

# City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St  
Jacksonville, FL 32202



## Meeting Minutes Hybrid Virtual/In Person Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall & Virtual

## Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

*Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Chair*  
*LeAnna Cumber, Vice Chair*  
*Kevin Carrico - Excused Absence*  
*Reggie Gaffney*  
*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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MEETING TIME: 2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Physical Location: Council Chambers

City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

(If attending virtually, please join the meeting by 1:45 P.M.)

Meeting ID: 995 2677 2531

Meeting Password: 212607

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Meeting Convened: 2:03 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 3:14 PM

**Presentation by Kay Ehas, Groundwork Jacksonville - Emerald Trail**

Kay Ehas, CEO of Groundwork Jacksonville, gave a presentation which covered an overview of the Emerald Trail project. Ms. Ehas said that this will transform the downtown and surrounding area through urban revitalization, creek restoration, trail building, development of downtown connectivity. The trail links to 16 schools, two colleges and 21 parks among other destinations like restaurants, retail and businesses, with 13 additional schools and 17 parks located within three blocks. The Emerald Trail is a partnership between the city of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville. Ms. Ehas talked about the community education that Groundwork is doing in the Emerald Trail area as well as community cleanup. Ms. Ehas said she believes that grant funding will help to pay for a large portion of the project.

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. [2021-0183](#) ORD-MC re Dockless Mobility Programs; Amending Chapt 235 (Dockless Mobility Programs, Ord Code, Sec 235.104 (Dockless Mobility Unit Pilot Program Permitting) to Auth up to 6 Operators & Sec 235.105 (Dockless Mobility Program Requirements) to Auth up to 12 Dockless Mobility Units to be Stored in Corrals, to Clarify the Role of the City's Public Parking Div in Administering & Enforcing the Dockless Mobility Program, & to Provide That Unclaimed Dockless Mobility Units Shall Become City Property if Unclaimed for 180 Days. (Teal) (Introduced by CM Cumber)  
3/23/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU  
4/5/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
4/5/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer  
4/13/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU  
5/3/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0  
5/3/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/13/21

**Phillip Peterson, Auditor's Office, explained the amendment from NCSPHS. CM Morgan asked if the scooters are just left all around the downtown area. CM Cumber explained the corral system. CM Morgan voiced concerns about the need for enforcement. CM Cumber said they will track the cost of the program over the next year. CM Ferraro asked about the liability if there was an accident. Jason Teal, Office of General Counsel, explained that the liability of an accident would be on the scooter company.**

**AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Carrico

**NCSPHS AMENDMENT**

- 1. Restrict usage of scooters between 12 am – 5 am**
- 2. Remove current language concerning requirement for persons under the age of 16 to wear a helmet**
- 3. Revise language concerning scooters retrieved by the Office of Public Parking**

- Increases number of permitted dockless mobility operators from 4 to 6 operators**
- Increases number of units contained in a parking corral from 5 to 12 units**
- Clarifies Office of Public Parking's responsibilities under the dockless mobility program**
- Adds language that scooters not retrieved from the Office of Public Parking within 30 days become City property**

5. [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  
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

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

6. [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)  
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  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

7. [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)  
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  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

8. [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  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

9. [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  
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

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

10. [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  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 5/11/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

11. [2021-0255](#) ORD Renaming "Chuck Rogers Pk," Located at 11950 San Jose Blvd, Jax, Fl 32223, as "Rogers Pk" to Recognize the Many Accomplishmnts & 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  
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

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**Public Comment**

**John Nooney voiced his concerns about the legislative process and public participation and read bill 2020-059.**

**Stanley Scott talked about public participation.**

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

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 17, 2021.**

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### **Rollcall**

**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

Minutes: Richard Distel, Council Research  
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Posted 5.6.2021 5:00 pm