

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, November 19, 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*

*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: 9:31 AM****Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 AM**

**Present:** 6 - Chair Ron Salem, Council Member Nick Howland, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Will Lahnen, Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman and Council Member Rory Diamond

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Terrance Freeman

**Attendance**

Council President White - 2024-839 & 2024-888, Council Member Gay - 2024-853; Merriane Lahmeur, Steven Libby – Legislative Services Division; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Heather Reber, Brian Parks – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements, Nayeli Jimenez – Council Research Division; Mary Staffopoulos – Office of General Counsel; Scott Wilson, Mike Weinstein - Mayor’s Office; Anna Brosche, Angela Moyer – Finance Department

Chairman Salem convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. The Chairman reviewed the agenda, noting that there would be a Council Auditor’s presentation on Report #867A and a report on the office’s review of City official travel. 2024-839 will be taken up first, 2024-853 will be taken up second, 2024-835 will be deferred.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Auditor to discuss Report #867A: Follow-Up on City Payroll – Leave Payouts at Separation of Employment Audit**

Council Auditor Kim Taylor reported that the original audit identified 13 issues, all of which have been addressed and the audit is deemed closed.

**Council Auditor Report on City employee international travel**

Ms. Taylor distributed a draft report document but said that additional information was just received by her office, so this draft is subject to change before finalization. She emphasized that the document is a review, not an audit done to usual auditing standards. The report addressed a series of questions posed by council members at previous meetings. The report put the City’s cost of travel for the mayor and three other City employees to London for the economic development trip associated with the Jacksonville Jaguars’ two games at \$23,191.79. There is no evidence in the records examined that taxpayer funds were spent during the Mayor’s or an employee’s vacation period. There is no evidence of any incremental costs paid by the City for the travel expenses of spouses. The difference in hotel rates for the travelers is based on the booking platform they used to book the rooms and on the conversion rates of British pounds to American dollars on different days.

There did not appear to be any evidence of violation of City travel ordinances. There were several violations of travel policy regarding use of a City purchasing card for meals, but no per diems were requested for those meals so there was no duplication of payments for the same meal. There were some slight differences in transaction amounts because of the change in conversion rates of British pounds to American dollars on different days. Ms. Taylor said her staff had just learned before the start of the meeting about some issues regarding the potential for travelers to upgrade their rooms and as a result potentially be charged different room rates. Ms. Taylor indicated further research would need to be done to look at the costs paid for the hotels for each traveler as well as their per diems that might be impacted by any breakfast provided by the hotels based on this recently learned information. Ms. Taylor indicated that there may be a valid purpose for a different room to hold various meetings.

Council Member Lahnen asked about cost for this trip relative to previous years' trips. Brian Parks of the Auditor's Office said that last year the cost was about \$20,000 for 3 travelers, and there were no travel costs to London in 2020 paid by the City due to the COVID pandemic and there do not appear to be any City costs incurred in 2021 and 2022. Chairman Salem said he is concerned about the use of purchasing cards in City government, how many there are, and who gets to use them, and he may introduce legislation to rein in their use depending on what a Council Auditor review ultimately finds.

**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. [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. [2024-0800](#) 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  
 10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Substitute/Rerefer 6-0  
 11/19/24 F Substitute/Rerefer 6-1 (Lahnen)  
 11/19/24 TEU Substitute/Rerefer 5-1 (Lahnen)  
 11/19/24 TEU Reconsider/Substitute/Rerefer 4-2 (Carlucci, Lahnen)  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24, & 12/10/24

**SUBSTITUTE/REREFER**

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Nay:** 1 - Lahnen

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

Council Member Lahnen said he would be voting no on the amendment because the contract excludes interest charges from the rate review. Council Member Diamond said he will support this bill but believes that Jacksonville needs a complete overhaul in the way it contracts for waste hauling services because the current system is apparently unique and problematic for the industry and needs to be replaced with a simple long-term bidding process. Council Member Arias said he supports the bill to put this high-performing company on an even footing with the other haulers that are currently paid more. Council Member Pittman agreed with Mr. Arias that this company needs to be fairly compensated. Council Member Howland said he supports the substitute but not for the reasons of the other council members who support it. He agrees with the need for reform of the procurement process for waste haulers.

**NCSPHS SUBSTITUTE**

- 1. **Revise monthly base rate component to \$22.39 inclusive of a mark-up on operating expenses before profit and corporate taxes**
- 2. **Include appropriation of \$4,028,251 from General Fund Operating Reserves**

4. [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  
10/22/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 10/22/24

### APPROVE

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

Renee Goode, Director of Government Relations for JEA, explained the need for the amendment for the FY23-24 budget due to the appropriation of revenues collected in excess of budget. Council Member Lahnen pointed out that the additional revenue will be used for pay-as-you-go capital expenditures.

**JEA is amending their FY 2023/24 budget for the following:**

#### Operating Budgets:

- **Electric System:** Increase the transfer to Operating Capital Outlay in the amount of \$30,233,264 by appropriating surplus funds from FY 2022/23 (\$28,156,901) and appropriating additional funds from the Environmental- Rate Stabilization Fund (\$2,076,363).
- **Water System:** Increase the transfer to Operating Capital Outlay in the amount of \$16,710,655 by appropriating surplus funds from FY 2022/23 (\$16,060,655) and appropriating additional funds from the Environmental - Rate Stabilization fund (\$650,000).
- **District Energy System:** Increase the transfer to Operating Capital Outlay in the amount of \$200,000 by appropriating \$200,000 in excess Investment Income revenue earned in FY 2023/24.

#### Capital Budgets:

- **Electric System:** Appropriating the increased transfer from Operating Capital Outlay (\$30,233,264) and de-appropriating Other Proceeds (\$22,106,315) for a net increase of \$8,126,949.
- **Water System:** Appropriating the increased transfer from Operating Capital Outlay (\$16,710,655) and de-appropriating Debt Proceeds (\$1,275,860) for a net increase of \$15,434,805.
- **District Energy System:** Appropriating the increased transfer from Operating Capital Outlay (\$200,000) and de-appropriating Debt Proceeds (\$200,000) for no change to total capital expenses.

- 5. [2024-0835](#) ORD Adopt a Modification to the City’s 2045 Comp Plan for the Purpose of Amend the Capital Improvement Element Schedule of Projs to Include the 301 Villages Water, Wastewater & Reuse Water Facilities & Updating the 2045 Mobility System Schedule of Projs within the Capital Improvements Element to Include Braddock Rd from Lem Turner Rd to Dunn Ave & Acree Rd Extension from New Kings Rd to Old Kings Rd as Mobility System Projs in the Corridor Mode to Mobility Zone 4 (Reingold) (Req of Mayor) (PD & PC Apv)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: F, LUZ  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**DEFER**

- 6. [2024-0836](#) RESO Apv & Auth the Execution of an Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Project Paper, to Support the Establishment of Company’s Mortgage Technology Div National HQ at a New Facility Located in Jax; Auth a 13-Yr REV Grant Not to Exceed \$10,000,000; Auth a Business Expansion Grant Not to Exceed \$5,000,000; Auth an Employment Retention Grant Not to Exceed \$3,000,000; Auth a Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant Not to Exceed \$3,000,000, at a Rate of \$6,000 Per New Job; Apv & Auth the Execution of Docs by the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec; Auth Appvl of Tech Amends by the Executive Dir of the OED; Prov for Oversight by the OED; Prov a Deadline for the Company to Execute the Agrmt; Waiver of that Portion of the Public Investment Policy Adopted by Ord 2024-286-E, to Auth the Business Expansion Grant & the Employment Retention Grant, which Are Not Authorized by the Public Investment Policy, & to Authorize the Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant at a Rate Above the \$5,000 Per New Job Permitted by the Public Investment Policy; Req 2-Reading Passage Pursuant to C.R. 3.305 (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
 11/18/24 R Substitute/Approve 7-0  
 11/19/24 F Substitute/Approve 6-1 (Diamond)

**SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE**

- Aye:** 6 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and White
- Nay:** 1 - Diamond
- Excused:** 1 - Freeman

Council Member Lahnen explained the Rules Committee substitute to change the source of the incentives and Council Member Howland advocated for passage because of the economic impact and the increased return on investment after the change in the incentives to increase the REV grant and reduce up-front cash grants. Council Member Diamond said he thinks the use of incentives to pick winners and losers in business is not a proper role of government and will be voting no. The substitute was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

#### **RULES SUBSTITUTE**

- 1. Increase the REV Grant from a \$10 million 75% grant to a \$16 million 90% grant**
- 2. Increase the Targeted Industry Employment Grant from \$3 million paid at \$6,000 per new job over 4 years to \$5 million paid at \$10,000 per new job over 2 years**
- 3. Remove the Business Expansion Grant of \$5 million and Employment Retention Grant of \$3 million**
- 4. Revise Public Investment Policy waiver language to reflect the new payment structure for the Targeted Industry Employment Grant and remove references to the Business Expansion Grant and Employment Retention Grant**
- 5. Place revised EDA on file to reflect the changes to the incentives structure and include a maximum disbursement schedule for the Targeted Industry Employment Grant**

7. [2024-0837](#) ORD Approp \$301,038.70 from the Opioid Settlement Fund Investment Pool Earnings to the Opioid Settlement Fund - Subsidies & Contributions to Private Orgs Acct to Provide Add'l Funds for Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Settlement Proceeds Grants in FY 24-25 (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
 11/19/24 F Approve 6-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

#### **APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and Diamond

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

#### **Scrivener's**

- 1. Pg. 1, lines 6 and 27: insert "account" after "Earnings"**
- 2. Pg. 1, line 26: strike "designated"**

8. [2024-0838](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from a Special Council Contingency to the Pre-Trial Operations Activity - Contractual Svcs Acct within JSO, to Procure the Professional Svcs of CGL Management Services, LLC, to Conduct a Population Study of the Duval County Jail 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 CGL Management Services, LLC; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City & CGL Management Services, LLC, for the Provision of Svcs to Complete the Study; Prov for Oversight by JSO (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Salem)  
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**DEFER**

9. [2024-0839](#) ORD Approp \$500,000 from a Designated Special Council Contingency to the Gen Fund Operating, Misc Grants & Aids Acct, to Provide City Grant Funding to the Boselli Foundation, Inc. to Support Boselli's Teacher Fellowship & Mentoring Progs 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 Boselli for the Progs; 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 the Boselli Foundation, Inc.; Waiving Sec 110.112...(Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM White)  
10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/4/24 NCSPHS & R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-2 (Peluso, Clark-Murray)  
11/18/24 R Amend/Approve 8-0  
11/19/24 F Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman



Assistant Council Auditor Phillip Peterson explained the NCSPHS Committee's amendment. Chairman Salem posed a series of questions to Jen Vihrachoff, Executive Director of the Boselli Foundation, that had been submitted by Council Member Clark-Murray. With regard to the failure of the foundation to provide audited financial statements for City grants from 2016 and 2017, Ms. Vihrachoff said the foundation decided that it was not going to apply for City funds after that time and didn't see the need to commission an audit. When the decision was made to again seek City funding, the agency could not find a CPA to do an audit on records that old. In response to another question, Ms. Vihrachoff said that Simonds-Johnson Community Center hasn't been used by the foundation since 2017 and is now being operated by the City, while Russell "Bill" Cook Park is now being operated by the Boys and Girls Club. In response to a question from Council President White about whether the foundation agreed with the NCSPHS amendment to reduce the up-front fund allocation Ms. Vihrachoff said they did.

Council Member Arias said he disagreed with the NCSPHS Committee's 10% advance payment funding limitation and urged going back to the original 25% so they can do what needs to be done. Council Member Lahnen said he supports the Auditor's recommendation and the NCSPHS amendment to allow only a 10% advance. Mr. Peterson said the Code allows up to a 10% advance, anything beyond that requires a Code waiver. Council Member Pittman said the City Council needs to be consistent with what is allowed by waiver to be fair to everyone. Grassroots organizations deserve the same treatment as larger agencies. Council Member Howland advocated for the 10% advance payment cap. The NCSPHS amendment failed 3-4 (Lahnen, Pittman, Howland in favor).

- 10.     [2024-0841](#)**     ORD Approp \$32,311.41 from the Insured Progs Fund - Permanent & Probationary Salaries Acct to the Self Insurance Fund - Interfund - Transfer in Acct to Provide Funding for the Position of Risk Operations Manager; Auth 1 FT Position within the Self Insurance Fund & the Deletion of a FT Position within the Insured Progs Fund (R.C. 25-007) (B.T. 25-010) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
 11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
 11/19/24 F Amend/Approve 5-0  
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**AMEND/APPROVE**

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

**Excused:**     1 -   Freeman

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Tracy Flynn, City Risk Manager, explained the position reclassifications and said the bill is budget-positive for her division. The amendment was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Clarify funding is being appropriated from salaries and benefits within the Insured Programs Fund to salaries and benefits within the Self Insurance Fund**
- 2. Clarify appropriation is also funding pay increases for two positions within the Self Insurance Fund**
- 3. Correct deleted position’s fund name**
- 4. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to attach corrected version**

- **Appropriates \$32,311.41 from the Insured Programs Fund to the Self Insurance Fund to pay for special pay increases for two positions and a new Risk Operations Manager position**
- **The appropriation is being funded by defunding a vacant Risk Management Assistant position within the Insured Programs Fund**
- **Authorizes a new Risk Operations Manager position and deletes a vacant Workers Compensation Claims Manager Position within the Self Insurance Fund, resulting in no change to the employee cap**

11.     [2024-0842](#)     ORD Transferring \$32,696,664.00 from Gen Fund Collective Bargaining Contingency & Reducing \$5,808,869.00 from the International Association of Fire Fighters/Fraternal Order of Police Health Trust Acct within the Group Health Fund to Fund the Wage Increase Appvd by 2024-630-E for & Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Union Employees for FY 24-25; Purpose of Approp; Amend 2024-504-E, the FY 24-25 Budget Ord, to Replace Schedule B1B in Order to Auth an Increase by \$771,098 in the Local Grant Match from the City for the Community Oriented Policing Svcs - COPS Hiring Prog Grant from the U.S. DOJ/Office of Community Oriented Policing Svcs (B.T. 25-011) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso, J. Carlucci, Salem, Miller, White, Freeman, Johnson & Lahnen)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
 11/18/24 R Approve 8-0  
 11/19/24 F Approve 6-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**APPROVE**

**Aye:**           6 -   Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and White

**Excused:**     1 -   Freeman

Council Member Lahnen asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

- 12. [2024-0843](#) ORD Transferring \$19,825,414.00 from Gen Fund Collective Bargaining Contingency, Reducing \$1,459,446 From the International Assoc of Fire Fighters / Fraternal Order of Police Health Trust Acct within the Group Health Fund & Approp \$54,285.00 from Fund Balance within the Bldg Inspection Fund to Fund the Wage Increase Appvd by 2024-629-E for International Assoc of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Union Employees for FY 24-25; Purpose of Approp (B.T. 25-009) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsors CMs Clark-Murray, Peluso, J. Carlucci, Salem, Miller, White, Freeman, Johnson & Lahnen)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
 11/18/24 R Approve 8-0  
 11/19/24 F Approve 6-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

Council Member Lahnen asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

13. [2024-0846](#) ORD Transferring \$6,000,000 btwn Expense Accts in the Chaffee Rd Project; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect this Approp of Funds within the Proj; Declaring the Public Necessity for Acquiring Fee Simple Title, Temporary Construction Easements, & Permanent Drainage Easements, through Condemnation by Right of Eminent Domain to & Over Certain Real Property in Council Dist. 12, Such Real Property Interests Being Near or Adjacent to a Portion of Chaffee Rd S Including the Properties Listed in Exhibit 1, as Required for the Chaffee Rd Widening from Normandy Blvd to I-10 Proj; Auth the Acquisition of the Properties by Negotiation or Eminent Domain; Auth the Chief of Engineering Construction Div of the Dept of Public Works to Make a Good Faith Deposit Into the Court Registry; Auth the Chief of the Real Estate Div...(B.T. 25-014) (Garrett) (Req of Mayor)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F, TEU  
 11/4/24 NCSPHS & R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F & TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 8-0  
 11/18/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
 11/19/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
 11/19/24 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0  
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**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

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

**AMENDMENT**

1. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (Property List) to correct scrivener’s
2. Pg. 6, line 29, strike “purchasing” and insert “acquiring”
3. Correct scrivener’s

- Public Works has identified 53 affected parcels
- Authorizes acquisition of needed property through negotiated sale or eminent domain process
- Allows for offers up to 25% above appraised value and up to \$100,000 in business damages, exclusive of legal and professional fees
- Construction project is anticipated to be completed in 2028
- Waives settlement limitations in Sections 112.307 (Claims and suits brought against the City for monetary relief), 112.308 (Eminent domain), and 112.309 (Attorneys' fees) to allow for certain settlements in excess of \$50,000 without further Council approval

14. [2024-0848](#) ORD Approp \$21,465.00 From the Hazard Mitigation Grant - Safe Room - HMGP DR 4486-131-R Contingency to Hazard Mitigation Grant - Safe Room - HMGP DR 4486-131-R Engineering & Design, to be Used for Add'l Design & Engineering Costs Associated With Construction of a Hurricane Safe Room for First Responders as Originally Auth by Ord 2023-370-E; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Reflect This Approp of Funds to the Proj; Prov for City Oversight by JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div (B.T. 25-013) (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
 11/19/24 F Approve 7-0  
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### APPROVE

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

Council Member Lahnen asked if the funding for construction is budgeted – Mr. Peterson said it is not yet budgeted.

### Scrivener's

1. Pg. 1, line 23, strike "2022-2023" and insert "2024-2025"
2. Pg. 2, lines 3 & 8, correct grammar
3. Pg. 2, line 24, strike "2022-505-E" and insert "2024-505-E"

- Extends Phase I (design) grant period through June 30, 2025, with a federal cost share of 90%
- Phase II (construction) is anticipated to cost over \$7 million and commence in FY 2025/26
- Facility will be approximately 20,000 square feet and designed to accommodate a maximum of 850 first responders
- Facility will be used as a safe room (staging area) for first responders during emergency situations and will also be utilized as a training facility

- 15. [2024-0852](#) ORD Approp \$4,200,000.00 in Funds Partially Available from the \$2,800,000 Million Settlement of a Contract Dispute btwn the City & Applications Software Technology LLC (AST) to a New Proj for Network Infrastructure Upgrade; Apv the Settlement of a Contract Dispute btwn the City & AST; Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, a Settlement Agrmt btwn the City & AST; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr IT System Dev Plan Appvd by Ord 2024-507-E; Amend Ord 2024-504-E, the FY 24-25 Budget, to Replace the Schedule A4; Prov for Oversight by the Technology Solutions Dept (B.T. 25-012) (Pinkstaff) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsor CM Johnson)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
 11/4/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 R Amend/Approve 7-0  
 11/19/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

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

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Increase appropriation amount to \$6,199,837.67 to include project account balancing
- 2. Correct bill title

**• Network Infrastructure Upgrade Project will refresh hardware to reduce future service disruptions**

- 16. [2024-0853](#) ORD Approp \$200,000 from a Special Council Contingency to the San Mateo Little League Complex - Other Construction Costs Acct to Provide Funds for Construction of a Storage Facility at the San Mateo Little League Park; Amend the 25-29 5-Yr CIP Appvd by Ord 2024-505-E to Expand the Scope of the “San Mateo Little League Complex” Proj to Include Construction of a Storage Facility & to Reflect this Approp of Funds to the Proj for this Purpose (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Gay) (Co-Sponsor CM Clark-Murray)  
 10/22/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
 11/4/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/6/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/12/24 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0  
 11/19/24 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/12/24

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

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

**NCSPHS AMENDMENT**

- 1. Revise appropriation to include \$152,362 from a Designated Special Council Contingency account and \$47,638 from Council District 2 discretionary funds from the Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life originally appropriated by Ord. 2023-348-E**
- 2. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to reflect revised funding source**
- 3. Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP Sheet) to reflect revised funding source**

17. [2024-0873](#) ORD Approp \$75,000 From a Gen Fund Operating Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating, Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Prov City Grant Funding to Family Nurturing Center of Florida, Inc. (FNC) for the Visitation Sliding Scale Prog as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions From Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (General Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With FNC for the Prog; 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 FNC; Waiving Certain Provisions of Sec 118.301 (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Pt 3 (Administration of City Grants), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow a Portion of the Grant Funds to Be Expended for Costs of Amusements, Social Activities, & Incidental Costs Relating Thereto; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt Btwn the City & FNC for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico) 11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

18. [2024-0874](#) ORD-MC Amend Sec 121.113 (Calculation of Pension Contributions for Police & Fire Pension Fund), Pt 1 (Police & Fire Pension Fund Administration) & Sec 121.201 (Retirement Benefits), Pt 2 (Pension Benefits), Ch 121 (Police & Firefighters Pension Plan), Ord Code, to Clarify the Term “Salary” & the Contributions Payable While Members Are on Military Leave of Absence; Prov for Severability; Prov for Codification Instructions (Reingold) (Introduced by CM Howland)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: R, F  
11/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**



19. [2024-0875](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 From a Designated Special Council Contingency to the Gen Fund Operating, Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Prov City Grant Funding to Wegotchu Enterprises NPO, Inc. for the Wegotchu Salud Wellness Prog as Described Herein; 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 Wegotchu; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt Btwn the City & Wegotchu for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

20. [2024-0876](#) ORD Approp \$152,362 From a Special Council Contingency to the Council Dist 5 - Misc Activity - Other Construction Costs Acct to Prov Funds for Capital Projs & Improvements for Parks in Council Dist 5; Requiring Compliance with Sec 106.315 (District Council Expenditures), Ord Code; Prov for Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM J. Carlucci)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

21. [2024-0877](#) ORD Approp \$76,180 from Gen Fund Operating Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating, Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Prov City Grant Funding to Safe Future Foundation Inc for the Nourishing Communities - Food Pantry, Diaper, & Feminine Product Support Initiative as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (Gen Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with Safe Future for the Prog; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (Gen Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with Safe Future; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & Safe Future for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Freeman)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

22. [2024-0878](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from a Gen Fund Operating Contingency Acct to the Gen Fund Operating, Subsidies & Contributions to Private Org Acct, to Prov City Grant Funding to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville, Inc. (RMHCJ) for the Warm Meals, Warm Hearts Meal Prog as Described Herein; Invoking the Exemption in Sec 126.108(g) (Exemptions from Competitive Solicitation), Pt 1 (Gen Regulations; Ethics & Transparency in Public Contracting), Ch 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract With RMHCJ for the Prog; Waiving Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding Through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (Gen Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with RMHCJ; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City a Grant Agrmt btwn the City & RMHCJ for the Prog; Prov for Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Div of the Finance Dept (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Carrico)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

23. [2024-0879](#) ORD Approp \$100,000 from a Special Council Contingency to the County-Wide Tree Trimming & Median Beautification Activity - Contractual Svcs Acct to Prov Funds for Tree Trimming & Median Beautification in Duval County; Prov for Oversight by Public Works (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Amaro)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, TEU  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
11/19/24 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

24. [2024-0882](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, an Amendment 1 to Economic Dev Agrmt btwn the City & Allegis Group, Inc., to Amend the Definition of the Proj Parcel Therein to Recognize New Office Space Being Utilized by the Company; Auth Appvl of Technical Amendments by the Executive Dir of OED; Prov for Oversight by OED (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: F  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

25. [2024-0883](#) ORD Approp \$250,000 From a Contingency Acct Within the KHA Fund to the Subsidies & Contributions to Private Organizations Acct to Prov Funding to Walk-off Charities of Jax, Inc. for the Empowering Our Families' Youth 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 Walk-off Charities for the Prog; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 77.111(a) (Provider Contracts), Ch 77 (KHA), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs to Be Provided by Walk-off Charities From Competitive Procurement; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec, &/or the CEO of KHA to Execute & Deliver an Agrmt btwn the City or KHA & Walk-off Charities of Jax, Inc. For the Prog; Prov for Oversight by KHA; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Arias)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
11/18/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 5-0  
11/18/24 R Emergency/Approve 7-0  
11/19/24 F Emergency/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**EMERGENCY/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

Phillip Peterson explained the request for the emergency which was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

- **Appropriates \$250,000 from a designated contingency account that was established as part of the FY 24/25 budget process to provide funding to Walk-Off Charities of Jax, Inc.**
- **Funding will be used for the Empowering our Families' Youth Program, which provides baseball clinics, leagues, and scout teams in underserved areas and will serve over 2,000 youth**
- **Provides a 25% advance payment upon contract execution as allowed by Sec. 77.109**
- **Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that KHA provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with Walk-Off Charities of Jax, Inc.**
- **A one cycle emergency has been requested in order to ensure the funding is available before the end of the calendar year as registrations, schedules, and procurement are being finalized by Walk-Off Charities**

26.     [2024-0884](#)     ORD Regarding a Partial Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for Rehab of a Local Landmark Located at 700 E Union St, Owned by East Union Property Owner, LLC; Prov for Exemption from that Portion of Ad Valorem Taxation Levied by COJ 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 Years Beginning on January 1 of the Year Following the Year in Which the Council Enacts this Ord, Pursuant to Sec 780.304, Ord Code; Waiving the Conflicting Provisions of Sec 780.303 (Historic Rehabilitation Tax Exemption) & 780.305 (Application), Pt 3 (Tax Exemption for Rehabilitation of Historic Landmarks & Properties in Historic Districts), Ch 780 (Property Tax), Ord Code, to Grant the Exemption for a Substantially Complete Proj; Waiving Sec 780.335 (Completion of Work), Pt 3 (Tax Exemption for Rehabilitation of Historic Landmarks & Properties in Historic Districts), Ch 780 (Property Tax), Ord Code, to Grant the Exemption for a Proj that was Not Completed Within 2 Years Following the Date of Appvl of the Preconstruction Application (Lopera) (Introduced by NCSPHS)  
 11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/18/24 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

27. [2024-0886](#) ORD Approp \$85,654.11, Including \$68,679.91 in Available Rev From the 1001 Kings Avenue - Ale Kings Holdings LLC - Forgivable Loans Acct & \$16,974.20 From the 1001 Kings Avenue - Ale Kings Holdings LLC - Loans Acct to the Downtown Preservation & Revitalization Prog DEDF - Loans Acct, All Within the Downtown Economic Dev Fund, for Future Projs (B.T. 25-021) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: F  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

28. [2024-0887](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or Her Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, a 4th Amend to the Redevelopment Agrmnt btwn Cosentino Industrial USA, LLC & the City, to Extend Certain Times Frames within the Performance Schedule & Extend the Closing Date for the Company to Purchase the Propty to 1/24/25; Auth Appvl of Technical Amends by the Executive Director of OED; Prov for City Oversight by OED (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)  
11/12/24 CO Introduced: F  
11/19/24 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

29. [2024-0888](#) ORD Approp \$1,333,728.00 from Homelessness Initiatives Special Rev Fund Desig Contingency Accts to JFRD to Provide \$634,421.60 to Trinity Rescue Mission, Inc., \$288,970.40 to the City Rescue Mission, Inc., & \$410,336.00 to the Salvation Army to Be Used to Increase Homeless Shelter Capacity in Duval County as More Specifically 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 Direct Contracts with Trinity Rescue, City Rescue & Salvation Army; 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 Direct Contracts with Trinity Rescue, City Rescue, & Salvation Army; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or Her Desig, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver on Behalf of the City, an Agrmt btwn the City & Trinity Rescue, an Agrmt btwn the City & City Rescue, & an Agrmt btwn the City & Salvation Army; Prov for Oversight by JFRD; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CMs Salem & White) (Co-Sponsors CMs Arias & Johnson)  
 11/12/24 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R, F  
 11/18/24 NCSPHS Emergency/Substitute/Approve 8-0  
 11/18/24 R Emergency/Substitute/Approve 6-0  
 11/19/24 F Emergency/Substitute/Approve 7-0  
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Ch 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 - 11/26/24

**EMERGENCY/SUBSTITUTE/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 7 - Salem, Howland, Arias, Lahnen, Pittman, Diamond and White

**Excused:** 1 - Freeman

**NCSPHS SUBSTITUTE**

- 1. Revise language to clarify that the 44 additional beds to be provided by Trinity Rescue Mission will be available by January 1, 2025 and additional beds from the City Rescue Mission and Salvation Army will be added when needed as determined by the Fire Chief**
- 2. Revise Exhibit 1 (BT) to attach correct document**
- 3. Revise Exhibit 2 (Term Sheets and Budgets) to revise term sheets for the City Rescue Mission and Salvation Army to clarify that additional beds will be funded if needed as determined by the Fire Chief and provide for prorated grant awards (operating and capital) based on actual number of beds provided**

- Appropriation will be used to pay for operating and capital costs associated with making 110 additional beds available for City use in complying with F.S. 125.0231 (Public Camping and Public Sleeping) at the following locations:
  - Trinity Rescue Mission - 44 beds at \$634,421.60**
  - City Rescue Mission - 26 beds at \$288,970.40**
  - Salvation Army - 40 beds at \$410,336.00****
- Waives Sec. 118.107 to allow for direct contracts with Trinity Rescue Mission, City Rescue Mission, and Salvation Army**
- The nature of the emergency is that there is an immediate need for additional beds to house Duval County's homeless population in order to comply with F.S. 125.0231 by January 1, 2025**

Phillip Peterson explained the request for the emergency which was approved unanimously via a voice vote. Chairman Salem said the City will be in compliance with the new state law without passage of this bill, but its passage would allow the City to comply in a more compassionate fashion. Council Member Howland said he has heard from the shelter providers that the current supply of shelter beds is at full capacity so this expansion is needed. Council Member Pittman said there is concern in the homeless community about what will happen if this expanded capacity is still insufficient to meet the need. The homeless are feeling targeted by the new state law and don't feel like they have a seat at the table when decisions about them are being made. Chairman Salem said the Fire and Rescue Department is already doing outreach to the homeless to tell them about what is coming. He said he has seen a reduction in the number of the homeless downtown in the last few weeks and believes that the Homeward Bound program to transport people back to their hometowns and families is having an effect. He has heard from the Sulzbacher Center that they have gotten funding to construct 10 tiny houses on their property to provide additional housing resources.

Council Member Howland said the new state law is based on a Sarasota County model that mixed more bed availability with changes in shelter policies to lower barriers to entry by the homeless. Trinity Rescue Mission told the NCSPHS Committee yesterday that the new beds will have low barriers to entry to encourage use. Council Member Arias asked if the new beds will address homelessness citywide and not just downtown, and asked who will track where shelter bed occupants are coming from. Sheriff's Office Zone 1 Commander Jimmy Ricks said the JSO's focus is downtown Monday through Friday, mostly in the morning. He noted that many of the homeless in other parts of the city are not violating the state law regarding camping on public property because they are on private property. Mr. Arias said the homelessness issue needs to be addressed citywide, not just downtown, noting that the homeless impact his businesses. Suburban businesses are facing problems with the homeless just like downtown is. Assistant Chief Ricks said homeless people sleeping on private property is a trespass issue that should be easy to handle by calling the JSO non-emergency line at 630-0500, and any officer can handle that issue. Chairman Salem said it's important to recognize the difference between HB 1365 compliance for public property and private property trespassing. The City will be expanding its efforts to other parts of town. Council Member Pittman emphasized providing options and treating people with dignity.

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2024.**

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

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