**

Merriane Lahmeur, Steven Libby – Legislative Services Division; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements – Council Research Division; Mary Staffopoulos – Office of General Counsel; Scott Wilson - Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche – Finance Department

Chairman Salem convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chair said the committee would discuss the City Council strategic plan in anticipation of starting the process for FY24-25. He noted that the process for developing the strategic plan has changed and evolved over recent years and he doesn’t think it necessarily meets the intent of the legislation creating the strategic plan requirement. The half-percent of the General Fund operating budget that will be allocated to next year’s strategic plan initiatives is \$9,416,621 based on the FY24-25 budget.

Council Member Howland noted that the Ordinance Code requires the development of the plan in the early spring and describes how it relates to the budget, which he said was not followed last year and should be in compliance with the Code. He said he served on the Charter Revision Commission in 2019 and on that body’s Strategic Plan Committee which found it to be a very complicated topic with many Sunshine Law ramifications for who can talk to whom if many community leaders are appointed to a strategic plan governing board. The committee tried to come up with a recommendation that avoided the Sunshine Law restrictions and found it very difficult. He said last year the council allocated some strategic plan funds to a stadium reserve fund and took the other half to divide among several citywide initiatives and more district-specific projects.

Chairman Salem said he has been assured that the mayor will include the lump sum total in the budget for next year but it will be up to the Council to determine how it is spent. He said he would prefer to identify at least one major project to fund and then divide up the rest for smaller initiatives. Council Member Lahnen said last year's allocations seemed more tactical than strategic and noted that the 14 district council members also will receive stadium Community Benefit Agreement funds, so each has several funding sources for district needs. Council Member Arias said a process needs to be developed to more evenly allocate the funds among districts and uses. Mr. Salem said lots of small direct contracts with non-profit agencies is very time consuming and taxing on the General Counsel's Office and Council Auditor's staff to arrange term sheets and contracts. He said he will talk to the Council President about the how to handle the process for next year. Mr. Lahnen said the city is facing a \$78M deficit next year and foregoing the \$9M for council strategic priorities would help reduce that deficit. Council Member Howland said this year the council put \$5M into a stadium funding reserve to reduce future borrowing in order to be fiscally responsible. Council members could choose not use all their funds and allocate them to deficit reduction or could share them with other council members to address joint projects.

Council Auditor Kim Taylor said the council members' current year strategic plan funding allocations to council districts were reduced to 76% of the original request due to fund availability. Some capital projects in particular will be affected by that reduction so further consideration of those projects will be necessary. Budget wrap-up day enhancement requests and strategic priority allocations all need to be brought back "above the line" to be expendable and require legislative action by the council. Chairman Salem said projects won't move forward unless council members actively pursue them and take action to make them happen.

The Chair reviewed the agenda items and said he would be having a discussion about WiFi in parks after the action items are finished.

<b>Item/File No.</b>	<b>Title History</b>
1. <a href="#"><u>2023-0307</u></a>	ORD-MC re the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Amend Sec 22.12 of the Charter of the COJ; Prov for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CP Freeman at Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees & CM White) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman) 5/9/23 CO Introduced: R, F 5/15/23 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 5/16/23 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 5/23/23 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 5/23/23

**DEFER**

2. [2024-0627](#) ORD-MC Concerning the Mayor's Transfer Authority; Amend Secs 106.304 (Mayor's Transfer Power) & 106.308 (Capital Improvement Transfers, Appropriation Amendments & Change Orders), Subpt A (General Provisions), Pt 3 (Appropriations), Ch 106 (Budget & Accounting Code), Ord Code, to Limit the Mayor's Transfer Authority to \$100,000 Among the Capital Improvement Projs Listed in the CIP Appvd by the Council & to \$100,000 During Any FY into or Out of Any Agency, Nondept or Dept Existing Line Item; Prov for Codification Instructions (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)  
8/13/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
8/19/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
8/20/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
8/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/27/24

**DEFER**

3. [2024-0636](#) ORD Approp \$3,781,211.73 from Gen Fund Operating - Fund Level Activities - Transfer Fund Balance & Mayor Cure Violence Prog - Contingency to Fund the Jax Journey Forward Strategic Initiative; Prov for Carryover of Funds into FY 24-25 (B.T. 24-136) (Wilson) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Carlucci & Johnson)  
8/13/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
8/19/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
8/19/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
8/20/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
8/27/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 8/27/24

**DEFER**

4. [2024-0763](#) ORD Approp \$692,834 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to Fund Various Crime Prevention & Law Enforcement Expenditures & Activities Including: (1) Transferring \$12,500 from the Fund to the Teen Driver Special Rev Fund in Accordance with Sec 111.365, Ord Code, to Fund the Teen Driver Challenge Prog; (2) Transferring \$12,500 from the Fund to the Police Explorer Trust Fund in Accordance with Sec 111.340, Ord Code, to Fund the JSO Police Explorer Post; (3) \$248,610 for Security Camera Maintenance for JSO Facilities; (4) \$90,000 for Specialized JSO Computer Workstations; (5) \$46,399 for UTVs for Various JSO Units; (6) \$32,825 for JSO Satellite Phones & Accessories; (7) & \$250,000 for JSO Firearms Lab Equipment; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect the Reallocation of Funds (B.T. 25-006) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Pittman & Johnson) 9/24/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
9/30/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/1/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/8/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0  
10/15/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/8/24

#### **AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 5 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

**Excused:** 2 - Freeman and Pittman

Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Howland asked if this funding would count toward the City's stadium Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) match for the countywide homelessness initiative. Mr. Peterson said it likely could, but there is no signed CBA agreement yet so no funding allocated before the full execution of that document will count toward the match. Council Member Diamond noted that the direct contracting exemption and non-profit funding were justified in this instance.

#### **NCSPHS AMENDMENT**

- 1. Appropriate an additional \$137,000 in Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund revenue to provide funding to DVI for continued operation of the Homeward Bound Program**
- 2. Authorize execution of agreement with DVI for services related to operation of the Homeward Bound Program and place agreement on file**
- 3. Invoke Section 126.108(g) exemption and authorize waiver of Section 118.107 to allow for a direct contract with DVI**
- 4. Attach Certification of Compliance as new Exhibit**
- 5. Attach CIP sheet reflecting zeroed out project as new Exhibit**

- 5. [2024-0766](#) ORD Approp \$329,091.00 (\$264,582.00 in Grant Funds from AmeriCorps Seniors, Formerly Known as the Corporation for National & Community Service, & a \$64,509.00 Match from the City from Gen Fund Operating Fund Balance) for the Duval County Senior Companion Prog; Auth Position & PT Hours; Prov for City Oversight by the Senior Svcs Div of the Dept of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs (B.T. 24-152) (R.C. 24-168) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray & Pittman)  
 9/24/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 9/30/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/1/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/8/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0  
 10/15/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/8/24

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 5 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

**Excused:** 2 - Freeman and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. **Correct appropriation year to 2024-2025**
- 2. **Reflect funding source as General Fund Contingency for City Match**
- 3. **Attach Revised Exhibit 3 (RC) to reflect the deletion of 1 FTE and the addition of 2 FTEs and 1,300 PT-Hours**

- **This legislation authorizes an additional position and 1,300 part time hours**

6. [2024-0767](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Grant & Contract Compliance - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Organization Acct, to Prov a City Grant To El Bethel Divine Holiness Church, Inc. d/b/a El Beth El Development Center, Inc. for the People Helping People Crime Prevention Prog as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Subpart A (General Regulations), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with El Beth El; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with El Beth El; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City A Grant Agrmnt with El Beth El for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias)
- 9/24/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
 9/30/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 9/30/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/1/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/8/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0  
 10/14/24 R Amend/Approve 6-0  
 10/15/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/8/24

#### **AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 5 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

**Excused:** 2 - Freeman and Pittman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment, which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Council Member Arias said he found another organization in his district to use these funds that could not be used by the originally intended recipient. These are his funds from last year, not new funds. Chairman Salem said he hopes that these reallocation transactions from the reserve fund will occur early in the fiscal year and not be recouped much later the fiscal year. Council Member Lahnen asked the Auditor's Office for an explanation of how and when the year-end unencumbered fund allocation to fund balance occurs, which Kim Taylor explained. CFO Anna Brosche distinguished between unexpended funds in operating departments lapsing into the reserve fund if unused at the end of a fiscal year and General Funds being allocated to supported agencies (like KHA) that are recaptured if unspent at the end of the year.

**AMENDMENT**

**Strike reference to the funds being used for employee benefits**

- **Appropriates \$100,000 from General Fund Operating Reserves, representing unspent funding originally appropriated in FY 23/24 for direct contracts with Project Cold Case (\$30,000) and the Human Collective Foundation (\$70,000), to provide funding for a direct contract with El Beth El Development Center, Inc. for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025**
- **El Beth El Development Center, Inc. will use the funding for salaries, venue rental costs, office supplies, printing and advertising, client education, and computer software, all to support ongoing crime prevention and workforce development activities and community focused programs**
- **Waives the requirement in Code Sec. 118.107 that City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process in order to authorize a direct contract with El Beth El Development Center, Inc.**

7.     [2024-0773](#)     ORD Approp \$1,000,000 from the Contingency Acct to the Contribution To-From Component Unit Acct within the Homelessness Initiatives Special Rev Fund to Provide a Contribution to JHFA to Support Dev of Multifamily Affordable Housing in Duval County; Waiving the Conflicting Provisions of Sec 111.920 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund), Pt 9 (Neighborhood Development), Ch 111 (Special Revenue & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Allow for Use of the City Funds Appropriated Herein for Dev of Affordable Housing; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Interlocal Agrmt btwn the City & JHFA; Prov for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci)  
 9/24/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 9/30/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/1/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/8/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 10/14/24 NCSPHS Approve 5-0  
 10/15/24 F Approve 5-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/8/24

**APPROVE**

**Aye:**           5 -   Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen and Diamond

**Excused:**    2 -   Freeman and Pittman



Chairman Salem said the Auditors have identified \$1.4M in funds appropriated prior to FY24-25 plus \$2.24M added in FY24-25 budget for homelessness initiatives, of which \$1M has been allocated to the Fire and Rescue Department for its homeless response team and \$1.6M remains after this allocation for further homelessness initiatives. Council Member Howland asked Barney Smith, board chair of the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority, to explain the use of the funds. Mr. Smith described recent gap financing loan support for projects building affordable housing. JHFA will put \$1M into a fund matched by City funds which will create a revolving loan pool. He described how this fund differs from the self-help fund proposed by an out-of-state bank for inclusion in the current year's budget as part of the mayor's homelessness reduction initiative, which seems like a good concept but was too complicated and rushed to get arranged for the current fiscal year. In response to a question from Mr. Salem, Mr. Smith said the loans will be for longer terms (15 years) so won't be recycling very quickly. Council Member Arias said the JHFA loans produce a great return on investment for the City.

### Scrivener's

**Pg. 2, line 20, strike "Fund" and insert "Fund"**

- **Funds will be granted to JHFA as initial funding for a multifamily revolving loan fund**
- **Authorizes Interlocal Agreement with JHFA, requiring JHFA to:**
  - **Provide a \$1,000,000 match,**
  - **Provide the City with annual reporting, and**
  - **Maintain fund for 20 years**
- **Waives conflicting provisions of Section 111.920 (Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund) to allow funds to be used for development of additional affordable housing**

8.     [2024-0796](#)     ORD Approp \$5,000,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Madison Palms Dev Loan - Loans Acct to Fund a Dev Loan to Madison Palms, Ltd, as Assigned from the Vestcor Companies, Inc., as Originally Authorized by Ord 2022-784-E & Amended by Ord 2024-491-E; Prov for Reverter of Funds (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Diamond)  
                           10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
                           10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                           10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                           Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

### **READ 2ND & REREFER**

9.     [2024-0797](#)     ORD Approp \$586,950.00 From General Fund- GSD Fund Bal to Fund Certain Obligations Related to Lifeguard Duties Under the City's Interlocal Agrmt with the City of Neptune Beach, as Amended, as Auth by Reso 81-1072-403-A & 97-1143-A (B.T. 24-153) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)  
                           10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
                           10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                           10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
                           Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

### **READ 2ND & REREFER**

10. [2024-0798](#) ORD Approp \$500,000.00 in Grant Funding from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Drone Replacement Prog; Prov for Oversight by JSO (B.T. 24-154) (Brown) (Req of Sheriff) (Co-Sponsor CM Miller)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

11. [2024-0800](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute a 1st Amendment to the Existing Contract with Meridian Waste Florida, LLC, Setting Rates Commencing 10/1/24, Setting Fuel Caps for FYs 24-25, 25-26 & 26-27, & Apv the Premise Count Conducted in Connection with the Rate Review; Prov a Monthly Base Rate; Prov for City Oversight by the Solid Waste Div of the Dept of Public Works (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

12. [2024-0801](#) ORD re a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Contributing Structure in the Riverside-Avondale Historic Dist Located at 2728 Herschel St, Owned by Phillip Tyler Wallace & Hannah Elizabeth Palmer; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by the City on 100% of the Increase in Assessed Value Resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Proj, Pursuant to Sec 780.303, Ord Code; Prov for an Exemption Period of 10 Yrs Beginning on January 1st of the Yr Following the Yr in which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

13. [2024-0802](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the I'm A Star Foundation, Inc. to Support the Westside Stars Leadership Prog as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with I'm A Star; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with I'm A Star; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & I'm A Star for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/14/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

14. [2024-0803](#) ORD Approp \$25,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Inc. (MLK Foundation) to Support the 2025 MLK Holiday Grand Parade Event as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with MLK Foundation; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with MLK Foundation; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & MLK Foundation for the 2025 MLK Holiday Grand Parade; Prov for Oversight by the Office of Sports & Entertainment (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/14/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

15. [2024-0804](#) ORD Approp \$10,000 from Gen Fund Operating Reserves to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the North Riverside Community Development Corp (NRCDC) to Support Establishment of the North Riverside Community Resource Center as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With NRCDC; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with NRCDC; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (the City Treasury), Ch 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for Advance Payment to NRCDC as Described Herein; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & NRCDC; Providing for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Clark-Murray)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/14/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

16. [2024-0805](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver a Release of the Regulatory Agrmt Encumbering the Property Located Generally at 4832 N Main St, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32206 (Capri Villas Property) which is a Portion of the Property Associated with the Capri Villas Proj & the Huron Sophia Proj Located Generally at the Capri Villas Property & 2800 Sophia St, Jax, Duval County, FL, 32254, for the Purpose of Enabling the Dev of the Proj, Including the Acquisition & Rehab of Existing Multifamily Residential Housing Facilities for Persons or Families of Low, Middle or Moderate Income, Subject to (1) the Execution & Recording of a Land Use Restriction Agrmt (LURA) for a Min of 50 Yrs on the Property, & (2) the Proj Being Responsible for Paying All Costs Associated Therewith, Including All Legal & Professional Fees; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver Docs & Take Further Action to Effectuate the Purpose of this Ord; Prov for City Oversight by the Housing & Community Dev Div (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

17. [2024-0806](#) ORD Amend the JEA FY 23-24 Budget; Incorporating Recitals; Amend Ord 2023-504-E (the COJ Budget Ord) by Amend Schedule C (JEA Consolidated Operating Budget) & Schedule D (JEA Consolidated Capital Budget) to Approp Surplus Funds from FY 22-23 & Add'l Funds from the Environmental - Rate Stabilization Fund for the Electric System & Water & Wastewater System to Increase the Transfer to Operating Capital Outlay in the Operating Budget, to Approp Excess Investment Income Rev in the District Energy System Operating Budget to Transfer to Operating Capital Outlay, & to Approp the Add'l Transfer from Operating Capital Outlay in the Electric System, Water & Wastewater System, & District Energy System Capital Budget (Staffopoulos) (Req of JEA)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: F  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

18. [2024-0807](#) ORD Dissolving the Hogpen Dependent Special Dist Per Ch 189, F.S. (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Diamond) (Co-Sponsors CMs Miller & White)  
10/8/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, JWC  
10/14/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/14/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/15/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

**Wi-fi in parks discussion**

Council Member Arias said a bill was postponed in Council last week which would appropriate \$100,000 for a survey of wi-fi coverage needs in public parks, of where to locate towers, and how to bring fiber optic service to the parks. He thought \$100,000 was a lot for such a study so began looking for other options. Wyanyonyi Kendrick, Chief Information Officer, said ITD recommends expanding the initial examination from 10 to 19 parks, focused on parks with existing security cameras. The department will competitively advertise for engineering design services and for pilot projects to try various technologies instead of doing a direct contract with a single provider. Mr. Arias said he thinks there are ways to reduce the cost from \$100,000. Getting fiber to some parks, especially in rural areas, may be difficult, so contracting with a fiber-based provider may not be the best way to proceed. He said there are other technologies that might work better for some parks, and he has talked to one such vendor. He introduced Bill Lancaster with T-Mobile of Northeast Florida who has talked with ITD about the wi-fi need in parks. If fiber is available then that's the way to go, but there is not fiber availability everywhere and there is T-Mobile cellular coverage in lots of places where fiber is unavailable. He would like to do a proof-of-concept project with some parks around the city to see what could be done affordably as his company has done with the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Salem asked if the bill could move forward as-is or if it needs to be amended in some way. Mr. Peterson said the funds are already available for ITD to use so he doesn't see the need for any amendment. Ms. Kendrick said ITD supports numerous critical entities and facilities around the city. She asked council members to lend their political clout to efforts to obtain available grant funding for the wi-fi in the parks initiative. Council Member Howland said wi-fi is an amenity and not necessarily a City responsibility to provide to parks at a continuing future cost.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2024.**

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

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