

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2020

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee

Randy White, Chair

Matt Carlucci, Vice Chair - Excused Early Departure

Rory Diamond

Reggie Gaffney

Brenda Priestly Jackson

Joyce Morgan

Sam Newby

Legislative Assistant: Ladayija Nichols

Legislative Assistant: Jessica Smith

Asst. Council Auditor: Kim Taylor

Research Asst.: Richard Distel

Chief Office of General Counsel: Paige Johnston

Administration: Rachel Zimmer

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Meeting Convened: 9:29 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 12:26 PM

Update by Department of Health on COVID-19

Dr. Pauline Rolle, Department of Health, gave the numbers of COVID-19 cases in Duval County. The current total as of Monday May 18th is 1,218 positives and 35 deaths. She described the work that the Department of Health is doing work in long term care facilities. The goal is to test all employees in long term care facilities in the next two weeks and continuing to do contact tracing in the community. The Federal outlined goal is to do 2% testing of the population; collectively the County has tested about 3%. Antibody testing is being done at Lot J for first responders.

CM White asked if there is a timeline for when we can visit loved ones at long term care facilities. Dr. Rolle said there isn't any plan so far for when people can visit again. CM Newby asked if the Department of Health is tracking how many people recover from the virus. Dr. Rolle said they are not recording recovery, because there is not a consistent measurement for recovery. CM Cumber asked about the system of tracking by zip code, and specifically that 32207 is at the top of numbers infected. CM Cumber asked if this is because Baptist Health is in that zip code. Dr. Rolle said that there have been issues with tracking the correct zip codes and they are working with Baptist Health to clear up the incorrect zip codes. CM Gaffney asked if they have done testing in public housing. Dr. Rolle said there have not been any sites set up at public housing, but will take that suggestion for possible new sites. CM Dennis thanked Dr. Rolle for her work and her staff. CM Dennis asked if there is a capacity issue in regards to testing or is it a funding issue? Dr. Rolle said that there has been a limited capacity based on the people able to do the testing, but Mayo Clinic has offered help to support capacity of testing.

Mr. Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer, gave a history of the timeline for testing sites that have been set up. Prime Osborn and Lot J were started in rapid order and the Department of Health and University of Florida have set up satellite facilities. CARES Act has set up the funding and the City is looking into vendors and focused on building up a larger Westside location. The City's goal is to get 15% of the population tested in the next 6 months. Daryl Joseph and Brian Hughes have compiled a list and Regency is very high on the list of places to expand to.

CM Dennis asked about what metric is being used to focus on testing? Mr. Hughes said the City is looking at testing capacity for providers and for indoor testing it is based on which sites have the ability to run the testing sites. The City is looking to have 6 locations that are well distributed throughout the community to make access easiest.

CM Carlucci asked if there will be a stronger wave in the fall. Dr. Rolle said that Covid-19 is still very new but there is some concern about a rise in cases in the fall/winter if this is a cyclical virus. Dr. Rolle has talked to Superintendent Green about how this may impact the school system opening back up.

Attendance:

- CM Freeman
- CM Becton (2020-243, 2020-247)
- CM Boylan (Presentation, 2020-243, 2020-247, 2020-248)
- CM Cumber (Presentation, 2020-247)
- CM Dennis (Presentation, 2020-243, 2020-247)

Item/File No.

Title History

1. [2019-0555](#) ORD Auth the Approp of \$1,725,422.19 in funding from the City's General Fund, General Svc. Dist. Fund Balance, in order to provide funding for the repayment by the City of funds received from the State of FL Dept of Environmental Protection, Pursuant to that certain land & water conservation Fund Agreement No.12-00182 btwn the City & the State of FL ("Grant Agreement"), to allow for the future dev of Metropolitan Park; Apv & Auth Mayor & Corp Sec to Exec any Grant Agreeemt termination docs & othr agreemts as req by law.
(B.T. 19-112)(Lotzia)(Req of Mayor)
8/13/19 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
8/19/19 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/19/19 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/20/19 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
8/27/19 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred; NCSPHS,TEU,F
9/5/19 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled/Defer
9/5/19 TEU Meeting Cancelled/Defer
3/16/20 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled-COVID-19/ Emergency-No Action
3/16/20 TEU Meeting Cancelled-COVID-19/ Emergency-No Action
3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled-COVID-19/ Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled-COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 8/27/19

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

2. [2020-0112](#) ORD Auth 5th Amend to Mgmt.Svcs. Agreemt btwn City of Jax & Cecil Field Golf Course, LLC Which: (1) Extends Term of Agreemt for 5 addtn'l Yrs; (2) Eliminates Base Fee & Percentage of Gross Revenues Payable to City in 2020; (3) Revises Pymt Schedule & Percentage of Gross Revenues Going Forward; (4) Deletes Existing Insur & Indemnification Language & Replaces it with New Insur & Indemnification Language; & (5) Updates Applicable Provisions Regarding Public Records Laws; Prov Oversight by Parks Recreation & Community Svcs. Dept. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM's White & Salem)
2/11/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/25/20 CO PH Read 2nd and Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
3/16/20 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601- 2/25/20

DEFER (At request of CM White)

3. [2020-0176](#) ORD Approp \$1,552,504.82 (\$1,431,330.41) in Revenue Collected from the Foreclosure Propty Registry & Reallocation of previously Approp Funds in Amt of \$121,174.41) to Provide Funding to Cover Various Progs that are Auth Pursuant to Chapt 179, Ord Code. (B.T. 20-047) (McGain) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/20 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
4/6/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/14/20 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred; NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –
3/24/20,4/14/20

AMEND/APPROVE

Tom Daly, Chief of Housing and Community Development, said that the amendment is about the small change in the appropriated amount.

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 1, line 27: strike "new"
2. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to attach corrected BT

Aye: 7 - White, Carlucci, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

4. [2020-0177](#) ORD Apv & Auth Deed of Conservation Easemt with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to Obtain Necessary Proj Permits from SJRWMD for Developmt of New Southside Senior Ctr at Beach & Peach Urban Park; Oversight by Dept of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, JWW
3/16/20 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/16/20 TEU Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
4/6/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/6/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/14/20 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, JWW
5/18/20 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
5/18/20 TEU Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –
3/24/20,4/14/20

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - White, Carlucci, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

5. [2020-0178](#) ORD Apv & Auth Derelict Vessel Grant Proj Agreemt No. 19196 w/Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FWC”) and City for Removal of Derelict 34 ft Cabin Cruiser Located in Intracoastal Waterway N of St. Johns River Near Channel Marker 55 & Reimburse to COJ by FWC of Actual Cost of Derelict Vessel Removal; Oversight by Dept of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWW
3/16/20 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
4/6/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
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4/14/20 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred;NCSPHS, F, JWW
5/18/20 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –
3/24/20,4/14/20

AMEND/APPROVE

Kim Taylor, Assistant Council Auditor, explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Include appropriation language in bill**
- 2. Attach BT as Exhibit 1**
- 3. Place revised agreement on file to extend agreement period from 5/29/20 to 8/31/20**

Aye: 7 - White, Carlucci, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

6. [2020-0181](#) ORD Auth Second Amend to Lease Agreement btwn City of Jax & Jax Golf Management, LLC to Waive Annual Rent & Gross Revenue Percentage Payment for Bent Creek Golf Course for 1 Yr to Allow Funds to be Utilized by Jax Golf Management, LLC for Renovations of the Greens; Oversight by Dept of Parks, Recreation & Community Services. (McCain) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Hazouri
3/10/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/20 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
4/6/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/14/20 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred; NCSPHS, F
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –
3/24/20,4/14/20

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

7. [2020-0187](#) Ord Auth Execution of (1) Redev Agreement btwn the City of Jax & Springfield Lofts, LLC & (2) Loan Documents & Related Documents to Support Redev by Developer an approx. 2.12± Acre Site at 1341 Pearl St, 235 W 3rd St & 205 W 3rd St in City of Jax Auth Redev Completion Grant in Amount of \$1,000,000 to Developer Upon Substantial Completion of Proj to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Auth Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) Grant in Amt of \$1,000,000 for Duration not to Exceed 10 yrs; Auth Development Loan in Amount of \$1,000,000 w/Term of 20 Yrs in Connection w/Project to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Designating OED as Contract Monitor for Agreement & Related Agreements; City Oversight of Project by Dept of Public Works & OED; Auth Execution of all Relating to Above Agreements & Transactions & Auth Technical Changes to the Documents; Prov Deadline for Developer to Execute Agreements After They are Delivered to Developer; Waiver of that Portion of Public Investment Policy Adopted by Ord 2016-382-E, as Amended which Limits REV Grants to No More than 50% of Tax Increment for Up to 10 Yrs & that Requires Company to Create at least 10 New Full-Time Jobs & to Auth Redev Completion Grant & Development Loan that are not Currently Auth by Public Investment Policy. (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
3/10/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
3/16/20 NCSPHS Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
4/6/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/7/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/14/20 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred; NCSPHS, F
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –
3/24/20,4/14/20

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

8. [2020-0207](#) ORD Adopt Inventory List Identifying City-Owned Surplus Property Deemed Appropriate for Use as Potential Affordable Housing Pursuant to & as Mandated by Secs 125.379 & 166.0451, F.S. & Sec 122.423, Ord Code; Declaring 84 Parcels on Inventory List to be Surplus to Needs of City; Auth Disposition of Subj Parcels Pursuant to Provision of Sec 122.423 (Disposition for Affordable Housing), Subpt B (Real Property Dispositions & Exchanges), Pt 4 (Real Property), Ord Code. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
4/14/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/20/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/21/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/28/20 CO Read 2nd and Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/28/20

AMEND/APPROVE

Kim Taylor, Assistant Council Auditor, explained the amendment.

AMENDMENT

1. Include total value of properties in bill (\$808,908)
2. Update account information in Section 4 of bill
3. Pg. 3, line 4: insert “and Exchanges” after “Dispositions”

Aye: 7 - White, Carlucci, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

9. [2020-0212](#) ORD-MC Creating New Sec 111.356 (Firefighter Candidate Sponsorship Program Spec Rev Fund), Pt 3 (Public Safety & Courts), Chapt 111 (Spec Rev & Trust Accounts), Ord Code, to Receive all Donations, Monetary Gifts, Contributions, Sponsorship Monies, & Other Related Monies to Provide Funding to Develop Firefighter Sponsorship Prog to Increase City of Jax Pool of Qualified Minority & Women Candidates for Position of Firefighter; Provide for Codification Instructions. (McCain) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Salem,Bowman, Pittman,Hazouri, Freeman, Ferraro & DeFoor)
4/14/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
4/20/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/21/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/28/20 CO Read 2nd and Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
5/19/20 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/28/20

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - White, Carlucci, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

10. [2020-0230](#) ORD Auth an Amended & Restated Redevelopmt Agreemt (“Amend Redevelopmt Ecomomic Agreemt) among City of Jax (“CITY”), Downtown Investment Authority (“DIA”), & Axis Hotels LLC (“Developer”) to Support Renovation by Developer of Ambassador Hotel Bldg at 420 N. Julia St, in Northbank Downtown Community Redevelopmt Area (“Project”); Designating DIA as Contract Monitor for Amended Redevelopmt Agreemt; Oversight of Proj by Dept of Public Works & DIA; Auth Execution of all Documents Relating to Above Agreemt & Transactions, & Auth Tech Changes to Documents; Providing Deadline for Developer to Execute Agreemt After it is Delivered to Developer. (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)
4/28/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/4/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/5/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/12/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;NCSPHS,F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/12/20

AMEND/APPROVE

- **Removes provisions regarding the development of 220 units of multi-family housing and a parking structure**
- **Reduces the private capital investment from \$37,100,000 to \$18,500,000**
- **Removes REV grant of \$4,900,000 and reduces the City’s maximum indebtedness from \$6,400,000 to \$1,500,000**
- **The Developer has delinquent property taxes totaling \$113,737.06. Of the total amount, \$74,270.66 is related to the project parcel; however, the amended and restated redevelopment agreement includes a provision that requires all property taxes on the project parcel to be current prior to the City disbursing any portion of the \$1,500,000 Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant**

AMENDMENT

1. **Strike language in bill title regarding developer’s deadline for contract execution**
2. **Insert missing text at bottom of pg. 1**
3. **Pg. 1, line 29: strike “DAI” and insert “DIA”**

Aye: 7 - White, Carlucci, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

11. [2020-0239](#) ORD-Approp a Donation of \$10,619.66 from the Riverview Lake-Forest Volunteer Fire Dept to the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept to be used for the Procurement of Life-Saving Thermal Imaging Cameras (B.T. 20-059) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

READ 2ND & REREFER

12. [2020-0240](#) ORD-Approp \$175,591.52 in Funds Awarded by the Federal Emergency Mgmt Agency (FEMA) through the State of FL Div of Emergency Mgmt (FDEM) for Flood Mitigation Grant-Mitigation Reconstruction of Repetitive Loss Project (The “Project”) to Demolish One Residential Structure & Construct a New Elevated Structure at 10253 Shark Rd, Jax, FL 32226; Apv & Auth the Mayor, his Designee, & Corp Secretary to execute & deliver the Federally-Funded Subaward & Grant Agreement btwn City of Jax & FDEM & other documents necessary to Receive the Grant Funds & to Effectuate the Purpose of this Ord; Apv & Auth the Mayor, his Designee, & Corp Secretary to execute & deliver the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Agreement btwn City of Jax & Demmi Jo Murphy; Oversight by JFRD Div of Emergency Preparedness (B.T. 20-045) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

READ 2ND & REREFER

13. [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

READ 2ND & REREFER

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 Diamond asked if the funds are restricted. Joey Greive, Chief Financial Officer, said that they are due to them coming from the CARES Act and the funds are restricted to expenditures from COVID-19. Mr. Killingsworth, Director of Planning and Development, talked about the last recession and how it impacted the City. CM Priestly Jackson stressed this is relief not stimulus money, and that means helping people in their time of need. CM Morgan agreed with that statement, and that the relief needs to come now. CM Gaffney said he cannot support the bill. CM Dennis said he found the money and that this is an emergency, he did not choose a location of the funding so that the Council could decide where there is a current need.

Emergency vote failed and will be on the normal cycle at the next committee meeting.

14. [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
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

READ 2ND & REREFER

15. [2020-0246](#) ORD Concerning Continuation Grant; Providing for Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Approp \$6,571,550.00 for Program Costs, Providing for the Award, Authorization, & Funding, & for the City of Jax to Execute Federal Program Contracts for CDBG Program Funds, as Applicable, to implement B.T. 21-001; Providing the Purpose; Providing for Further Council Action if Revenue Differs; Providing for the Mayor & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver Documents relating to the Awards; Apv Positions (B.T. 21-001)(R.T. 21-001) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

READ 2ND & REREFER

16. [2020-0247](#) ORD Making Certain findings & Approp \$9,000,000 from General Fund/GSD Fund Balance to Establish a COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant Program (“Program”) for eligible Small Businesses in Duval County; Auth the City to Enter into an Agreement w/Financial Institute; Providing for Annual Reports to City Council; Req that the Finance & Admin Dept & Office & Office of Economic Development Oversee the Grant Process & Program; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Cumber)(Co-Sponsored by CM's Bowman,Hazouri, Ferraro, Gaffney, Morgan, White, Diamond, Newby,Pittman & Freeman) 5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-1 (Priestly Jackson)
5/19/20 F Emergency/Amend(2x)/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

CM Cumber said that citizens need relief now and this bill speaks to small business owners. CM Gaffney supports bill and is a co-sponsor of the bill and wants to be added to the bill. CM Morgan and CM White asked for their names to be added as co-sponsors. CM Priestly Jackson said she doesn't see CM Cumber's bill as anymore of an emergency then the CM Dennis bill. Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel, detailed the amendment and listed the kinds of businesses that would not receive the funds.

CM Newby asked how will small businesses apply for the funds. CM Cumber said there will be an online portal that you could apply for the funds. CM Becton asked if this bill will help businesses that do not have assets. CM Cumber said the intent is to be similar to the \$40 million that helped rent relief of citizens. There will be a box to be checked, and CM Becton asked why that language wasn't added to the legislation. CM Cumber said she tried to mirror the \$40 million rent relief bill with this \$9 million for small businesses rent relief. Mr. Greive said that they are working on the technical component of the website. CM Becton asked if the \$40 million legislation had added restrictions that were not in the bill. Mr. Greive said he was not aware of anything different from the legislation in the bill. CM Becton just stressed that he wished there was more clarity in the bill.

CM Dennis talked about the \$180 million in the reserve funds and stressed his concern about dipping into the funds. CM Dennis said that the rent relief did leave people left out in the cold. CM Dennis said we should be cutting checks towards mortgage companies and JEA in order to help give relief instead of sending debit cards. CM Cumber said we trusted 40,000 people with that money and we are trust 45,000 small businesses. Mr. Greive said that for a program like this that speed is essential. CM Priestly Jackson said that because this is coming from the General Fund this is problematic and for her it would make sense if you took it from the CARES Act and she disagreed with it being similar to the \$40 million because it comes from a different funding source.

- This bill appropriates \$9,000,000 from the General Fund/GSD Fund Balance (i.e. Operating Reserves) for a COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant Program.

AMENDMENT:

1. Remove and replace Exhibit 2 to state the following:

a. The following types of businesses are generally, though not always, considered undesirable loans.

- Adult entertainment industry
- Amusement parks
- Casinos and gambling establishments
- Dry cleaners locations with hazardous chemicals on-site
- Marijuana/Cannabis related
- Meat packers/processors/slaughtering operations
- Time-sharing and health club facilities
- Waste disposal firms/landfills/handlers of environmental contaminants

b. Only one business Tax ID number will be permitted for these funds.

2. The financial institution will be FIS, who will handle the processing of these debit cards. Amend the legislation and invoke Sec. 126.107(g) of the Ordinance Code to name same.

3. Remove the carryover language in the bill, the funds will be spent prior to September 30, 2020.

4. Amend Section 8 of the Ordinance to require reporting requirement be monthly instead of annually.

Aye: 6 - White, Carlucci, Diamond, Gaffney, Morgan and Newby

Nay: 1 - Priestly Jackson

17. [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 Agreemnt 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 agreemnt; 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

CM Boylan detailed the funds that will go towards the United Way of Northeast Florida for funding Florida's First Coast Relief Fund. This money will go to organizations that help needed groups in the community. CM Gaffney and CM White asked to be added as co-sponsors. CM Diamond asked to be added as a co-sponsor. CM Diamond said that his non-profit has been down 50% in donations from last year and stressed that the beaches need this relief. CM Morgan asked if the Council Members could share this funding availability on social media. CM Boylan stressed this is money to support these programs in the community and allow non-profits to help communities in need.

• 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.

Aye: 6 - White, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

Excused: 1 - Carlucci

18. [2020-0249](#) ORD Approp \$ 75,000 from Auth Capital Projects/Investment Pool Earnings to Provide Funding for the Creation & Installation of a Fallen Firefighter Memorial at Fire Station One (“Project”); Providing a Carryover of Funds from Yr to Yr until such Funds are Expended or Lapse According to the Agreement; Apv & Auth the Mayor Mayor or his Designee & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver an Agreement (“Agreement”) with Brodin Studios, Inc. to Create & Install the Memorial in accordance w/the Agreement; Req that the Dept of PW Oversee the Agreement & Project; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Sawyer) (Introduced by CM White) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Cumber, Hazouri, R. Gaffney, Newby, Bowman, DeFoor, Freeman & Salem)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 6-0
5/19/20 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 7-0
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Chief Powers detailed the cost of memorial and that the need for the emergency was because of project would need adequate time to build the memorial. Kim Taylor detailed the amendments. CM Gaffney asked to be added as a co-sponsor. CM Newby asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

AMENDMENT

- 1. Strike language in Section 1 regarding receipt of payment required under settlement agreement**
- 2. Correct oversight department to JFRD in bill title**
- 3. Pg. 2, line 8- strike “and” and insert “at”**

Aye: 6 - White, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

Excused: 1 - Carlucci

19. [2020-0250](#) ORD Approp \$2,200,000 from General Fund/GSD Balance to Provide Funding for Critical Repairs to TIAA Bank Field; Amend the 2020-2024 5 Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2019-505-E to add the Project entitled "Building Systems-TIAA Bank Field"; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 6-0
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Brian Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer, said the emergency is because of COVID-19 this bill would have been moved weeks ago but that interrupted the bill. These are contractual obligations for building codes and that the possibility that the NFL and Florida/Georgia games will go on.

1. This bill appropriates \$2,200,000 from the General Fund/GSD Fund Balance (i.e. Operating Reserves) for the following improvements/repairs at TIAA Bank Stadium:

- Sports lights replacement and tower repairs - \$1,200,000**
- Escalator and elevator repairs - \$750,000**
- Field drainage system repairs - \$250,000**

2. Projects like these are usually funded through the ticket surcharges or the Convention Development Tax; however, both of these funding sources have been fully allocated to other projects and will likely experience a shortfall due to COVID-19.

DISCUSSION

- 1. The FY 2019/20 budget for the ticket surcharge revenue included an appropriation for elevator upgrades. How do the upgrades differ from the repairs?**
- 2. Given that there will likely be revenue shortfalls in the convention development tax, how will the City cover any other projects that are already in progress this year?**

Aye: 6 - White, Diamond, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, Morgan and Newby

Excused: 1 - Carlucci

20. [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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21. [2020-0255](#) ORD Concerning Continuation Grant; Approp \$10,395,947 in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Prog Funds from FL Housing Finance Corp to Serve Very Low, Low, & Moderate Income Families; Apv Positions. (B.T. 21-005) (R.C. 20-113) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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22. [2020-0256](#) ORD Concerning Continuation Grant; Approp \$2,610,888.00 in Annual Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) Prog Grant Funding from U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Developmt to Prov a Wide Range of Housing, Social Svcs, Prog Planning & Developmt Costs to Low-Income Persons Living with HIV/AIDS & their Families within Duval County; Apv Position. (B.T. 27-004) (R.C. 21-003) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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23. [2020-0257](#) ORD Concerning Continuation Grant; Approp \$552,683.00 in Annual Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding from U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Developmt for Funding to: 1) Engage Homeless Individuals & Families Living on the Street; 2) Improve Number & Quality of Emergency Shelters for Homeless Individuals & Families; 3) Help Operate these Shelters; 4) Prov Essential Svcs to Shelter Residents; 5) Rapidly Re-House Homeless Individuals & Families; &, 6) Prevent Individuals & Families from Becoming Homeless. (B.T. 21.002) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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24. [2020-0258](#) ORD Concerning Continuation Grant; Approp \$3,228,064.00 in Annual Federal Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Grant Prog Funding from U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Developmt for Funding for Wide Range of Activities, Including Building, Buying, &/or Rehabilitating Affordable Housing for Rent or Homeownership for or Prov Direct Rental Assistance to Low Income Individuals & Families; Apv Positions. (B.T. 21-003) (R.C. 21-002) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
5/18/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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Public Comment:

Two members of the public talked on ORD 2020-244. Human Rights Ordinance. They expressed their belief that there is no need for this bill.

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

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Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Randy White, Vice Chair Matt Carlucci, Council Member Rory Diamond, Council Member Reggie Gaffney, Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson, Council Member Joyce Morgan and Council Member Sam Newby

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