City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 4, 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 Reggie Gaffney Al Ferraro Joyce Morgan Danny Becton

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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: 2:02 P.M. Meeting Adjourned: 3:38 P.M.

Attendance:Council Members Ron Salem (Chair), Joyce Morgan, Danny Becton, Kevin Carrico, Reggie Gaffney, Al Ferraro, Leanna Cumber

Also: Council Member Terrance Freeman (via Zoom); Jeff Clements and Yvonne Mitchell – Council Research Division; Paige Johnston and Susan Grandin – Office of General Counsel; Eric Grantham and Melanie Wilkes – Council Staff Services; Sandra Nester and Sharonda Davis – Legislative Services Division; Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor's Office (via Zoom); Kurtis Wilson – JEA; Jay Stowe – JEA CEO (via Zoom)

JEA presentation: New JEA CEO Jay Stowe said he has been in Jacksonville for just over a month and is honored to represent the 2,000 JEA employees before the Council. They have done a great job during the last couple of very unsettled years serving the community. He looks forward to restoring trust with the Council and the constituents. The JEA team wants to do the best for Jacksonville and Northeast Florida. The state of JEA is good.

Council Member Morgan said Mr. Stowe is off to a great start and she wants to see trust restored between JEA and its customers because that's so important. In response to a question about how he feels about Plant Vogtle, Mr. Stowe said it's going to be a big source of carbon-free power and will help JEA diversify its generation fleet. JEA will make the best decisions possible in that regard. Council Member Ferraro said he hears lots of good things about Mr. Stowe's early days on the job and that's reassuring. JEA's staff is unfailingly helpful and he looks forward to more of that. Council Member Becton said his last year as the JEA liaison was very eventful and asked when the Council might start hearing about low hanging fruit initiatives to make immediate changes. Mr. Stowe said he has focused almost exclusively on internal relations and meetings with his employees thus far. There are lots of big items looming and not so many easy things to do. Big challenges include the electric integrated resource plan (how generated and how much); electric vehicles; solar power; and senior leadership team selection. He will start external meetings in the next 4-6 weeks with City Council, big customers, etc.

Item/File No. Title History

ORD Approp \$15,000.00 (\$7,500.00 from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) & \$7,500.00 from the FL Dept of Transportation (FDOT) for Closure of E. 59th St. Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing; Auth the Mayor & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver the Stipulation of Parties for the Closure of E. 59th St. FDOT Crossing #621069K Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing btwn City of Jax, CSX, & FDOT for Permanent Closing of a Railroad-Highway Public Grade Crossing at E. 59th St.; Oversight by Dept of Public Works; Amend 2020-2024 5-Yr Capital Improvemt Program Apv by Ord 2019-505-E to Provide Funding for the Project Entitled "Railroad Crossings." (McCain) (Req of Mayor) 8/11/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,TEU, F

8/11/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS,TEU, F 8/17/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

8/17/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

8/18/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

8/25/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS,TEU, F

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 8/25/20

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

2. <u>2020-0529</u>

ORD-MC Amending Chapt 120 (General Employees & Correction Officer Pension Plans & all Employees Defined Contribution Retirement Plans), Pt. II (The General Employees Retirement Plan), Sec.120.206 (Time Svc Retirement Benefit; Cost of Living Adjustments), Ord Code, to Provide a 6 Month Window for Early Retirement as Follows: (1) Retirement at the Age of 60 w/5 Yrs Credited Svc; (2) Retirement at the Age of 55 w/10Yrs Credited Svc; & (3) Early Retirement w/20 Yrs. Credited Svc with a Reduced Benefit; Providing for Codification Instructions; Requirement of Actuarial Report; Requiring Collective Bargaining Where Applicable. (Sawyer) (Introduced by CM Dennis)

8/25/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

8/31/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

8/31/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

9/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

9/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

9/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/8/20

DEFER (At request of CM Dennis)

3. <u>2020-0558</u>

ORD re an Honorary Street Designation & Associated Roadway Markers; Establishing an Honorary Street Designation on Myrtle Ave N btwn 7th St W & 8th St W in Jax for Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress; Providing for the Installation of 2 Honorary Roadway Markers to be Located in Appropriate Locations on the Designated Roadway; Honoring the Legacy Recognizing the Achievemnts of Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress; Waiving Requiremnts of Sec 745.105(I)(2), Ord Code that the Honoree be Deceased for 5Yrs; Directing Legislative Svcs to Upon Enactment Forward the Ord to the Planning & Dev Dept. (Dist 8-Pittman) (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Priestly Jackson) (Co-Sponsored by CM Pittman) 9/8/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, R 9/14/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 9/14/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer 9/15/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer 9/22/20 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, R 10/13/20 CO PH Only 11/16/20 TEU Meeting Cancelled-No Action 1/4/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-1 (Diamond) 1/4/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0 TEU PH - 10/19/20, 11/2/20, 11/16/20, 11/30/20, 1/4/21 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 10/13/20

PH AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

AMENDMENT

- 1. Pg. 3, line 5: insert "for" before "Quenthon"
- 2. Replace On File notifications and consent forms with corrected honorary designation information
- Waives Sec. 745.105(i)(2) due to honoree not being deceased for five years.

4. <u>2020-0559</u>

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 (Birtalan, Haskell, Burnett, Devereaux, Hardesty, Ferraro, White) (Fail)

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/22/20

DEFER (At request of CM Dennis)

5. 2020-0618

ORD Declaring 2133 Broadway Ave, Jax, FL 32209, R.E. # 077143-0000, to be Surplus to the Needs of the City; Auth Conveyance of Subject Parcel to Gateway Community Services, Inc., a FL Not for Profit Corp, at no Cost; Auth Mayor & Corp. Secretary to Execute a Special Warranty Deed & Other Conveyance Documents; Waiving Sec 122.425 (Disposition by Auction or Sealed Bid), Part 4 (Real Property), Chapt. 122 (Public Property), Ord Code, to Allow Donation to Gateway Community Service, Inc.; Providing a Right of Reentry for Failure to use Subject Parcel for Operation of a Behavioral Health Care Facility; Providing Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Real Estate Div. (Dist. 9-Dennis) (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis) (Co-Sponsored by CM Salem)

10/13/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

10/19/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/19/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/20/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/20/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/27/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

1/5/21 F Amend/Approve 7-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –10/27/20

DEFER (At request of CM Dennis)

ORD Declaring 0 Line St, Jax, FL 32209, R.E. #077366-0000, to be Surplus to the Needs of the City; Auth Conveyance of Subject Parcel to Gateway Community Services, Inc., a FL Not for Profit Corp, at No Cost; Auth Mayor & Corp Secretary to Execute a Special Warranty Deed & Other Conveyance Documents; Waiving Sec 122.425 (Disposition by Auction or Sealed Bid), Part 4 (Real Property), Chapt 122, Ord Code, to Allow Donation to Gateway Community Services, Inc.; Providing a Right of Reentry for Failure to Use the Subject Parcel for Ancillary use Related to Operation of a Behavioral Health Facility; Providing for Oversight by the Dept of Public Works, Real Estate Div. (Dist 9-Dennis) (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis) (Co-Sponsored by CM Salem)

10/13/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

10/19/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/19/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/20/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/20/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

10/27/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

1/5/21 F Amend/Approve 7-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –10/27/20

In response to a question from Council Member Cumber about why 2020-618 and-619 are being deferred, Mr. Salem said it was because the sponsor requested it. He's been assured by staff that they will move in 2 weeks, and Gateway wants that to happen. Council Member Becton expressed concern about the zoning of the property for the proposed use. Chairman Salem asked his ECA to follow up with Gateway on both 2020-618 and -619 regarding potential zoning issues.

DEFER (At request of CM Dennis)

7. <u>2020-0700</u>

ORD Concerning Recycling; Creating a New Sec 380.512 (Annual Report), Part 5, (Recycling Program), Chapt 380 (Solid Waste Managemnt), Ord Code, Regarding Submission of an Annual Report by March 1st of each Calendar Yr. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsored by CM's Morgan & R. Gaffney)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU

11/30/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU

1/4/21 NCSPHS Approve 7-0

1/4/21 TEU Approve 7-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 12/8/20

Chairman Salem explained the purpose of the bill to help improve the recycling program. He thinks the community really wants to do recycling well but doesn't know how. Council Members Morgan and Gaffney asked to be added as co-sponsors.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

Information contained in the annual report shall include:

- 1. All efforts undertaken by the City during prior fiscal year to establish recycling of materials
- 2. Number of written complaints pertaining to recycling program during prior fiscal year
- 3. Statistics as to the number of materials recycled broken out by different types
- 4. Collaborative efforts undertaken by the City with third parties to maintain recycling
- 5. Public education efforts undertaken by the City to encourage recycling of materials that are financially feasible
- 6. Total expenditure of City's recycling program
- 7. Performance standards utilized by the City to measure compliance with the recycling program
- 8. Recommendations for improvements to the recycling program
- 9. Certification the City is using best practices in its recycling program
- 10. Any other information requested by Council or considered significant by the Division
- 8. **2020-0702**

ORD-MC Amending Part 16 (Truck Route Regulations), Chapt 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ord Code, to Amend Sec 804.1607 (Certain Dump Trucks Prohibited) to Prohibit Operators of Dump Trucks with 10 or More Wheels from Driving on, Traveling over or Using that Portion of Roadways from the Northernmost Point of Sawpit Rd to Cedar Point Rd,West on Cedar Point Rd to Grover Rd, & Removing the Prohibition on the Remaining Portion of Cedar Point Rd W & S on New Berlin Rd Until its Termination at Heckscher Dr in Jacksonville, & Adding an Exemption for Property Owners Using Those Roadways as their Sole Means of Ingress & Egress to Property. (Teal) (Introduced by CM Ferraro)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU

11/30/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU

1/4/21 TEU Approve 7-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 12/8/20

Council Member Ferraro explained the background of the road damage that led to the bill being filed. This bill shrinks the area of the heavy truck ban to exclude areas that weren't relevant to the cause of the damage.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

ORD Approp \$26,500.00 from Special Events – FL GA Game Contingency to Provide Funding to Robert Charles Lesser & Co., LLC ("RCLCO") for Lot J Consulting & Related Professional Svcs; Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute an Agreemnt btwn the City of Jax & RCLCO for Strategic Review & Analysis of the Lot J Dev Proj; Invoking the Exception of Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Allow for a Direct Contract with RCLCO; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Part 1 (The City Treasury), Chapt 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Paymnt by the City; Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction; Requesting the Mayor Expedite Signature of this Legislation & Related Contract to Afford Time for RCLCO to Review the Lot J Dev Proj; Providing for Oversight by the Office of the Council Secretary. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Carlucci and DeFoor)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

11/30/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 12/8/20

DEFER (At request of CM Carlucci)

ORD Making Certain Findings, & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, to Execute a Redevelopmnt Agreemnt ("Redevelopmnt Agreemnt") btwn the City of Jacksonville ("City"), the Downtown Investment Authority ("DIA"), & PEP10 LLC ("Developer"), to Support the Renovation by Developer of the Former Independent Life Building ("Building") Located at 233 W. Duval St & Associated Parking Lot in the Northbank Downtown Community Redevelopmnt Area ("Project"); Auth a Downtown Historic Preservation & Revitalization Trust Fund Grant in the Amount of \$3.000.000.00 to the Developer in Connection with the Renovations to the Building, to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Waiving the Downtown Historic Preservation & Revitalization Trust Fund Guidelines Auth by 2002-395-E to Auth Grants in Excess of \$1,000,000.00 for the Project; Designating the DIA as Contract Monitor for the Revelopmnt Agreemnt; Providing for City Oversight of the Project by the Dept of Public Works & the DIA; Auth the Execution of All Documents Relating to the Above Agreemnt & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Documents. (Sawyer) (Reg of DIA)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

11/30/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 12/8/20

DEFER (At request of DIA)

ORD Approp \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection & Related Expenses Trust Fund, 15304, for the Level 2 County-Wide Prog to Provide Tree Planting on Public Land in Duval County Suggested by Individuals or Groups; Apv, & Requesting the Mayor, or His Designee, to Direct the Dept of Public Works to Continue to Administer the Program Accordance w/Criteria herein Provided; Providing a Carryover of Funds into Subsequent FY's. (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Salem)

(Co-Sponsored by CM R. Gaffney)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F 11/30/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F

1/4/21 NCSPHS Approve 7-0

1/4/21 TEU Approve 7-0

1/5/21 F Approve 7-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/8/20

Chairman Salem explained the purpose of the bill. Assistant General Counsel Susan Grandin said the program is extremely successful and the appropriated funds have been depleted. Council Member Gaffney asked to be added as a co-sponsor. In response to a question about how much money is in the Tree Protection Trust Funds, Ms. Grandin there is currently about \$24 million in the two funds combined.

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

Scrivener's

Pg. 4, line 1: strike "be"

12. <u>2020-0735</u>

ORD Approp \$3,865,827.00 in Community Dev Block Grant (CDBG) Funding from U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Dev Auth by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act to be Used to Prevent, Prepare for, & Respond to (COVID-19) by Providing Aid & Assistance to Eligible Low- & Moderate- Income Individuals & Families, or Those who Live in Areas Designated as Low- & Moderate- Income, to Mitigate the Impacts of COVID-19. (B.T. 21-023) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

11/30/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

1/4/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0

1/4/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0

1/5/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/8/20

Chiquita Moore of the Neighborhoods Department explained the appropriation for 4 uses – short term rent assistance, Covid intervention and testing for the elderly and homeless; COVID supplies; and admin costs. In response to a question from Council Member Gaffney about why the bill contracts directly with 2 providers and does not do an RFP for use of the funds, Tom Daly of the Neighborhoods Department said it is for efficiency's sake; these 2 providers already have contracts with other subcontractors and can get the funds on the street quickly. Mr. Gaffney expressed concern that there are other agencies that do similar work that deserve a chance to be funded as well.

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Salem, Cumber, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

AMENDMENT

- 1. Attach revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to correct Project numbers and Administrative cost percentage
- 2. Include language invoking Ordinance Code Section 126.107(g) exemption to direct contract with Changing Homelessness and Edward Waters College

The CDBG-CV funding is proposed to be used as follows:

- Program Administration (\$500,000)
- COVID-19-Testing (\$99,779)
- Pop-Up Urban Rest Stop (\$121,491)
- Homeless Out-Reach Team (\$132,371)
- Coordinated Entry Enhancement (\$150,000)
- Elderly Health Literacy Program (\$42,000)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (\$2,750,000)
- COVID-19 Supplies & Equipment (\$70,186)

RESO Supporting JEA's Efforts to Address Surface Discharge Elimination & Encouraging the Legislature to Consider Suggestions Offered by JEA to Eliminate the Disposal of Effluent, Reclaimed Water, or Reuse Water from Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTF) Via Surface Water Discharge but in a Responsible & Timely Manner which is Financially Feasible; Directing Legislative Svcs to Forward Copies of this Resolution Upon Adoption to the Duval Delegation, the Senate President & the Speaker of the House of Representatives. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM DeFoor) (Co-Sponsored by CM's Diamond, White, Pittman,

Becton, Ferraro & R. Gaffney)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

11/30/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

1/4/21 NCSPHS Approve 7-0

1/4/21 TEU Approve 6-1(Cumber)

1/5/21 F Approve 6-1 (Cumber)

Kurt Wilson of JEA gave a presentation on the surface water discharge legislation considered by the Florida Legislature in its last session. JEA treats 80 million gallons per day (mgd) of wastewater, reusing 20 mgd and discharging 60 mgd to the river. The Legislature considered bills last session prohibiting surface water discharge entirely, with a 5 year deadline in the Senate bill and 15 years in the House bill. The City's old legacy sewer system was never designed for re-use so meeting this mandate will be extremely expensive to re-pipe the city. JEA would need to pump 60 mgd of effluent beneath the aquifer because re-use isn't financially practical. JEA agrees with the goal of eliminating surface discharge, but a 5 year mandate would cost \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion. Additionally, there will be very little capacity to hire engineers and construction companies competing against every other utility in the state to meet this same mandate. The resolution says the goal is good, but the time frame is too fast. They would prefer that utilities that have good effluent discharge quality, like JEA, have longer to comply.

Council Member Cumber asked how many lobbyists JEA has (2 firms at the state level) and said this seems like a lobbying issue; the Council needs to know what the Duval Delegation thinks about the issue because many of them voted for it last year. She questioned whether the delegation would be OK with bucking the Senate President on his top issue. Ms. Cumber said septic tanks are a big problem in Florida and the Legislature is trying to achieve clean surface water, so she's not comfortable saying it's too expensive to have that. Mr. Wilson said he's called many of the delegation members and they hadn't heard JEA's objections before, and understand the problem JEA faces. JEA is supportive of the goal of clean water, but 5 years will be extremely hard to achieve. They will need to see what this year's version of the bill contains before knowing exactly what to recommend. Ms. Cumber said she thinks resolutions to the legislative delegation should be a last resort when the City knows absolutely what it needs and is ready to push hard for. She said it could hurt the City's position on other bills if not done correctly.

Council Member Becton said all the resolution does is ask the delegation to hear JEA's concerns and suggestions on the bill. That's why it passed in NCSPHS with several co-sponsors. He asked whether JEA already has some aquifer recharge plans. Mr. Wilson said JEA had been looking at property near Gate Parkway for a reuse plant (reverse osmosis) for potable consumption, but dropped it. They're upgrading 6 treatment plants for better re-use capability. Council Member Ferraro asked to be added as a co-sponsor and said he appreciates JEA's explanation of the issue to the Council and the public. Council Member Gaffney also asked to be added as a co-sponsor. In response to a question about cost being the biggest issue, Mr. Wilson said it will cost \$1-1.5B and customer rates will have to go up to cover the borrowing costs, so that's a big hurdle. They're asking for the deadline to be moved to 2030 to decide what to do and how best to do it to meet the goal that everyone agrees on.

Council Member Carrico asked what a delay might do to costs. Mr. Wilson said if JEA doesn't have to compete for the limited supply of designers and engineers in the next couple of years with every other utility in the state that should help things. He didn't know the ultimate cost impact of stretching out the process for 10 years. In response to

a question from Council Member Morgan, Mr. Wilson said he didn't know exactly how many utilities will need to do major work to meet this mandate, but it's much harder for older cities than newer ones because of the cost and difficulty of retrofit. This proposal the #1 issue for sewer utilities in Florida. Council Member Cumber questioned the need for the resolution. Mr. Wilson said JEA recognizes this issue as a significant threat, Council Member DeFoor heard that concern at a JEA board meeting, and offered to do a resolution highlighting the concerns. Ms. Cumber expressed concern about making it seem that the delegation isn't listening and passing resolutions willy nilly to get involved in issues. Mr. Wilson pointed out that there are only a handful of design engineers who work on big wastewater plants and only 1 company in Florida that does deep aquifer drilling.

APPROVE

Aye: 6 - Salem, Gaffney, Ferraro, Morgan, Becton and Carrico

Nay: 1 - Cumber

Scrivener's

Pg. 1, line 20: insert end quotes after "City"

14. <u>2020-0740</u>

ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, for & On Behalf of the City, the Cecil Field Connector Rd Cost Sharing & Mobility Fee Credit Agreemnt for Construction of a 4-Lane Blvd from Branan Field Extension Rd to the Southern Boundary of Cecil Commerce Center btwn the City & Developer in Order to Provide Terms for Sharing in the Cost of Design & Construction of the R/W Improvements, & Providing the Developer Authority for the Planning, Design, Engineering, Permitting, & Construction of the R/W Improvemnts, & for the Authorization & Memorialization of Mobility Fee Credits in the Amount of \$731,227.00; Waiving the Provisions in Sec 655.507(B) (Credit Against Mobility Fee), & Sec 655.507(C) (Calculation of Credit), Chapt 655 (Concurrency & Mobility Management System), Ord Code, to Allow Mobility Fee Credit to be Provided & Calculated for a Transportation Benefit to the City Other than the Construction of a Transportation Improvement Project Funded Entirely by the Developer; Waiving the Provisions in Sec 655.508 (Mobility Fee Contract), Chapt 655 (Concurrency & Mobility Management System), Ord Code, to Allow a Mobility Fee Contract to Originate & Contain Exhibits Other than as Prescribed in the Section Waived; Providing for Oversight by the Engineering & Construction Management Division of the Public Works Department Regarding the Road Construction; Providing for Oversight by the Planning & Development Department Regarding the Mobility Fee Credits. (Grandin & Wilson) (Introduced by CM White)

11/24/20 CO Introduced: TEU, F, R

11/30/20 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred; TEU, F, R

Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 12/8/20

DEFER (At request of the Administration)

15. 2020-0756

ORD Approp \$3,500,000.00 in Revenue Received from Vystar Credit Union Pursuant to a Redevelopmnt Agreemnt Dated 11/21/2011 to Fund a Parking Lot Grant for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of FL, Inc.(B. T. 21-010) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Carlucci) 12/8/20 CO Introduced: TEU, F 1/4/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer 1/5/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 1/12/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

ORD-MC Amending Sec 655.508 (Mobility Fee Contract), Pt 5 (Mobility Fee), Chapt 655 (Concurrency & Mobility Management System), Ord Code, to Clarify the Allowance of a Mobility Fee Contract to Memorialize Credits Against Future Mobility Fee Payments for the Cost Related to the Demolition & Repurposing of an Existing Structure or Improvemnt.

(Diamond) (Introduced by CM Diamond)

12/8/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ

1/4/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/4/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer

1/5/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer

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Public comment

Carnell Oliver talked about changes in the federal Pell grant program and asked that Council pass a resolution regarding those changes to make more people eligible for the grants for job training programs. The criminal justice system needs to provide more opportunities to help people avoid future involvement.

Council Member Ferraro described an incident late last year on the Sister's Creek bridge on Heckscher Drive in which a bicycle rider was killed falling over the bridge railing when the sidewalk doubled back in an unlit area. He urged that similar bridges and sidewalks be surveyed for dangerous conditions and for lighting needs.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held January 19, 2021.

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

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