

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2020

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

Terrance Freeman, Chair
Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Vice Chair
Danny Becton
Aaron Bowman
LeAnna Cumber
Garrett Dennis
Al Ferraro

Legislative Assistant: Vonya Balogh
Legislative Assistant: Jessica Smith
General Counsel: Paige Johnston
Research Assistant: Anthony Baltiero
Council Auditor's Office: Phillip Peterson
Administration: Rachel Zimmer
Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana

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Meeting Convened: 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:18 p.m.

Attendance: Councilmembers Freeman (Chair), Salem (Vice Chair), Bowman, Becton, Cumber, Dennis, Ferraro

Also: Anthony Baltiero, Yvonne Mitchell - Council Research; Paige Johnston - Office of General Council; Sharonda Davis, Vonya Balogh – Legislative Services; Phillip Peterson - Council Auditor's Office; Melanie Wilkes and Steve Cassada – Council Support Services

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 Administration)

2. [2019-0556](#) ORD Estab the “Bay Street Innovation Corridor”; Req City Depts & Approp Independent Authorities to estab policies & procedures to streamline the adoption & implementation of New technologies within the Corridor & to consider adding advanced technologies when repairs or maint of public r/w’s or facilities take place within the Corridor. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Bowman)
8/13/19 CO Introduced: TEU
8/19/19 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
8/27/19 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred;TEU
9/5/19 TEU Meeting Cancelled
3/16/20 TEU 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 CM Bowman)

3. [2020-0058](#) ORD Apv & Auth Jax Aviation Authority (JAA) to Withdraw from Risk Mgmt. Insurance Prog. Operated by City of Jax in accordance w/Sec 128.106, Ord Code, Prov for Return of JAA Funds; Prov for Prospective Effec Withdrawal Date. (Sidman) (Req of JAA)
1/28/20 CO Introduced: TEU, F
2/3/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/4/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/11/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred;TEU,F
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 – 2/11/20

DEFER (At request of JAA)

4. [2020-0107](#) ORD Approp \$497,195.63 from Retained Earnings in Subfund 561 to Subfund 561 Self-Insurance Acct to Return Excess FY 2019 Gen Liability Loss Provision to JAA in Amt of \$9,035.70 & Return Excess Workers’ Comp Loss Provision to JAA in Amt of \$488,159.93. (B.T. 20-049) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
2/11/20 CO Introduced: TEU, F
2/18/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/19/20 F Read 2nd and Rerefer
2/25/20 CO PH Read 2nd and Rereferred;TEU,F
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- 2/25/20

DEFER (At request of JAA)

5. [2020-0147](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming Portions of Polk Rd., W. 1st St., & W 2nd St, Unopened & Unimproved R/W's. Estab via Duval City Plat; Subj to Reservation unto City & JEA of Utilities Easemnt over Closed Polk Rd. R/W to accommodate the City's to maintain existence drainage & provide JEA Ingress & Egress to Powerlines to North; Provide for Appvl. Subject to Conditions (Dist 7-R. Gaffney) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
2/25/20 CO Introduced: TEU
3/2/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
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 TEU Public Hearing Continued Per Ordinance 2020-200
5/18/20 TEU PH Approve 7-0
TEU Public Hearing to Sec 336.10, F.S –
3/16/20,4/6/20,4/20/20,5/4/20,5/18/20
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 3/10/20

PH APPROVE

COMMENTARY: Renee Hunter, Public Works Department, provided a brief summary of the bill explaining that the applicant intends to consolidate the surrounding properties for better ease of sale.

Aye: 7 - Freeman, Salem, Becton, Bowman, Cumber, Dennis and Ferraro

6. [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

COMMENTARY: Daryl Joseph, Parks Department, provided clarification of the bill explaining that the plan is to build a senior center and Beach and Peach Urban Park while turning a 2 acre portion of the area into a wetland conservation area.

Aye: 7 - Freeman, Salem, Becton, Bowman, Cumber, Dennis and Ferraro

7. [2020-0208](#) ORD Approp Grant Funds in Amt of \$5,000.00 from FDOT for Reimb. of City of Jax's Participation in Design & Project Managemt of Pedestrian Improvemts on Park St/Margaret St. from Riverside Ave to I-95 Ramps, Amend 2020-2024 5-Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2019-505-E to Prov Funding for Proj Entitled "Park St. Pedestrian Improvements from Riverside Ave to I-95 Ramps" Auth the Mayor, or his designee, & Corp. Secretary to execute & deliver, on behalf of the City, the Local Agency Prog. Agreemt btwn FDOT & City of Jax; Oversight by Engineering & Construction Management Division of Dept of Public Works. (B.T. 20-054) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
4/14/20 CO Introduced: TEU, F
4/20/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/21/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/28/20 CO Read 2nd and Rerefered; TEU, F
5/18/20 TEU 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

COMMENTARY: Philip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office, explained the amendment noting that the project does not qualify as a CIP project and the need for a revised BIT with an updated project tracking number.

Aye: 7 - Freeman, Salem, Becton, Bowman, Cumber, Dennis and Ferraro

AMENDMENT

- 1. Remove CIP language and CIP sheet - project does not need to be included in CIP**
- 2. Attach revised BT to correct project number**

8. [2020-0210](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming Portion of Opened & Unimproved R/W of Pemberton St at Req of Jordi Martin Gillio Hogan, Subj to Reservation unto JEA of an All Utilities Easemt Over Closed Pemberton St R/W; Provide Approval Subj to Conditions. (Dist 11-Becton) (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
4/14/20 CO Introduced: TEU
4/20/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/28/20 CO Read 2nd and Rerefered;TEU
5/18/20 TEU PH Approve 7-0
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. – 5/4/20,5/18/20
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/28/20

PH APPROVE

COMMENTARY: Renee Hunter, Public Works Department, provided clarification of the bill noting the applicant's desire to consolidate the adjacent properties and explained the current deteriorated status of the right-of-way.

Aye: 7 - Freeman, Salem, Becton, Bowman, Cumber, Dennis and Ferraro

9. [2020-0227](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/or Disclaiming Drainage & Utilities Easement in Mandarin Meadows at Req of VC Mandarin Senior Housing, LTD; Approval Subj to Conditions. (Dist 6-Boylan)(McCain) (Req of Mayor)
4/28/20 CO Introduced:TEU
5/4/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/12/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;TEU
5/18/20 TEU PH Amend/Approve 7-0
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S. – 5/18/20
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/12/20

PH AMEND/APPROVE

COMMENTARY: Philip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office, explained the amendment noting a simple addition of language that was omitted by a technical glitch.

Aye: 7 - Freeman, Salem, Becton, Bowman, Cumber, Dennis and Ferraro

AMENDMENT

Add missing language pg. 2, line 1 "the property"

10. [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
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

READ 2ND & REREFER

COMMENTARY: CM Salem said that despite not being taken up today, he wanted to provide some clarity of the bill's purpose. Mr. Salem explained that this bill approves putting short term incentive plan for JEA on the November 2020 ballot. Mr. Salem explained the process for JEA to bring their future incentive plans to the Council for approval.

COMMENTARY: Following the agenda items, CM Ferraro asked if the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) could come to a future TEU meeting to discuss some of the upcoming bills and projects that are related to the roadways. CM Ferraro also asked if the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) could come to future meetings to discuss the local option gas tax. CM Ferraro also discussed multiple bills that he will be moving forward regarding roadway issues. Chair Freeman agreed with CM Ferraro and will reach out to the aforementioned agencies.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 1, 2020.

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

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Rollcall

Present: 7 - Chair Terrance Freeman, Vice Chair Ron Salem, Council Member Danny Becton, Council Member Aaron Bowman, Council Member LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Garrett Dennis and Council Member Al Ferraro

Minutes: Anthony J. Baltiero, Council Research Assistant
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