

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

Finance Committee

Aaron Bowman, Chair
LeAnna Cumber, Vice Chair
Randy DeFoor - Excused Early Departure
Terrance Freeman
Tommy Hazouri
Ju'Coby Pittman
Ron Salem, Pharm. D.

Legislative Assistant: Ladayija Nichols
Legislative Assistant: Sharonda Davis
Council Auditor: Kyle Billy
Chief of Research: Jeff Clements
Deputy General Counsel: Peggy Sidman
Administration: Rachel Zimmer
Asst. Council Auditor: Kim Taylor

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Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 1:01 PM

- **Presentation on Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority by Barney Smith, Chair, and Mark Hendrickson, Financial Advisor**
- **Presentation by Joey Greive, Chief Financial Officer, City of Jacksonville**
- **Council Auditor Kyle Billy to discuss Report #833: Independent Agency Quarterly Summary for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2020**

**Attendance: Council Members Aaron Bowman, LeAnna Cumber, Randy DeFoor
Terrance Freeman, Tommy Hazouri, Ju'Coby Pittman, Ron Salem**

Also: Council Members Danny Becton, Randy White (2020-249), Al Ferraro (2020-212, 2020-248), Garrett Dennis (2020-141, 2020-247) and Michael Boylan (2020-248, 2020-249); Kyle Billy, Kim Taylor, Heather Reber and Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor's Office; Brian Hughes – Mayor's Office; Peggy Sidman, Paige Johnston and Susan Grandin – Office of General Counsel; Jeff Clements and Yvonne Mitchell – Council Research Division; Ladayija Nichols – Legislative Services Division; Steve Cassada, Eric Grantham and Melanie Wilkes – Council Support Services; Joey Greive, Teresa Eichner and Kirk Wendland – Finance Department; Laura Stagner – Neighborhoods Department; John Pappas – Public Works Department; Chief Keith Powers – Fire and Rescue Department; Daryl Joseph – Parks and Recreation Department

Jacksonville Housing Authority presentation

Barney Smith, JHA Board Chairman, started a PowerPoint presentation on the authority, its mission and operations. The authority does not receive any operating funds from the City and does not own any housing units – it is a provider of financing to incentivize private developers to construct affordable housing. Mark Hendrickson, JHA's financial advisor, said JHFA has provided over \$765 million in financing over the years for affordable housing through private sector lenders and underwriters. The authority supports both rental and owned housing units primarily through mortgage revenue bonds for which the City and JHFA have no financial liability and local government support loans to leverage state funding. The authority has helped incentivize approximately \$190 million in new construction and renovation projects over the past 6 years.

Mr. Smith explained the Millenia Portfolio of 4 apartment complexes which were much in the news over the past few years because of the poor conditions of the units and the poor management. The JHFA had nothing to do with those properties, as the owner used another financing authority from the Florida panhandle and bypassed JHFA's participation and loan underwriting procedures.

Mr. Hendrickson said that participating properties are inspected by the JHFA and the residents' financial qualifications are periodically reviewed. He described the financing mechanisms for both the multi-family developers and for the first-time homebuyer loan program. Mr. Smith offered the JHFA's expertise and years of experience to the City Council to answer questions or provide further information at any time.

In response to a question from Council Member Salem about the JHFA's staff, Mr. Smith said that Mr. Hendrickson is a paid financial advisor and Ms. Stagner devotes up to 50% of her time and up to 30% of the time of a Neighborhoods Department compliance officer to JHFA administration.

In response to a question from Council Member Pittman about the marketing process to inform the developers and the public about availability of JHFA funding, Mr. Hendrickson said the home ownership program is marketed primarily to realtors and mortgage lenders. The developer programs are noticed annually to the general public and to affordable housing developers in the industry. Mr. Smith said that the JHFA can change its priority and funding targets as conditions change, for instance focusing primarily on location, or lower rents, or proximity to public transit, etc. Council Member Hazouri asked for a copy of the presentation for council members. He asked if there is a simple description of the application process for council members to help walk both potential homeowners and developers through the process and Mr. Smith agreed to provide him with a pamphlet describing the program. Mr. Hazouri asked if the JHFA tries to purchase surplus City properties for affordable housing; Mr. Smith said the JHFA is not a developer or owner so doesn't purchase property, but it could be a conduit to help get them into the hands of people who could use them.

Chief Financial Officer Joey Greive made a presentation on the City's policy regarding employee comp time accrued during the COVID -19 pandemic. During declared emergencies such as hurricanes, non-essential employees are on administrative leave and essential employees who work get extra comp time. The policy needs to be revisited due to the long-term nature of the current emergency and changes negotiated with the employee unions. The current situation isn't like a hurricane that is over in a few days in one payroll period. City employees accrued \$40 million in emergency comp time during the first month of the COVID-19 emergency, \$30 million in public safety and \$10 million by other employees. The administration has talked to the police and fire unions and they are being very understanding and cooperative, and have bargained to a 1 year protection from furloughs and layoffs due to the COVID emergency economic impacts in exchange for stopping accrual of emergency comp time; the public safety unions are voting on that agreement this week. The other 4 civilian unions are still negotiating. The current accrual is up to \$50 million in comp time as of May 8 and should not grow much beyond that.

In response to a question from Chairman Bowman about whether there is any legislative action needed to deal with non-union employees, Mr. Greive said the mayor administratively adjusted comp time accrual from 1-1 hours to 0.5-1 hours and ultimately to flat time for appointed officials and employees. The rest is subject to union negotiations. Mr. Bowman asked about future impacts on the budget from all this comp time and Mr. Greive said the majority will be paid out over next 6 years either as used leave time or as retirement payouts. Council Member DeFoor asked what changes need to be made with regard to non-union employees to rein in this comp time accrual. Mr. Greive said the mayor cut it off administratively when the accrual began to balloon and they will know in the future to do that at the front end of a potentially lengthy emergency. The comp plan policy is in the appointed official pay plan which can be amended at the discretion of the mayor, which has been done.

Council Auditor's Report #833 - Independent Agency Quarterly Summary for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2020

Council Auditor Kyle Billy said he hasn't received the City's quarterly budget summary yet, due to the implementation of the 1Cloud financial management system, so that's expected in early June. This report covers just the 4 big independent authorities.

JEA is projecting depositing more money into its electric rate stabilization fund because fuel costs are running below budget; the water and sewer utility is expecting a surplus by year-end; the chilled water operation will be balanced at year end.

JTA funnels all of its operating expenditures through the bus budget to the ferry, Skyway, and Connexion systems. Sales taxes revenue is expected at this point to see a deficit of \$5.8M, bus fares are down, and ferry fare revenue is down. The bus operations account will run a projected deficit of \$5.8M due mostly to the sales tax revenue shortfall.

JPA is projecting lower revenues from container operations and will cut pay-go expenditures to balance the budget.

JAA is seeing huge revenue losses from concessions, parking, and facility rental shortfalls which will be balanced by reduced expenditures, postponing Concourse B construction and reducing employees through buyouts.

Mr. Billy said his office will produce a separate quarterly summary for the City budget when that information is received from the Finance Department.

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 Agreemt 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. [2020-0058](#) 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)

3. [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)

4. [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)

5. [2020-0141](#) ORD Approp \$650,000.00 from General Fund – General Svcs. Dist (GSD) Fund Balance to Gen. Counsel Fund – Judgments, Claims, & Losses to Prov Funding for Settlement of Claims or Potential Claims Asserted by Temp Civilian Bailiffs Employed by City of Jax; Auth General Counsel to take Further Action to Effectuate Settlements. (B.T. 20-056) (Pinkstaff) (Req of Mayor)
 2/25/20 CO Introduced: F
 3/3/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/10/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred; F
 3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
 3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
 5/19/20 F Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 3/10/20

Diane Moser briefly explained the legal settlement on Social Security vs. OBRA participation for part time and temporary union employees. The \$650,000 is being appropriated from reserves to the settlement fund in OGC. Council Member DeFoor asked what happens to the funds put into Social Security in error. Ms. Moser said they are not being reclaimed because they don't know if there is a legal way to do it. Tiffany Pinkstaff of OGC said her office has not been asked to explore options to recoup Social Security payments but will be happy to do that. In response to a question from Council Member Hazouri about how many other employees might be in a similar situation, Ms. Moser said that since October 2010 there were 42 people who separated or retired from the City who might be in the same situation and could make the same claim, which would cost an additional \$135,000. Council Member Dennis said that when he was first elected he was placed in both the Florida Retirement System and Social Security for a time and when that was discovered, the City recouped from him what was accidentally paid to Social Security so there is precedent for that.

APPROVE

- **This bill appropriates \$650,000 from the General Fund/GSD Fund Balance (i.e. Operating Reserves) for a settlement with bailiffs.**

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

6. [2020-0144](#) ORD Revising Exh 1 to Sec 8 of Ord 2015-428-E to Adopt New Budget Transfer Form & New Transfer Directive Form which Will Allow for New Accounting Segments Used in the 1Cloud System vs those Adopted on Forms for FAMIS & Will Prov a 1Cloud Acct Structure which Reflects the Fund, Center, Account, Proj, Activity, & Interfund Acct Segments; Adopt "Appropriation of Funds" Form. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)
 2/25/20 CO Introduced: F
 3/3/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 3/10/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred; F
 3/17/20 F Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
 3/24/20 CO Meeting Cancelled COVID-19/Emergency-No Action
 5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 3/10/20

AMEND/APPROVE**AMENDMENT****Attach revised Exhibit 1 to correct BT template****Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

7. [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) (McCain) (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**AMENDMENT****1. Pg. 1, line 27: strike "new"****2. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to attach corrected BT****Aye:** 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

8. [2020-0178](#) ORD Apv & Auth Derelict Vessel Grant Proj Agreement 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
 4/7/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 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

Kim Taylor explained the amendment. Chairman Bowman asked about stronger penalties on derelict vessel owners to repay the City for its cleanup costs. Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, said they work with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Sheriff’s Office on finding boat owners and getting restitution. These grants are becoming more plentiful so they will be pursuing more. Council Member DeFoor said it’s a long, drawn-out process to notify the owners and force some action, much harder for boats than for abandoned cars. She’s hoping for assistance from the Florida Legislature to help deal with the problem. Attorney Susan Grandin of the Office of General Counsel said the state did pass a law a couple of years ago about vessels at risk of becoming derelict, and JSO is being proactive in that area of enforcement. The Waterways Commission is working on floating structures legislation and will expand to derelict vessels and commercial vessels later.

AMEND/APPROVE

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 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

9. [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)

10. [2020-0187](#) Ord Auth Execution of (1) Redev Agreemt 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 Agreemt & Related Agreemts; City Oversight of Project by Dept of Public Works & OED; Auth Execution of all Relating to Above Agreemts & Transactions & Auth Technical Changes to the Documents; Prov Deadline for Developer to Execute Agreemts 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)

11. [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

Kim Taylor explained the amendments. Paige Johnston explained Council Member Pittman's floor amendment to remove one of the parcels from the list so the adjoining property owner could purchase it via authorized direct sale, which was approved and rolled into a Finance amendment

AMEND/APPROVE

1. **Include total value of properties in bill (\$801,391)**
2. **Update account information in Section 4 of bill**
3. **Pg. 3, line 4: insert "and Exchanges" after "Dispositions"**
4. **Revise number of parcels from 84 to 83**
5. **Remove the property located at 1706 W. 26th Street (RE Number 087107-0000) from the list attached as Exhibit 1 to the bill**
6. **Waive the provisions of Section 122.423 (Disposition for affordable housing), Ordinance Code, to allow the parcel to be removed from the list and sold through the process described in Section 122.424 (Disposition by direct sale), Ordinance Code, or 122.425, (Disposition by public auction or sealed bid), Ordinance Code, as directed in this ordinance; and**
7. **Direct the Real Estate Division to first follow the procedures outlined in Section 122.424 (Disposition by direct sale), Ordinance Code, as to this parcel and if unsold by direct sale pursuant to Section 122.424, then the Real Estate Division may follow the procedures outlined in Section 122.425 (Disposition by public auction or sealed bid), Ordinance Code.**

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

- 12. [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

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

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

13. [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

Fire Chief Keith Powers explained the program's intention to recruit minority and female high school athletes to work for JFRD. Council Members Bowman, Pittman, Hazouri, Freeman, Ferraro, and DeFoor asked to be added as co-sponsors.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

14. [2020-0228](#) ORD Re Duval County Property Appraiser's Budget for FY 2020-2021; Adopt Recommended Findings & Conclusions for Duval County Property Appraiser's 2020-2021 FY Budget. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Bowman)
4/28/20 CO Introduced: F
5/5/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/12/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;F
5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/12/20

Property Appraiser Jerry Holland explained the reason for the early budget approval to meet the state's deadline for approval by the Department of Revenue. The budget would have to go back to DOR for re-approval if the Council changes the budget during its budget hearings in August/September. Kim Taylor explained the technical amendment. Council Member DeFoor asked if the budget is in fact decreasing by 3%. Mr. Holland said it is, but the City still has to calculate some factors that aren't included yet that could change the final number a bit. Mr. Holland said there are no salary increases or enhancements this year. He noted that his office will be reopening to the public on June 1 on an appointment basis, and will be fully open July 1. He has directed employees to use their emergency comp time accrual by September 30th so as not to impact on next year's budget. COVID-19 will not impact this year's ad valorem taxes, but will impact next year with reductions from rental income at commercial properties. Chairman Bowman asked for an update on homestead exemption fraud prevention at a future meeting.

AMEND/APPROVE

See separate attachment of the PAO FY 20/21 Proposed Budget

AMENDMENT

Insert missing text after pg. 1, line 31

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

15. [2020-0229](#) ORD Engaging an Independent Auditor for Providing an Annual Audit of the City & Certain Other Funded Progs for a 3 Yr Contract Period for the Yr Ending Sept 30, 2020, 2021 & 2022 ,Under Single Audit Approach, Apv Independent Auditor Agreemt btwn City & Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, Auth Execution by the Council President & Finance Committee Chairman; Apv Professional Fees. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM's Bowman, Cumber & Freeman)(Co-Sponsored by CM Hazouri)
4/28/20 CO Introduced: F
5/5/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/12/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered;F
5/19/20 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/12/20

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

16. [2020-0230](#) ORD Auth an Amended & Restated Redevelopmt Agreemt (“Amend Redevelopmt Economic 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
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Chairman Bowman asked Steve Diebenow, representing the developer, to describe the purpose of the bill to split out the REV grant for the new construction from this bill, to be dealt with in separate legislation for the building across the street. Steve Kelly of the DIA and Mr. Diebenow described the development costs and City incentives for the various phases of the project. Kim Taylor reviewed the amendments. Chairman Bowman expressed concern about approving a bill that provides incentives to a company that owes the City back taxes on the building. Mr. Diebenow described a “chicken and egg” problem with getting the project to go forward and gave assurances that the taxes would be paid before any City incentives are paid.

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 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

17. [2020-0238](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Sec. 126.114 (Buy American Preference in Contracts for Goods), Pt. 1 (General Regulations), Chpt. 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Create a Preference for American-Made Goods in Contracts; Providing for Severability (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Diamond)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: F
5/19/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
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18. [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
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19. [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 Agreemnt 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 Agreemnt 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
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20. [2020-0241](#) RESO Auth Economic Dev Agreement btwn the City of Jax ("City") & Project Academy ("Company"), to Support the Creation of the Company's Operations in Jax, FL ("The Project"); Recommending that the Company be Apvd by the State of FL's Dept of Economic Opportunity as a Qualified Target Industry ("QTI") Business with a High Impact Sector Bonus, Pursuant to Sec.'s 288.106-108, F.S; Evidencing a Commitment of City Support in an Amount not to Exceed \$300,000 as the Local Financial Support under the QTI Tax Refund Program and Payable Over Multiple Yrs per Guidelines set by the State Dept of Economic Opportunity, with a State Match of \$ 1,200,000, for a total City & State QTI Amount of \$1,500,000 for 300 jobs; Apv & Auth Execution of Documents by the Mayor or his Designee & Corp Secretary; Auth Apv of Technical Amendmnts by the Executive Director of the OED; Oversight by OED; Timeline for Execution of Agreement by the Company; Affirm the projects Compliance with the Public Investment Policy Adopted by ORD 2016-382-E, as Amended by ORD 2018-370-E & ORD 2019-243-E; Req 2 Reading Passage Pursuant to C.R. 3.305 (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor) 5/12/20 CO Introduced: F 5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0

Kim Taylor explained the amendments. Chairman Bowman noted that the QTI program sunsets at the state level on June 30th.

AMEND/APPROVE

See Auditor's Summary on pg. 17

AMENDMENT

- 1. Insert missing text before pg. 2, line 1**
- 2. Pg. 2, line 18 - change 2019 to 2020**

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

21. [2020-0242](#) RESO Auth Economic Dev Agreement btwn the City of Jax ("City") & Project Skateboard ("Company"), to Support the Expansion of the Company's Operations in Jax, FL ("The Project"); Recommending that the Company be Apvd by the State of FL's Dept of Economic Opportunity as a Qualified Target Industry ("QTI") Business with a High Impact Sector Bonus, Pursuant to Sec.'s 288.106-108, F.S. , Evidencing a Commitment of City Support in an Amount not to Exceed \$360,000 as the Local Financial Support under the QTI Tax Refund Program and Payable Over Multiple Yrs per Guidelines set by the State Dept of Economic Opportunity, with a State Match of \$1,440,000, for a total City & State QTI Amount of \$1,800,000 for 300 jobs; Apv & Auth Execution of Documents by the Mayor or his Designee & Corp Secretary; Auth Apv of Technical Amndmnts by the Executive Director of the OED; Oversight by OED; Timeline for Execution of Agreement by the Company; Affirm the projects Compliance with the Public Investment Policy Adopted by ORD 2016-382-E, as Amended by ORD 2018-370-E & ORD 2019-243-E; Req 2 Reading Passage Pursuant to C.R. 3.305 (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: F
5/19/20 F Amend/Approve 7-0

AMEND/APPROVE

See Auditor's Summary on pg. 18

AMENDMENT

1. Insert missing text before pg. 2, line 1
2. Pg. 2, line 19 - change 2019 to 2020

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

22. [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
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No motion was made on the request for emergency action

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23. [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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24. [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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Council Member Salem said this issue was talked about in a recent Future of JEA Workshop. He envisions JEA introducing an employee cost savings bonus program to the Council, which would be reviewed by the Council Auditor and ultimately reviewed and approved by City Council. The Council would not be approving dozens or hundreds of individual employee bonuses.

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25. [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
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Council Member Pittman declared a conflict of interest and will abstain from any voting on this issue.

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26. [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
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In response to a question about why certain types of businesses are prohibited from participating in the program, Council Member Cumber said it was a direct response to a question posed by the Council Auditors about businesses prohibited from participating in the VyStar program and the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund's incentive programs and whether that policy should be consistently applied. Kim Taylor said that's a policy call for the Council to make – the auditors were merely pointing out the issue of consistency with other programs.

Council Member DeFoor said she thinks the self-employed need to get preference in this program since they weren't covered by the other assistance programs. Council Member Cumber said considered that, but tried to mirror the VyStar program exactly because it's been successful and efficient in getting the money into people's hands very quickly. Trying to add targeting to specific classes of recipients adds to the complexity and may slow down the process. Council Member Hazouri asked how the excluded business types were chosen and do they mirror the other programs. Peggy Sidman said they're the same except for allowing participation in this bill by bars and gas stations that are excluded in the other programs. In response to a question from Council Member Salem about whether the bill includes sole proprietorships and Form 1099 filers as eligible, Ms. Cumber said they are eligible if they have rent or mortgage expenses, again mirroring the \$40 million individual assistance program. Council Member Pittman requested to be added as a co-sponsor. The emergency was approved.

Peggy Sidman described the amendments. Chairman Bowman opposed the amendment to prohibit some types of businesses from being eligible for the assistance program as being inappropriate. Council Member Cumber reiterated that this matches the VyStar program exactly. They are not eligible if they work out of their homes. Mr. Salem asked for confirmation of his understanding that the program will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, not prioritizing people who didn't qualify for the VyStar program; Ms. Cumber confirmed that was the intention. Council Member Freeman said he wished that the Council had hashed out who would qualify for assistance several weeks ago before the VyStar program was approved to help people who are not qualifying for anything. He asked to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Pittman said she was discouraged that 1099 filers are always seem to be an afterthought and not covered by these programs. She also asked to be a co-sponsor. Chairman Bowman suggested holding a noticed meeting on how to deal with assistance for non-brick and mortar businesses.

A Bowman amendment to remove the list of undesirable businesses not eligible to participate from the NCSPHS Committee's amendment was approved 7-0.

Council Member DeFoor moved an amendment to include Form 1099 filers as eligible for the program. Council Member Cumber opposed the amendment because she wants to keep the intention of the original VyStar program to help people with brick and mortar business obligations, not those who work from home. The intention is to try to keep storefronts occupied and keep people employed in multi-employee businesses. Council Member Salem asked how hard administration would be and if it would slow

down getting money into circulation quickly if sole proprietors were eligible. Joey Greive said he will be working with Ms. Cumber on designing the application website; the more information you need and the more verification that has to occur before approval will slow down the process. There will be the usual attestations and certifications required as with the other programs. The program and the application process can be modified to cover whoever the Council wants to cover. Ms. DeFoor said she would have to take a very hard look at dipping into surpluses to fund new programs. Next year's budget will be very tough and this may be about the end of new assistance programs. Ms. Cumber said this program will cover sole proprietorships if they have the right kind of qualifying business expenses.

The DeFoor amendment to include 1099 filers was approved 5-2 (Bowman and Cumber opposed).

The amendments will NOT be rolled into a single Finance amendment – Peggy Sidman said she will draft separate NCSPHS, Finance 1, Finance 2 amendments.

The committee discussed whether “double-dipping” should be prevented so that people who got \$1,000 from the VyStar program could not apply for this one, or perhaps could be limited to only another \$1000. Mr. Greive said it would be simplest if it was “either-or”, one program or the other. Anything other than that would require more work with FIS about 2 different kinds of cards for this program. Ms. DeFoor recommended keeping it as simple as possible, one program or the other. Mr. Bowman felt applicants should be eligible for both programs. He asked why the process for the business assistance program should be the same as for individuals – why not utilize direct deposit rather than handing out physical debit cards? Ms. Cumber said she believes that direct deposits will be more difficult than handing out cards. Mr. Greive said the application process will be all online and FIS will mail debit cards to approved applicants; business owners won't have to come to a physical distribution center as individuals did. In response to a question from Council Member Dennis about whose name the debit card be in, an individual or the business name, Mr. Greive said he will work with FIS to make it be the business name.

EMERGENCY/AMEND(2x)/APPROVE

- **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.**

FINANCE AMENDMENT 1:

- 1. Remove and replace exhibit 2 to state that only one business Tax ID number will be permitted for these funds.**
- 2. The financial institution will be FIS which will handle the processing of these debit cards. Amend the legislation and invoke 126.107(g) of the Ord Code to name same.**
- 3. Remove the carryover language in the bill as the funds will be spent prior to September 30, 2020.**
- 4. Amend Section 8 to require reporting requirement monthly instead of annually.**

FINANCE AMENDMENT 2:

Include individuals who receive a 1099 tax form as eligible to receive grant funding.

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

27. [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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Council Member Boylan described the amendments to the grant agreement between United Way and the City.

He described the purpose of the bill to assist the non-profit community during the emergency. The United Way will provide administration and accountability and get the funds where City Council intends. Council Member Hazouri asked how will the dollars be distributed and to whom. Paige Johnston said the funds will be released to United Way in 3 installments (\$300,000, \$300,000, \$400,000). Mary Staffopoulos of the Office of General Counsel said the United Way already has a committee in place that is taking applications for assistance grants and the City funding will allow them to do more. In response to a question from Mr. Hazouri about how this program relates to the CARE Act assistance grants, Mr. Boylan said this program supports the work the agencies are doing in the community, not their internal operational costs like CARE helped with. Michelle Braun, CEO of the United Way, said the non-profit assistance fund dates back to 2016 in the aftermath of a hurricane. The United Way will get no funding from this program; it will be for food assistance, utility assistance, child care for first responders, and similar uses directly supporting people in need.

In response to a question from Council Member Salem about the state of the City's reserves, Mr. Greive said the City has \$188 million in operational reserves plus additional emergency reserves. We will get our first glimpse at the impact of the COVID emergency on sales taxes (the biggest expected hit) in the next 2 weeks with the state's March sales tax release. The state retains 5% of sales tax collections as a cushion and can distribute some of that as necessary. Mr. Salem asked about the \$22 million of the \$160 million CARES grant allocated to non-profits doing business with the City. Mr. Greive said that was intended to assist both for-profit and non-profit entities with their internal operations. Ms. Braun said this program is for immediate citizen assistance, not organizational support or operations. Only programmatic expenses (up to 3%) will be covered for direct costs of providing services (buying food, gas, etc.). Council Members Bowman, Salem, DeFoor, Pittman and Ferraro asked to be added as co-sponsors.

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

- **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.

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

- 28.** [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 Agreemnt (“Agreement”) with Brodin Studios, Inc. to Create & Install the Memorial in accordance w/the Agreemnt; Req that the Dept of PW Oversee the Agreemnt & 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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In response to a question from Chairman Bowman about the nature of the emergency, Council Member White said this project started in November or December of last year and the COVID emergency has slowed things down so that the statue, which takes 6 months to produce, won’t be ready for unveiling on Firefighter Memorial Day in November this year if the bill is not moved as an emergency.

Council Members Pittman, Bowman, DeFoor, Ferraro, Freeman and Salem asked to be added as co-sponsors.

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

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: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

29. [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
 5/19/20 F Emergency/Approve 7-0
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CAO Brian Hughes said several stadium improvement bills will be coming to Council over the next year, pared down to \$8 million of immediately needed improvements because of the loss of bed tax and other revenues. The stadium needs \$2.2 million of improvements immediately to meet NFL and Florida/Georgia contractual obligations and public safety needs (lighting, elevators and escalators). In response to a question from Council Member DeFoor about whether the City is legally required to do these improvements immediately, Mr. Hughes said the City has contractual obligations to the Jaguars and to Florida/Georgia to provide a certain quality of facilities, including lighting and locker rooms. Given the current COVID-19 environment, we can't have choke points in stadium ingress and egress when crowds return for public health and safety reasons so elevator and escalator improvements are needed immediately.

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

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: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

30. [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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31. [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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READ 2ND & REREFER

32. [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
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt. 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 5/26/20

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33. [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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Council Member Pittman declared a conflict of interest and said she will refrain from voting on this bill.

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34. [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
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt. 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/26/20

READ 2ND & REREFER

35. [2020-0259](#) RESO Auth Economic Dev Agreemt btwn City of Jax (“City”) & Project Cyclone (“Company”) to Support Expansion of Company’s Operations in Jax FL (The “Project”); Recommending Company be Apvd by State of FL’s Dept of Economic Opportunity as Qualified Target Industry (“QTI”) Business with High Impact Sector Bonus, Pursuant to Secs 288.106-108, F.S.; Evidencing Commitment of City Support in Amount Not Exceeding \$100,000 as Local Financial Support Under Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Prog Payable Over Multi-Yrs Per Guidelines set by State Dept of Economic Opportunity, with State Match of \$400,000 for Total City & State QTI Amount of \$500,000 for 100 Jobs; Apv & Auth Execution of Docs by Mayor or Designee & Corp Secretary; Auth Apvl of Tech Amends by Executive Director of OED; Prov City Oversight by OED; Timeline for Execution of Agreemt by Company; Affirming Proj’s Compliance with Public Investment Policy Adopt by Ord 2016-382-E, as Amended by Ord 2018-370-E & Ord 2019-243-E; Requesting 2 Reading Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 3.305. (Sawyer) (Req of Mayor)
5/12/20 CO Introduced: F
5/19/20 F Approve 7-0

APPROVE

See Auditor's Summary on pg. 19

Aye: 7 - Bowman, Cumber, DeFoor, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman and Salem

Chairman Bowman thanked Legislative Services, the Office of General Counsel, the mayor's administration and others for making these virtual meetings work so successfully.

**Council Auditor's Office
2020-241**

One or Two Read Resolution – Two

Date provided to Council Auditor – 5/6/20

Company Name – Project Academy

Project Location – Unidentified

Incentives Provided - \$1,500,000 QTI grant

- **\$300,000 from City (20%)**
- **\$1,200,000 from State (80%)**

Number of Jobs to be Created – 300 new jobs no later than Dec. 31, 2024

- **10 jobs by 12/31/20**
- **59 jobs by 12/31/21**
- **73 jobs by 12/31/22**
- **103 jobs by 12/31/23**
- **55 jobs by 12/31/24**
- **Average wage – \$59,146**

Number of Jobs to be Retained - N/A

Capital Investment - \$40,000,000

Records Retention/Audit Clause - Yes

Clawback Language –

- **Section 4.2 – QTI refunds are based on both the number of jobs and actual wages. Annual payments will be adjusted downward proportionately with the adjustment of State QTI funds.**
- **Section 7.2 – In the event reporting requirements are not met, the City will be entitled to withhold the annual installment of the QTI refunds for any year during which any reporting requirements are not met.**

**Council Auditor's Office
2020-242**

One or Two Read Resolution - Two

Date provided to Council Auditor – 5/6/20

Company Name – Project Skateboard

Project Location – Unidentified

Incentives Provided - \$1,800,000 QTI grant

- **\$360,000 from City (20%)**
- **\$1,440,000 from State (80%)**

Number of Jobs to be Created – 300 new jobs no later than Dec. 31, 2024

- **35 jobs by 12/31/20**
- **55 jobs by 12/31/21**
- **70 jobs by 12/31/22**
- **70 jobs by 12/31/23**
- **70 jobs by 12/31/24**
- **Average wage – \$74,300**

Number of Jobs to be Retained – 100

Capital Investment - \$1,400,000

Records Retention/Audit Clause - Yes

Clawback Language –

- **Section 4.2 – QTI refunds are based on both the number of jobs and actual wages. Annual payments will be adjusted downward proportionately with the adjustment of State QTI funds.**
- **Section 7.2 – In the event reporting requirements are not met, the City will be entitled to withhold the annual installment of the QTI refunds for any year during which any reporting requirements are not met.**

**Council Auditor's Office
2020-259**

One or Two Read Resolution - Two

Date provided to Council Auditor – 5/11/20

Company Name – Project Cyclone

Project Location – Unidentified

Incentives Provided - \$500,000 QTI grant

- \$100,000 from City (20%)
- \$400,000 from State (80%)

Number of Jobs to be Created – 100 new jobs no later than Dec. 31, 2021

- 50 jobs by 12/31/20
- 50 jobs by 12/31/21
- Average wage – \$60,000

Number of Jobs to be Retained – 168

Capital Investment - \$10,100,000

Records Retention/Audit Clause - Yes

Clawback Language –

- Section 4.2 – QTI refunds are based on both the number of jobs and actual wages. Annual payments will be adjusted downward proportionately with the adjustment of State QTI funds.
- Section 7.2 – In the event reporting requirements are not met, the City will be entitled to withhold the annual installment of the QTI refunds for any year during which any reporting requirements are not met.

*******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 Aaron Bowman, Vice Chair LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Randy DeFoor, Council Member Terrance Freeman, Council Member Tommy Hazouri, Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman and Council Member Ron Salem

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