

# City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St  
Jacksonville, FL 32202



## Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

## Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

*Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair*

*LeAnna Cumber, Vice Chair*

*Kevin Carrico - Excused Late Arrival*

*Reggie Gaffney - Excused Absence*

*Al Ferraro*

*Joyce Morgan*

*Danny Becton*

*Legislative Assistant: Jessica Smith*

*Legislative Assistant: Sandra Nester*

*Chief Office of General Counsel: Paige Johnston*

*Research Assistant: Richard Distel*

*Asst. Council Auditor: Phillip Peterson*

*Administration: Rachel Zimmer*

*Planning Dept.: Laurie Santana*

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**Present:** 7 - Chair Ron Salem, Vice Chair LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Reggie Gaffney, Council Member Al Ferraro, Council Member Joyce Morgan, Council Member Danny Becton and Council Member Kevin Carrico

**Meeting Convened: 2:00 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:25 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Item/File No.**

**Title History**

1. [2020-0559](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Chapt 797 (Local Option Vessel Registration Fee), Ord Code, Adopting the Local Option Vessel Registration Fee Permitted by State Law; Setting Effective Date of New Local Option Vessel Registration Fee as 1/1/21; Directing the Chief of Legislative Svcs to Forward a Copy of the Ord Upon Enactment to the Tax Collector & to the Mayors of Baldwin, Atlantic Beach, Jax Beach & Neptune Beach; Directing the Tax Collector to Notify the State of Imposition of the New Local Option Vessel Registration Fee. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)  
9/8/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC  
9/14/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/14/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/15/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/15/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
9/22/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC  
10/28/20 JWC Approve 1-7 (Fail) (Birtalan, Haskell, Burnett, Devereaux, Hardesty, CMs Ferraro & White)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/22/20

**DEFER**

**(At request of CM Dennis)**

2. [2021-0079](#) ORD Approp \$1,037,130.00 from FEMA through the State of FL Div of Emergency Mgmt. Under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog. to Fund the Acquisition & Installation of 7 Permanent Generators at 7 Storm Water Pump Station Sites within Duval Cty, Amending the 2021-2025 5 Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2020-505-E to Purchase & Install Permanent Emergency Generators at the Following Locations: Hillman Dr., Myrtle Ave., Hilly Rd., Bradley Rd., Jessie St., McGrits Creek Park/Lew Brantley & Sandalwood Canal; Providing for City Oversight by the Dept. of Public Works, Public Bldgs Div (B.T. 21-038) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)  
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

**DEFER**

**(At request of the Administration)**

3. [2021-0100](#) ORD Auth the Borrowing from the City's Commercial Paper Facility and/or Issuance of Fixed-Rate Debt in the Max Amount of up to \$100,000,000 to Provide Funding for the Wastewater System Improvement Program; Approp \$100,000,000 to the Water/Wastewater System Fund; Amending 2020-504-E, the FY 20-21 Budget Ord, to Replace the Schedule B4 in Order to Allow for the "Water/Wastewater System Fund;" Amending the 2021-2025 5-Yr CIP Approved by Ord 2020-505-E to Provide Funding for the Project Entitled "Water/Wastewater System Fund;" Providing for Quarterly Reports to Council. (Sidman) (Introduced by CP Hazouri) (Co-Sponsored by CMs Carlucci, Pittman, DeFoor & Dennis)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
3/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/9/21

**DEFER**

**(At request of CP Hazouri)**

4. [2021-0236](#) ORD Closing & Abandoning &/Or Disclaiming an Opened & Improved Portion of the Church St. r/w Established in LaVilla Harts Map of the Former Public Records of Duval County, FL at the Request of Volunteers of America of FL, Inc., Subject to Reservation unto the City & JEA of an All Utilities & Facilities Easemnt Over the Closed Portion of the r/w; Providing for Approval Subject to Conditions. (Dist.7-R. Gaffney) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)  
4/27/21 CO Introduced: TEU  
5/3/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/11/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: TEU  
5/17/21 TEU PH Approve 6-0  
TEU PH Pursuant to Sec 336.10, F.S.: 5/17/21  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

**Renee Hunter, Chief of Real Estate Public Works, explained the bill which will approve the closure of a property.**

**PH APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Cumber, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**Excused:** 1 - Gaffney

5. [2021-0238](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor & His Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, For & On Behalf of the City, That Certain Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease (BOT# 160356582) btwn the City of Jax & the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvemnt Trust Fund of the State of FL (The "Lease") for the Purpose of Securing Submerged Land for Construction & Operation of a 4-Slip Public Docking Facility Adjacent to Post St. for Mooring of Recreational Vehicles & Water Taxis, for a 5 Yr Initial Term Commencing 2/13/20; Providing for Oversight of Acquisition, Execution & Recording of the Lease by the Real Estate Div, Public Works Dept, & Oversight of the Lease & Docking Facility by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs Dept. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) (Co-Sponsor CM Ferraro)  
4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC  
5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/3/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/4/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/11/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC  
5/17/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
5/17/21 TEU Approve 6-0  
5/18/21 F Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

**Renee Hunter explained the bill which will authorize a lease which will allow for the construction of 3 docks. CM Salem said this is in CM DeFoor's district and she is supportive of the bill.**

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Cumber, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**Excused:** 1 - Gaffney

**Construction of dock facility is budgeted and estimated to cost approximately \$900,000**

6. [2021-0240](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver an Amendmnt 2 to Lease Agreeemnt btwn the City of Jax (“City”) & Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial, Inc. (“Tenant”) to Expand that Portion of the Premises Located in the Chapel Building at 6112 New World Ave. (“Chapel Building”) from 6,200 Sq Ft to 14,744 Sq Ft; to Require Tenant to Surrender All of the Portion of the Premises Located in the Theater Building at Building 333, 13561 Lake Newman St.; to Extend the Term of the Lease from 10/1/22 to 3/31/23 at the Current Rental Rate; to Extend by 6 Months the Date of Certain Deadlines Related to the Permitting & Construction of a Veterans Memorial Building on Approx (20.5± Acre) Parcel That is Part of the Premises (“Ground Parcel”); to Extend by 6 Months the Date by Which the Tenant Must be Responsible for Utilities on the Premises; to Grant Tenant the Right to Apply for Classification of the Ground Parcel as Agricultural Classification (Greenbelt); to Modify the Reporting Requiremnts in the Lease to Conform to Tenant’s FY; Providing for City Oversight by the OED. (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)(Co-Sponsor CM Ferraro)  
4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/3/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/4/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/11/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
5/17/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
5/17/21 TEU Approve 6-0  
5/18/21 F Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

**Kirk Wendland, Office of Economic Development, explained the bill and the amendment. CM Salem asked about the timetable of the project. Mr. Wendland said the group is actively fundraising to move forward with building a museum. CM Morgan asked what happens if deadlines are not met. Mr. Wendland said the lease would be terminated or an extension would be requested.**

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Cumber, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**Excused:** 1 - Gaffney

**Scrivener's**

**Pg. 3, line 14: strike "One" and insert "Two"**

**Authorizes Amendment #2 to the Cecil Commerce Center Lease Agreement with Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial, Inc ("Tenant") to:**

- **Extend the expiration of the term from October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023**
- **Expand the leased premises in the Chapel Building from 6,200 sq. ft. to 14,744 sq. ft.**
- **Remove the Theatre Building from the leased premises**
- **Allow the Tenant to apply for an Agricultural Classification (Greenbelt) on the Ground Parcel**
- **Modify the reporting deadlines to align with the Tenant's fiscal year**
- **Extend the following deadlines by 6 months:**
  - **Preliminary Commencement Deadline: 6/30/22 to 12/31/22**
  - **Commencement of Construction Deadline: 12/31/23 to 6/30/24**
  - **Utility Deadline: 12/31/21 to 6/30/22**

7. [2021-0243](#) ORD Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver That Certain Stipulation of Parties for the Closure of Preston St. Railroad-Hwy Grade Crossing, FDOT Crossing# 627867D, btwn & Among the City of Jax, the JPA, & the State of FDOT ("FDOT") for the Permanent Closure of a Railroad-Hwy Public at Grade Crossing on Preston St. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)  
4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/3/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/11/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered: NCSPHS, TEU  
5/17/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-0  
5/17/21 TEU Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

**Robin Smith, Chief of Engineering Construction Management Public Works, explained the bill which would authorize a closure of a railroad crossing which is JaxPort owned and operated.**

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Salem, Cumber, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

**Excused:** 1 - Gaffney

8. [2021-0247](#) ORD Naming a New Park to be Donated by Allweather Tire Co to the City of Jax Pursuant to Sec 122.412, Ord Code, Comprised of 5 Contiguous Vacant Parcels Totaling 2.16 Acres & Located on Heckscher Dr. Adjacent to Browns Crk., to be Known as "Thebaut Sisters Landing." (Dist 2-Ferraro) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)(Co-Sponsor CM Ferraro) 4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/3/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/11/21 CO Read 2nd & Rerefered: NCSPHS, TEU  
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105: 6/1/21  
Public Hearing Per Sec. 122.105,Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 6/8/21  
Public Hearing Adn'l Per Sec 122.105- 6/22/21

**DEFER**

**(Due to Public Hearing on 6/1/21)**

9. [2021-0249](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, for & on behalf of the City, a 2nd Amendmnt to the Parking Rights Agreeemnt ("The Agreeemnt") btwn the City of Jax & JBDF, Inc. (Developer") in Order to Extend the Duration of the Agreeemnt to 9/30/21, & to Phase Out Contract Discounts Over a Period of Time. (McCain) (Req of Mayor)  
4/27/21 CO Introduced: TEU, F  
5/3/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/4/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/11/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefered: TEU, F  
5/17/21 TEU Amend/Approve 5-0-1 (Abstain- CM Carrico)  
5/18/21 F Amend/Approve 7-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/11/21

**Phillip Peterson, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment. CM Carrico abstained from the vote due to employment conflict.**

**AMEND/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 5 - Salem, Cumber, Ferraro, Morgan and Becton

**Excused:** 1 - Gaffney

**Abstain:** 1 - Carrico



## AMENDMENT

**Attach revised Exhibit 1 to remove language regarding rates to be charged after expiration of the agreement and correct scrivener's error**

- **The Parking Rights Agreement with JBdF, Inc. provides for 200 monthly parking spaces and 50 parking vouchers at a total cost of \$1 per year**
- **The Parking Rights Agreement expired December 31, 2020**
- **Amendment #2 extends the term of Parking Rights Agreement to September 30, 2021**
- **Beginning April 1, 2021 and extending through September 30, 2021, JBdF, Inc. will pay 50% of the monthly parking rate per space and 50% of the hourly parking rate for vouchers**

10. [2021-0255](#) ORD Renaming "Chuck Rogers Pk," Located at 11950 San Jose Blvd, Jax, FL 32223, as "Rogers Pk" to Recognize the Many Accomplishments & Svc to Youth Sports of Chuck Rogers & His Son, Corky Rogers. (Dist.6-Boylan) (Johnston) (Introduced by CP Hazouri & CM Boylan) (Co-Sponsor CM Morgan)  
4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/3/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/11/21 CO Read 2nd & Rerefered:NCSPHS, TEU  
TEU PH Per Sec. 122.105: 6/1/21  
Public Hearing Per Sec. 122.105,Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 6/8/21  
Public Hearing Addn'l Per Sec 122.105- 6/22/21

## DEFER

**(Due to Public Hearing on 6/1/21)**

11. [2021-0285](#) ORD Approp \$14,247.75 from Dist. 14-Autumn Bond Funding to fund construction of a sidewalk along Carlisle Rd for public use at John N.C. Stockton Elementary School; finding a municipal purpose; waiving the requirement of Sec 106.315 (Dist Council Expenditures), Ord Code, that funds be used on City property; Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver an amendment to the Joint Use Agreement btwn the City of Jax & the School Board of Duval County; Oversight by the Dept of Public Works; Invoking the exception in Sec 126.107 (G), Ord. Code, to allow direct contract with Jax Utilities Mgmt, Inc., to install the relocated sidewalk. (Dist. 14-DeFoor) (Johnston) (Introduced by CM DeFoor) (Co-Sponsor CM Hazouri)  
5/11/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,TEU , F, R  
5/17/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/17/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/18/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/18/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 –5/25/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

12. [2021-0289](#) ORD Auth the Borrowing from the City's Commercial Paper Facility &/or Issuance of Fixed-Rate Debt in the Maximum Amount of up to \$100,000,000 to Provide Additional Funding for Countywide Rd Construction, Rd Resurfacing & Sidewalks Construction as Part of the City's CIP; Appropriating \$100,000,000 to the Infrastructure Prog: \$80,000,000 for Countywide Rd Construction, \$10,000,000 for Rd Resurfacing & \$10,000,000 for Sidewalk Construction; Amending 2020-504-E, the FY 2020-2021 Budget Ord, to Replace the Schedule B4 in Order to Allow for the "Infrastructure Fund"; Amending the 2021-2025 5 Yr CIP Approved by Ord 2020-505-E to Provide Funding for the Projects Entitled "Countywide Rd Construction", "Roadway Resurfacing" & "Countywide Sidewalk Construction"; Providing For Quarterly Reports To Council; Req 1 Cycle Emergency Passage. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Becton) ( Co-Sponsor CM Ferraro)  
5/11/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F  
5/17/21 NCSPHS Emergency/Amend/Approve 4-2 (CMs White & Diamond)  
5/17/21 TEU Emergency/Amend/Approve 5-1 (CM Morgan)  
5/18/21 F Emergency/Amend/Approved 3-4 (Failed)(CMs Carlucci, Priestly Jackson, Morgan & Dennis)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 -5/25/21

**CM Becton explained the bill and the reason for the emergency which would allow the bill to travel on the same timeline as the gas tax legislation. The bill would be an alternative to raising taxes. Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Becton talked about the timeline of projects in the city. CM Cumber asked what impact this legislation would have on impacting future projects in the city. Jordan Elsbury, Chief of Staff Mayor's Office, said that the CIP will be at capacity if the gas tax is passed.**

**CM Becton said with this legislation he is trying to make the same commitment as he did with septic tanks in order to show that infrastructure could be made a focus without raising taxes. CM Ferraro asked what the capacity is of Public Works to be able to work on more projects. John Pappas, Public Works, said he does not have a specific number, but did say they would be comfortable doubling the funding going towards resurfacing and could raise the capacity for sidewalk repairs. Mr. Pappas said the capacity is mostly based on the construction industry's capacity. CM Carrico asked if this money could be directed towards the Emerald Trail. Mr. Petterson said yes and clarified that any project over \$100,000 would have to come back before the Council to be approved. CM Becton clarified that this bill aims to send a signal to show a commitment to move forward with infrastructure without raising taxes. CM Cumber went over the possible funding sources for projects in the city from local funding or federal funds. Brian Hughes, CAO Mayor's Office, clarified that none of the covid-19 federal relief money has been given back to the federal government.**

**EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE**

**(Requires 2/3 vote by Council)**

**Aye:** 5 - Salem, Cumber, Ferraro, Becton and Carrico

**Nay:** 1 - Morgan

**Excused:** 1 - Gaffney

**AMENDMENT**

- 1. Correct scrivener's errors**
- 2. Clarify language regarding Schedule B4**

- Authorizes borrowing of \$100,000,000 to fund Countywide road construction (\$80,000,000), road resurfacing (\$10,000,000) and sidewalk construction (\$10,000,000)**
- Total annual debt service estimated at \$7.4 million**
- Requires quarterly reports to City Council concerning the status, progress and challenges of the expenditure and implementation of the projects**

13. [2021-0293](#) ORD-Q Concerning Atlantic Coast Line Locomotive # 1504, at 1000 W. Bay St. & situated on the grounds of the Prime Osbourne Convention Ctr; Declaring ACL1504, valued at \$50,000.00, to be surplus to the needs of the City of Jax ("The City") & Auth the Approp City Officials to transfer title of said property to the North FL Chapt of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. ("NFC-NRHS"), at no cost, in accordance with Sec122.812 (C), Ord Code, for restoration & operation as a short-line passenger excursion & fundraising train; designating the Planning & Development to monitor actual use of ACL 1504; providing for a reverter; Auth removal of the National Register of Historic Places Designations ; Rescinding local landmark & landmark site designations for ACL 1504, Waiving the requirements of Chapt 307, Ord Code, relative to review of the rescission of the local landmark & landmark site designations by the Jax Historic Preservation Commission & to the extent said Chapt is inconsistent with this Ord, & directing the Zoning Administrator & Chief of Legislative Svcs Div to take certain actions relative to the rescission of local landmark & landmark site designations for ACL 1504.(Dist 7-R.Gaffney) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Hazouri at Req of Mayor & CM White)  
5/11/21 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R, LUZ  
5/17/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/18/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/18/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
5/18/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer  
LUZ PH: 6/2/21  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 –5/25/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

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

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2021.**

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