

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Rules Committee

Joyce Morgan, Chair
Rory Diamond, Vice Chair
Michael Boylan
Matt Carlucci
Randy DeFoor
Brenda Priestly Jackson
Sam Newby - Excused Late Arrival

Legislative Assistant: Jessica Smith
Legislative Assistant: Juliette Williams
Deputy General Counsel: Peggy Sidman
Research Asst.: Colleen Hampsey
Administration: Rachel Zimmer
Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher

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Meeting Convened: 2:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 3:41 PM

Attendance:

CM Dennis (2020-0243)

CM Ferraro

Item/File No.

Title History

1. [2020-0149](#) RESO Conf Appt of Ercia L. Moore to Jax Housing & Community Dev Commission, Pursuant to Sec 34.203, Ord Code, Replac Teresa Durand-Stuebben for 1st Full Term to Exp 11/30/2022. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)
2/25/20 CO Introduced: R
3/3/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/10/20 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
3/17/20 R Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

2. [2020-0150](#) RESO Conf Appt of Charles B. Garrison as a Discreet Citizen Rep to Environmental Protection Board, Replac Gabriel Dupree, Pursuant to Sec 73.101, Ord Code for Partial Term to Exp 9/30/2020. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)
2/25/20 CO Introduced: R
3/3/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
3/10/20 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
3/17/20 R Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

3. [2020-0222](#) RESO Conf Appt of Jill C. Enz as Chief of Natural & Marine Resource Div of City of Jax's Dept of Parks Recreation & Community Svcs (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
4/14/20 CO Introduced: R
4/21/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/28/20 CO Read 2nd and Rereferred;R

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

- 4. [2020-0243](#) ORD-Approp \$5,000,000 of Cares Act Funds Previously Approp in Ord 2020-235-E to Reimburse the City for the Cost of the Bldg Inspection Fee Moratorium Instituted for 6 months; Repealing the Portion of Sec 3 (Purpose) of ORD 2020-235-E regarding the Approp \$ 5,000,000; Amending Sec 6 of ORD 2020-235-E regarding the Mayor’s Transfer Powers of the \$25,000,000 of COVID-19 Response Funds; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
 5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F,R
 5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/19/20 R Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

(Rules Amendment)

There was a lengthy discussion on this bill, which appropriates \$5,000,000 of CARES Act funds previously appropriated in Ordinance 2020-235-E to reimburse the city for the cost of the Building Inspection Fee Moratorium. Instead those funds will be directed to help local residents impacted by COVID 19 economic effects. CM Dennis was in attendance as the bill's sponsor. CM Newby proposed an amendment to specify that the funds would go to the mortgage/rent relief program, which was approved by the committee. Several council members spoke of the urgent need for financial support amongst their constituencies. When asked about the amount of applicants on the waiting list, Joey Grieve, CFO, said he would report back. The funds to be provided by the CARES Act have not been received yet by the City.

Aye: 7 - Morgan, Diamond, Boylan, Carlucci, DeFoor, Priestly Jackson and Newby

AMENDMENT

1. Attach a Revised BT to place the \$5,000,000 currently in a designated contingency in the Mortgage, Rent and Utility Relief Program grants approved through Ordinance 2020-235-E.
2. Add language to invoke 126.107(g) of the ordinance code to allow the City to enter into an agreement with FIS to handle the printing and processing of the debit cards
3. Include the relief program guidelines from Exhibit 2 of 2020-235-E which are as follows:
 - Designed to assist individuals and families struggling to meet monthly obligations for mortgage, rent or utility (water, gas or electric) payments due to wage loss from the COVID-19 crisis
 - City will make one-time payments of up to \$1,000 for mortgage, rent, and utility payments
 - Eligibility criteria include:
 - o Must live in Duval County
 - o At the time of application, annual household income must not exceed \$75,000 – a household is defined as the family occupying a specific residence. If such residence has only one individual occupying it, then that individual makes up the household. If there are more than one adults living in a household together, then only one adult may qualify for funding for the household.
 - o Must have documentation reflecting employment as of February 29, 2020 (may show paystubs, bank statements reflecting direct or indirect deposits or letter from employer that includes salary or typical wages earned in a 2 week period)
 - o Since February 29, 2020, have experienced a reduction in hours of work or pay reduction by 25% or more as a direct result of the COVID-19 crisis
 - o Must sign a certification that you meet all eligibility requirements
 - o Must fill out and sign a W-9 form
 - o Must sign a certification that you have received the debit card
5. [2020-0244](#) ORD MC-Concerning Equal Opportunity & Expanding the City's Equal Rights Laws to Prohibit Discrimination based upon Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity, Amend Sec. 60.105 (Functions, Powers & Duties), Ord Code; Amend Sec. 400.101 (Statement of Policy), Ord Code; Amend Chapt 402 (Equal Employment Opportunity), Ord Code; Amend Chapt 406 (Public Accommodations), Ord Code; Amend Chapt 408 (Fair Housing), Ord Code; Provide Legislative Intent; Provide for Exemption for Religious Institutions & Small Employers; Provide for Single-Sex Facilities & Dress Code; Amend Sec.'s 402.401, 402.402, 406.403 and 408.801 (G), Ord Code, to eliminate imprisonment as a penalty; Provide for interpretation; Auth the OGC to make codification changes (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Bowman)(Co-Sponsored by CM Cumber, Carlucci)
 5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
 5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/19/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
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READ 2ND & REREFER

6. [2020-0245](#) ORD MC-Relating to the Powers of the City Council & JEA; Setting a Public Referendum; Creating a New Sec. 4.04 & Amending Sec. 21.08 of the Charter of the City of Jax , in order to require that no Bonus or Incentive Program shall be Implemented unless Apvd Annually by the City Council; Providing for Referendum Approval; Providing for a Financial Impact Statement to be Developed & Placed on the ballot; Directing the Supervisor of Elections to Place the Referendum Question on the 2020 General Election Ballot on 11/3/2020. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Salem)
 5/12/20 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R
 5/18/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/19/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
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7. [2020-0248](#) ORD Pertaining to Hunger & Eviction Relief; Approp \$1,000,000.00 from Operating Reserves w/in the General Fund/General Svc Dist to Provide Funding to United Way of NE FL for Funding FL's First Coast Relief Fund to assist various Nonprofits in Providing Necessary Svcs Directly Related to the COVID-19 Outbreak;Apv & Auth the Mayor or his Designee & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, a Funding Agreeemnt btwn the City of Jax & United Way of NE FL for Distribution through FL's Relief Fund; Invoking the Exception of 126.107 (G) (Exemptions),Chapt 126 (Procurement Code),Ord Code, to Direct Contract w/United Way of NE FL;Waiving Sec. 118.201 (F)(7) (Release of Appropriations),Ord Code,since payments are not tied to draws for svcs performed or reimbursement for work done but per a schedule w/in the agreeemnt; Oversight by Office of Grants & Contract Compliance; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Boylan) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Morgan, Carlucci, Hazouri, Bowman, Cumber, White, Diamond, Newby, R.Gaffney , Priestly Jackson,DeFoor,Pittman,Salem & Ferraro)
 5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F,R
 5/18/20 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
 5/19/20 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
 5/19/20 R Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
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EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

CMs Boylan and Diamond spoke in support of this bill, noting the ability of nonprofits to directly assist the community during this pandemic.

Aye: 7 - Morgan, Diamond, Boylan, Carlucci, DeFoor, Priestly Jackson and Newby

- This bill appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Fund/GSD Fund Balance (i.e. Operating Reserves) to the United Way for the Florida First Coast Relief Fund related to COVID-19 relief.

AMENDMENT

Replace existing Funding Agreement with an amended Funding Agreement which does the following:

1. Makes various technical corrections throughout the Agreement.
2. Amends Sections XX.B. and XX.C. to remove the requirement that Subrecipients comply with the indemnification and insurance requirements of the Agreement. Only the Recipient will be required to indemnify and provide insurance.
3. Amends Exhibit A to clarify Subrecipients shall not use City Funds toward administrative or overhead costs not directly related to the Program.
4. Amends Exhibit A to clarify the Recipient shall not use City Funds toward administrative or overhead costs not directly related to the Program.
5. Amends Exhibit A to clarify Subrecipients will lift any existing standard limitations on frequency of support to individuals/households and use their discretion on a case by case basis to provide support to individuals/households at a frequency that addresses immediate needs that arise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. [2020-0251](#) ORD Approp \$785,000 from Reserves Acct for the Performing Arts Center-Downtown Visitor Center CIP Project to Duval County Tourist Developmnt Council ("TDC") Operations Acct; Purpose; Amend the TDC FY 2019-2020 Budget (Revised Schedule W) Apvd by Ord 2019-504-E (City's Annual Budget), to Provide Funding for TDC Operations to Offset the Anticipated Losses in Tourist Developmnt Taxes Due to COVID-19; Amend the 2020-2024 5 Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2019-505-E to reduce funding for the "Performing Arts Center-Downtown Visitor Center" CIP Project; Providing for Waiver of Chapt 666 (Duval County Tourist Developmnt Plan), Sec 666.108(D)(1) (Developmnt Acct), Ord Code, to allow for any unallocated funds remaining from the \$785,000 Approp herein to transfer at the end of 2019-2020 FY to the TDC Contingency Acct; Providing a TDC Recommendation regarding the Downtown Visitor Center location Pursuant to Ord 2019-845-E; Oversight by the TDC (Hodges) (Req of TDC)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
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9. [2020-0252](#) RESO Honoring & Commending Council Auditor Kyle Billy on the Occasion of his Retirement after 31 Yrs of Outstanding Service to the City of Jax (Clements) (Introduced by CMs Carlucci, Freeman, Morgan, Dennis, Hazouri, DeFoor, Wilson, Pittman, Bowman, Diamond, Ferraro, Newby, White, Becton, Boylan, Salem, Priestly Jackson, Cumber & R. Gaffney)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: R
5/19/20 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

It was noted that this resolution should include all council members as co-sponsors.

Aye: 7 - Morgan, Diamond, Boylan, Carlucci, DeFoor, Priestly Jackson and Newby

10. [2020-0253](#) RESO Conf the SE District CPAC's Appt of Ramon Day as a Member of the Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures ("TRUE") Commission, Filling a Seat formerly held by James S. "Jimmy" Daniel, Jr., for a Partial term exp 6/30/21.(Distel) (Req of SE CPAC)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: R
5/19/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

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

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

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Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Joyce Morgan, Vice Chair Rory Diamond, Council Member Michael Boylan, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Randy DeFoor, Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson and Council Member Sam Newby

Status update: Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel

Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel, provided a status update on the council rules which had been the focus of the Rules Committee this year. Topics included: voting procedures when absent from chambers, substitute motions, "friendly" amendments, adding names to bills as a co-sponsor, point of order, public speaker cards, widowed bills and withdrawal motions.

CM Newby and Ms. Sidman discussed the process for getting legislation added to the addendum of the agenda for council meetings. Essentially, if a bill is submitted after the deadline (Wednesday afternoon of committee week) then the council president may decide to put it on the addendum or wait for the next cycle.

Public comment

Two members of the public spoke in strong support of 2020-0244 and equal rights protections.

One member of the public questioned the wording of 2020-0244.

Minutes: Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

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Posted: 5.21.2020 5:00 pm