

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall & Virtual

Finance Committee

Matt Carlucci, Chair

Randy DeFoor, Vice Chair - Excused Absence

LeAnna Cumber

Garrett Dennis

Joyce Morgan

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Excused Absence

Ron Salem, Pharm. D. - Excused Early Departure

Legislative Assistant: Ladayija Nichols

Legislative Assistant: Crystal Shemwell

Council Auditor: Kim Taylor

Asst. Council Auditor: Phillip Peterson

Chief of Research: Jeff Clements

Deputy General Counsel: Peggy Sidman

Administration: Rachel Zimmer

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MEETING TIME: 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Physical Location: Council Chambers

City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

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(If attending virtually, please join the meeting by 9:15 A.M.)

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Proclamation 2020-005, as extended.

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CCMeeting02232021@coj.net is the designated email for general comments to be including as a part of this meeting.

Meeting Convened: 9:35 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 12:26 PM

Council Auditor Kim Taylor discussed recently released reports:

#752B – Mayor’s Office Travel Follow-up: all but 3 of the 16 identified issues were cleared by the time of the first follow up, and now all items have been completed.

#839 – Council Auditor’s Office Annual Report for FY19-20: the COVID pandemic made things more difficult but the office’s employees did a great job last year. The staff participated in the Solid Waste Rate Review process, undertook a number of special projects, and were deeply involved in activities related to the proposed JEA privatization and the Council’s special committees and workshops.

#840 – Independent Agency Quarterly Budget Summary for Three Months Ending December 31, 2020:

JEA projects a balanced budget by year end, but will transfer \$30M less than budgeted to the fuel stabilization reserve due to lower electric sales and higher fuel costs.

JTA will need to amend its last 2 budgets (FY18-19 and FY19-20) to due to expenditures exceeding budgetary allocations.

JPA is expecting increases in its vehicle and container business lines to offset shortages in cruise business revenues due to the COVID pandemic.

JAA’s operating revenues are experiencing stress due to the COVID pandemic’s tremendous impact on air travel, but the authority got substantial CARES Act funding to help cushion the blow.

Attendance: Council Members Matt Carlucci (Chair), LeAnna Cumber, Garrett Dennis (arr. 9:45), Joyce Morgan, Ron Salem (dep. 11:58)

Excused: Council Members Brenda Priestly Jackson and Randy DeFoor

Also: Council Members Michael Boylan (via Zoom) and Terrance Freeman (via Zoom); Jeff Clements and Yvonne Mitchell – Council Research Division; Peggy Sidman, Paige Johnston, Jon Phillips – Office of General Counsel; Kim Taylor, Phillip Peterson, Brian Parks – Council Auditor’s Office; Ladayija Nichols – Legislative Services Division; Eric Grantham and Melanie Wilkes – Council Staff Services; Mike Weinstein – Kids Hope Alliance; Will Williams and Eric Fuller – Solid Waste Division; Joey Greive – Finance and Administration Department; Brian Hughes, Stephanie Burch and Rachel Zimmer – Mayor’s Office; Kurt Wilson - JEA

Item/File No. Title History

1. [2020-0528](#) ORD-MC Amending Sec.108.507 (Representation of City Officials & Employees in Civil Matters), Pt. 5 (Legal Svcs.), Chapt 108 (Central Svcs.), Ord Code, to Include a Provision for Notice to the Office of General Counsel if an Individual Intends to Seek Reimbursement for Outside Counsel Attorney's Fees from the City for Civil or Criminal Actions; Provision Regarding rights Under FL Common Law & Regarding Criminal Actions or Criminal Investigations. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
 8/25/20 CO Introduced: F, R
 9/1/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 9/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: F, R
 2/17/21 F Amend/Approve 5-0
 2/17/21 R Amend(F)/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/8/20

Paige Johnston explained the amendment. CM Salem asked if City Council had approved the referenced OGC policy – it had not, as that is an internal policy of the OGC. Ms. Johnston quoted from the OGC policy regarding reimbursement of attorney fees regarding the timing of notification and request for reimbursement of fees.

Council Member Salem proposed an amendment to the amendment to remove “in as timely a manner as possible after retaining private counsel” on p. 2, lines 25-27, which was approved.

Council Member Dennis asked if it was possible that attorney bills could stack up while awaiting the reimbursement process to be triggered by the employee being represented according to the OGC's internal policy. Deputy General Counsel Jon Phillips said it was possible, because the right to reimbursement isn't triggered until exoneration occurs. However, the contractual arrangement between the represented employee and their attorney about how and when payment takes place would address that issue. In response to a question from CM Salem about how bills for more than the maximum \$400/hour rate are dealt with, Mr. Phillips said public officials are entitled under common law to reimbursement for reasonable market-based rates only and that message would be conveyed to the private attorney. CM Salem asked who would file the reimbursement bill on behalf of a private attorney seeking more than the capped amount as provided in the bill. OGC attorney Paige Johnston said the language in the bill contemplates that if the OGC agrees that the higher rate is justified as reasonable, OGC would request the Council President to introduce a bill authorizing the higher rate. If OGC disagrees with the reasonableness of the rate, it would be up to the private attorney to file suit against the City seeking the higher rate and a judge would decide the reasonableness of the request.

AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

Revises the notification requirement to reference OGC policy dated 11/1/20, increases maximum hourly attorney's fees from \$350 to \$400, strikes subsections 108.507 (c) and (d), and corrects a scrivener's error.

2. [2020-0529](#) ORD-MC Regarding Chapt 120 (General Employees & Correction Officer Pension Plans & all Employees Defined Contribution Retirement Plans), Pt. II (The General Employees Retirement Plan), Ord. Code; Creating a New Sec. 120.216 (2021 Limited Retirement Option), Ord Code, to Provide a 6 Month Window for Early Retirement as Follows: (1) Normal Retirement at the Age of 60 w/5 Yrs Credited Svc; (2) Normal Retirement at the Age of 55 w/10Yrs Credited Svc; & (3) Early Retirement Upon Completion of 20 Yrs. of Credited Svc Regardless of Age;with a Reduced Benefit; Requiring Cons & Restrictions; Excluding JEA Employees from these Normal & Early Retirement Provisions; Providing for Codification Instructions; Requirement of Actuarial Report; Requiring Collective Bargaining Where Applicable. Providing an Exception to the Prerequisite that the Plan be at least 90 percent Actuarilly Funded. (Sawyer) (Introduced by CM Dennis) (Co-Sponsored by CM Newby)
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
1/19/21 NCSPHS Sub/Rerefer 7-0
1/19/21 TEU Sub(NCSPHS)/Rerefer 7-0
1/20/21 F Sub(NCSPHS)/Rerefer 7-0
1/20/21 R Sub(NCSPHS)/Rerefer 6-0
1/26/21 CO Sub/Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R 17-0
2/1/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0
2/1/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-1 (Cumber)
2/17/21 F Amend/Approve 5-0
2/17/21 R Amend(F)/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/8/20

Chairman Carlucci suggested deferral of the bill given the absence of 2 committee members. Council Member Dennis, the bill's sponsor, said the bill has really become the Administration's bill now, so it would be up to them as to whether to defer or not. Deputy General Counsel Peggy Sidman explained the NCSPHS amendment referring to collective bargaining with the City unions. In response to a request from Council Member Salem, Sean Granat of the Office of General Counsel said that the OGC has ruled that it is not a legal requirement that the City must bargain with JEA unions to not change their pension benefits; their benefits are remaining the same, so bargaining with JEA unions is not required.

Kurtis Wilson of JEA said the utility sent out an email to all JEA unions asking them to comment; 3 want to be part of negotiations over early retirement (IBEW, LIUNA and JEA Supervisors), 1 wanted to negotiate over something unrelated, and 1 (AFSCME) didn't answer.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Hughes said the administration created the substitute before the committee now with the JEA employees excluded. Former JEA Interim CEO Paul McElroy and new CEO Jay Stowe both asked that JEA be left out of the early retirement option and the City did not ask if they had bargained with their unions or not. All City unions have bargained and agreed to MOUs that expire soon and would need to be re-bargained if that happens. He hoped the Council would move this bill forward for the City employees and deal with JEA separately at a later time. Delaying the bill is counter-productive to allowing people to retire early as some want to do.

CM Dennis asked Kirsten Doolittle, representing 4 of the 5 JEA unions (except AFSCME), to speak. She said the unions disagree that JEA employees can be unilaterally excluded – if Chapter 120 is amended regarding the rights of participants in the General Employees' Pension Plan, they think they have to bargain over terms since they are members of the GEPP. Ms. Doolittle said in their 2016 contracts there was a "me too" provision (17.04) that says that if any City bargaining unit in the GEPP gets an enhanced benefit for any reason, JEA's unions get those benefits as well. She said that if they don't get the same benefit as City unions get, they then have the right to sue for their "me too" rights.

CM Cumber agreed with Ms. Doolittle and said she thinks it's illegal to exclude JEA employees. The City Council should not be doing an "end-run" around collective bargaining with the unions. She disagrees with the OGC's opinion regarding the right of the JEA unions to bargain over this proposal. The fact that 3 of the 5 JEA unions want to bargain this issue shows that management is acting unilaterally to exclude them. Phillip Peterson said he understands that 4 of the 5 unions want to bargain this issue. Council Member Dennis invited Mrs. Fender, the spouse of a JEA employee, to address their particular health-related situation and the need for JEA employees to be included in the early retirement plan to secure their future. In response to a question from Council Member Salem about whether the JEA unions would be opposed to this bill passing without reference to JEA and the unions negotiating over the proposal with JEA at a later date, Ms. Doolittle said the "me too" provision will be violated if it passes and the JEA unions don't get the same benefit automatically. Council Member Morgan said she prefers deferral today or she will have to vote against the bill.

In response to a question from Ms. Cumber about when the MOUs expire as mentioned earlier, CFO Joey Greive said they don't expire, but do have an April 1 start date that has to be met or negotiations have to take place again. Ms. Cumber asked if there is a way to start the City's preparation process for the early retirement window while JEA negotiation takes place with its unions to perhaps start a month later. Mr. Greive said the administration wants to start the City process ASAP and let JEA negotiate separately with its unions. Peggy Sidman said that one option would be to amend the bill as currently substituted to go back to the bill as originally filed which included JEA, and potentially change the time frame for the employee election period; there would also need to be added a prospective effective date to account for later JEA negotiations. She asked for clarity from the committee so that the OGC knows exactly what amendment the committee wants drafted.

Council Member Cumber suggested changing the election window from April 1 through May 31 to May 1 through June 30 for JEA employees to give time for collective bargaining to take place. OGC attorney Sean Granat said that 2 months is sufficient for collective bargaining to take place, and recommended adding a reference to the collective bargaining process with JEA and its unions to be sure that's clear because the Board's inclusion of JEA in the bill does require collective bargaining. Chairman Carlucci said that, despite JEA management's reluctance, he thinks that bargaining with them the right thing to do and urged JEA employees in the plan. Kurtis Wilson of JEA said the utility is facing an unknown risk from this bill, and OGC said JEA unions were not required to be included so they prefer to not be covered. If Council includes JEA in the bill then they will go to the table and bargain. Council Member Cumber moved an amendment to restore JEA employee eligibility for the program and change the effective dates for JEA unions.

AMEND/APPROVE

See Auditor's summary on pg. 21

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

- 1. Strike exclusion of JEA;**
- 2. Adjust timelines for JEA only to adjust effective dates by 1 month;**
- 3. Add language that terms related to JEA are subject to collective bargaining; and**
- 4. Clarify the early retirement option has already been collectively bargained with City unions and place MOUs from City unions on file.**

3. [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, Ferraro, White)
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 9/22/20

DEFER (At request of CM Dennis)

4. [2020-0620](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Part 1 Possession of Twenty Grams or Less of Cannabis or Paraphernalia), Chapt 606 (Drugs), Ord Code, to Create A Civil Citation Within the City of Jax Ord. Code for Possession of 20 Grams or Less of Cannabis or Paraphernalia; Amending Sec. 609.109 (Applicable Chapters and Parts), Chapt. 609, (Code Enforcement Citations), Ord. Code, to Establish New Class Fines in Schedule “A” for Violations of Part 1, Chapt. 609 (Code Enforcement Citations), Ord Code, to Establish New Class of Fines in Schedule “A” for Violations of Part 1 (Possession of 20 Grams or Less of Cannabis or Paraphernalia), Chapt. 606 (Drugs), Ord. Code. Providing for Severability. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)
10/13/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
10/19/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
10/20/20 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt. 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 –10/27/20

DEFER (At request of CM Dennis)

- 5. [2020-0757](#) 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
 1/5/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/5/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
 1/12/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ
 1/20/21 LUZ PH - 2/2/21, 2/17/21, 3/2/21
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 1/12/21

DEFER (At request of CM Diamond)

- 6. [2021-0045](#) ORD Approp \$286,047.13 from within the Office of the Property Appraiser’s Fund Balance to Pay Pictometry International Corp for Aerial Photography Contractual Svcs Rendered During FY 19-20; Providing for City Oversight by the Office of the Property Appraiser. (B.T. 21-033) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
 1/26/21 CO Introduced: F
 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: F
 2/17/21 F Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/9/21

APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

7. [2021-0046](#) ORD Approp \$50,000.00 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Dev Fund – Contingency to the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Dev Fund – Subsidies & Contributions to Fund a Grant to the JTA for the “Door-to-Store” Prog (The “Prog”), a Component of the Full-Svc Grocery Store Improvement Prog Established Under Ordinance 2019-812-E; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Funding Agreemnt btwn the City of Jax & the JTA to Continue for an Addtl 1 Yr Term; Providing City Oversight & Prog Administration by the Office of Economic Dev; Providing for a Report to the TEU Committee.
(B.T. 21-035) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Carlucci)
1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
2/16/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0
2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/9/21

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Council Member Salem said he heard from JTA last night that they are amenable to expanding the program to the Newtown neighborhood. Chairman Carlucci asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

1. Clarify “from” accounts (\$5,000 from contingency within the Transportation Program and \$45,000 from contingency within the Supermarket Incentive Program)
2. Pg. 2, line 11: strike “(the “Trust Fund”)”
3. Clarify any funds returned to the City revert to the Supermarket Incentive activity within the NWJEDF

8. [2021-0047](#) ORD Approp \$310,974.00 from the FEMA through the State of Florida Div of Emergency Managemnt (“FDEM”) under the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Prog to Fund the Acquisition of the Property located at 6734 Bakersfield Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32210 & the Demolition of the Residential Structure located thereon; Amending the 2021-2025 5-Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2020-505-E to Provide Funding for the Proj Entitled “Acquisition & Demo of a Floodprone Prop – Bakersfield Dr.”; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary, to Execute & Deliver that Certain Federally-Funded Subaward & Grant Agreemnt #B0093 btwn the City of Jax & FDEM; Providing for City Oversight by the JFRD, Emergency Preparedness Div. (B.T. 21-027) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
- 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F
 2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F
 2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 2/16/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0
 2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/9/21

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Absent: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP) to correct amounts based on final approved grant budget

9. [2021-0048](#) ORD Approp \$1,044,010.95 from the Federal Forfeitures Trust Fund to Establish the FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget for the Federal Forfeitures Trust Fund. (B.T. 21-020) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Sheriff)
- 1/26/21 CO Introduced: F
 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: F
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/9/21

DEFER

- 10. [2021-0049](#) ORD Approp \$60,000.00 in Funds from Debt Mgmt Loan Proceeds to Provide Funding for the Design of the Renovation of an Existing Bldg at 4035 Grant Rd to become the Pine Forest Senior Ctr; Amending the 2021-2025 5-Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2020-505-E to Reduce Funding for the Proj. Entitled "San Jose Blvd - New" & Provide Funding for the Proj. Entitled "Pine Forest Senior Ctr." (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Cumber) (Co-Sponsored by CM's Freeman, White, Bowman, Pittman, Morgan, Salem, Dennis & Carlucci)
 - 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 - 2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, F
 - 2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 - 2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0
 - Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 –2/9/21

Council Member Cumber explained the project. All committee members asked to be added as co-sponsors.

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

Attach Revised Exhibit 2 (CIP) to include estimated future project costs (\$740,000)

11. [2021-0050](#) ORD Approp \$162,865.00 in Grant Funds from the Office of Justice Progs., U.S. Dept. of Justice for FY 2020-2021, & Approp \$67,040.00 from the KHA to Cover the Local Match for the 1st Yr of the Grant, to Fund a Comprehensive Anti-Gang Prog. for Youth Known as ‘Proj. Inspire’ & to Fund a Contract Mgr. Position for Oversight of this Grant Prog. & the Direct Svc. Provider; Auth Said Contract Mgr. Position; Invoking the Exception to Sec. 126.107 (G), Ord Code, with Respect to Svcs. to be Provided by Managed Access to Child Health, Inc.; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp. Secretary , &/or the Chief Exec. Officer of the KHA to Execute & Deliver a Contract with Managed Access to Child Health, Inc.; Waiving the Requirements of Sec. 77.111 (A) (Provider Contracts), Chapt. 77 (KHA) , Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs. to be Provided by Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. from Competitive Procurement; Oversight by the KHA. (B.T. 21-034) (RC 21-058) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Carlucci) 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F, R
2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 5-0-2 (Abstain-Freeman, Carrico)
2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 4-0
2/17/21 R Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 6-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 –2/9/21

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CM Morgan advocated for approval because of the needs in the community to deal with crime issues. Mike Weinstein, Interim CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance, explained the intent of the bill with regard to gang activity intervention. Chairman Carlucci asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 4 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan and Cumber

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 1, line 9 and Pg. 2, line 17: strike “local match” and insert “additional costs”
2. Pg. 1, line 10 and Pg. 2, line 18: strike “grant” and insert “program”
3. Attach budget schedule reflecting intended sources and uses of funds
4. Attach Revised Schedule M (KHA Revised FY 2020/21 budget)

- Appropriates first year (\$162,865) of a 3-year grant (\$488,595) for an Anti-Gang Program
- Appropriates \$67,040 from the Juvenile Prevention & Intervention Essential Plan category to supplement the grant funding for the Anti-Gang Program
- Authorizes a position of Contract Manager for this Program
- Waives Sec. 77.111(a) to allow KHA to perform direct contracting with Managed Access to Child Health

12. [2021-0051](#) ORD Apv a Purchase & Sale & Mobility Fee & Credit Agreement (“Agreement”) btwn the COJ & Rum East, LLC, Et. Al., to Auth \$304,000 in Mobility Fee Credits in Exchange for the Conveyance, at no Further Cost to the City, (2.7 ± Acres) Along Pecan Park Rd., & for Memorialization of the Mobility Fee Required for Future Developmnt of the Adjacent Propty Known as the “Pecan Park Regional Activity Center”; Auth the Mayor & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver the Agreement & all Closing Docs Relating thereto, & Otherwise Take all Necessary Actions to Effectuate the Purposes of the Agreeemnt; Oversight by the Planning & Development Department Regarding the Mobility Fee Credit & Mobility Fees, & the Real Estate Div of the Dept. of Public Works for the Acquisition (Dist 7 –R. Gaffney) (Grandin) (Req of Mayor)
- 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, LUZ
 2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, LUZ
 2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
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 2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0
 2/17/21 LUZ Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment.

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

1. Clarify Mobility Fee Credit of \$304,000 is subject to increase by the cost of the environmental assessment paid by Seller

2. Attach revised Exhibit 1 to:

a. Clarify Seller will pay for environmental assessment if requested by City

b. Add language that Mobility Fee credit will be increased by the cost of the environmental assessment paid by Seller

c. Clarify total Mobility Fee for Buildings #100 and #200 is \$816,445

- Approves a Purchase and Sale and Mobility Fee and Credit Agreement with Rum East LLC**
- Developer will convey a 45 foot deep parcel of land totaling approximately 2.75 acres for City to use as additional right-of-way along Pecan Park Road for future expansion of that road between I-95 and Main St.**
- Authorizes Mobility Fee Credits in the amount of \$304,000 for use within the Pecan Park Regional Activity Center (RAC)**
- Mobility Fee Credits calculated based on the average of 2 appraisals for the conveyed parcel**
- Memorializes Mobility Fees for Buildings #100 and #200 within the RAC totaling \$816,445 for a ten year period**
- Expansion of Pecan Park Road is included in the 2030 Mobility Plan Prioritized Project List**

13. [2021-0052](#) ORD Approp \$225,280 from the Social Justice & Community Investmnt Special Committee Contingency to Kids Hope Alliance (“KHA”) to allow KHA to Provide Funding to Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs of N.E. FL, Inc. For Afterschool (\$187,000) & Summer (\$38,280) Programming at Clanzel T. Brown Community Ctr & Park; Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & Corp Secretary, and/or the CEO of the KHA to Execute & Deliver a Svcs Contract w/the Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs of N.E. FL, Inc. to Provide the Svcs. Specified in this Ord; Invoking the Exception of Sec. 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, Regarding the Svcs. to be Provided by Boys’ & Girls’ Club of N.E. FL, Inc.; Waiving the Requirements of Chapt 77 (KHA), Sec 77.111(A) (Provider Contracts), Ord Code, to Exempt the Svcs. to be Provided by Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs of N.E. FL, Inc. from Competitive Procurement; Providing for Oversight by the KHA for the Svcs. Contract; Apv & Auth Mayor, or His Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver the Agreement Between the COJ & Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs of N.E. FL, Inc. for a Portion of Clanzel T. Brown Community Ctr & Park, Located at 4575 Moncrief Rd, Jax, FL 32209; Providing for Further Authorizations to Execute Amendmnts to License Agreeemnt, Subject to the Review & Approval by OGC to Effectuate the Purpose & Intent of this Ord; Providing for Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dept. of the License Agreement (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Pittman) (Co-Sponsored by CM's Carlucci, Cumber, Dennis, Morgan, Salem, Newby, DeFoor & Boylan)
 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R, SJCIC
 2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F, R, SJCIC
 2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 1-4-2 (Failed) (White, Becton, Diamond, Bowman) (Abstain-Freeman, Carrico)
 2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0
 2/17/21 R Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. CMs Carlucci, Morgan, Salem, Dennis, Cumber asked to be added as co-sponsors. Mike Weinstein gave an overview of the facilities to be constructed at the park. In response to a question from CM Salem, Mr. Weinstein explained the participation of the Cal Ripken Foundation in funding the project and the City’s matching programming commitment.

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

1. Pg. 3, line 4: correct spelling to “funding”
2. Correct justification of waiver in Section 5 of bill
3. Include language authorizing the extension of the Services Contract for a period of up to six months and exercising any existing renewal option under the Services Contract
4. Attach second revised Ord. 2020-511-E Schedule M as a new exhibit to show additional funding of \$225,280 for out of school time programs
5. Place revised agreements on file to:
 - a. Revise the Services Contract to include Exhibits H, I, J, and K and include Council Auditor in audit rights (Exhibit C)
 - b. Revise the License Agreement to update insurance and indemnification language and correct scrivener’s errors

- Appropriates \$187,000 for afterschool programs (August 1, 2021 – May 30, 2022) and \$38,280 for summer programs (April 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021) to be provided by Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs of Northeast Florida at the Clanzel T. Brown Community Center
- Authorizes license agreement with Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs of Northeast Florida for a portion of the Community Center, baseball field, playground, basketball courts, and multi-purpose sports field (to be constructed by Licensee) at Clanzel T. Brown Park
- Licensee will construct a multi-purpose sports field, including related lighting and utility improvements, at its sole cost and expense. Construction shall be commenced by February 1, 2022. The sports field will be owned by the City and Licensee will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs.
- License term is 5 years with three additional 5-year renewal periods
- Under the proposed license agreement, Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs will be responsible for “menial” maintenance of the licensed facilities, such as trash removal, replenishing of restrooms, cleaning and general upkeep, and the day to day operational costs. The City will be responsible for utilities, all maintenance other than menial maintenance, and maintenance of all landscaping grassed areas.
- Waives the requirement in Sec. 77.111(a) that provider contracts shall be competitively procured under Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, via an evaluated bid process in order to direct contract with the Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs of Northeast Florida to provide afterschool and summer programming at the Park as contemplated by the License Agreement.

- 14. [2021-0053](#) ORD Approp \$74,993.00 in Fund Balance from the Environmental Protection Fund to Fund the Developmnt of a Water Quality Module for Inclusion in a Hydrodynamic Modeling Prog. Created by the University of North Florida (“UNF”), Providing for Carryover of Funds Through 9/30/22; Invoking the Exception of Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract w/UNF for Developmnt of the Water Quality Module; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Research/Academic Svcs. Agreeemnt btwn COJ & the UNF Board of Trustees; City Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept., Environmental Quality Div; Requiring a Final Report (B.T. 21-028) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Ferraro)
 - 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC
 - 2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 - 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, JWC
 - 2/10/21 JWC Approve 8-0
 - 2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 - 2/16/21 TEU Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0
 - 2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0
 - 2/17/21 R Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 6-0
 - Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

- 1. Waive Sec. 110.112 to allow for the advance of City funds
- 2. Attach Revised On File (Agreement with UNF) to correct indemnification and insurance provisions and reflect updated program dates

• The recommended waiver of Sec. 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against) is needed to advance funding to UNF for startup costs - \$35,000

15. [2021-0054](#) ORD Approp \$1,972,034.00 in Addnl Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (“CARES”) Act Pass-Through Funding Distributed by FL Housing Finance Corp. (“FHFC”) to COJ for the Provision of Housing-Related Assistance to Eligible Household Experiencing Hardships as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; Providing for City Oversight by the Housing & Community Developmnt Div. of the Neighborhoods Dept. (B.T. 21-037) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
 2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F
 2/16/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
 2/17/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 5-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

Phillip Peterson explained the amendment. Eric Fuller of the Solid Waste Division explained the waiver proposal to use the Procurement Code to procure a new contractor and to change the timing of the contracting process.

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

1. Attach Revised Exhibit 1 (BT) to reflect anticipated refund of grant dollars to the State and correct Project codes
2. Amend bill to reflect that On File document amends agreement approved by 2020-555-E

- City incurred approximately \$3.7 million in expenditures assisting 1,248 applicants for the housing-related assistance program that closed January 15th, 2021
- Appropriation amount in this bill will cover distributions already made in anticipation of funds being available.
- City will return \$903,562.45 of the total \$4,599,301 provided under this grant

16. [2021-0055](#) ORD-MC Amending Chapt 382 (Waste Collection & Disposal Svc by Contractors & City), Part 3 (Selection of Waste Collection & Disposal Svc Areas & Contractors), Sec. 382.303 (Advertising for New Svc. Contractors), Ord Code, to Provide for an Earlier Application Submission Date for New Svc Contractors; Auth the Issuance of Requests for Proposals in Accordance w/Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Part 2 (Supplies, Contractual Svcs. & Capital Improvements), Ord Code, to Procure Svcs. for the Collection & Transportation of Residential Solid Waste & Recyclables in Lieu of the Advertisement, Application & Selection Process Set Forth in Chapt 382 (Waste Collection & Disposal Svc. by Contractor & City), Part 3 (Selection of Waste Collection & Disposal Svc. & Contractors), Secs 382.303 Through 382.308, Ord Code; Waiving Secs 382.303 (Advertising for New Svc. Contractors), 382.304 (Filing of Applications), 382.305 (Content of Application), 382.306 (Public Hearing on Award of New Contract) & 382.308 (Contract Provisions; Exemption from Purchasing Code; Extension of Contracts), Ord Code, to Allow for the Issuance of a Req for Proposal Solicitation to Procure Svcs. for the Collection & Transportation of Residential Solid Waste & Recyclables in Accordance w/Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Part 2 (Supplies, Contractual Svcs. & Capital Improvements), Ord Code; Providing for Codification Instructions (Hodges) (Req of Mayor)
- 1/26/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
 2/1/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/1/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 2/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R
 2/16/21 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
 2/16/21 TEU Approve 7-0
 2/17/21 F Approve 4-0
 2/17/21 R Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/9/21

APPROVE

Aye: 4 - Carlucci, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 3 - DeFoor, Salem and Priestly Jackson

- **Waives Secs. 382.303 through 382.308 (Solid Waste Hauler Selection Process) to allow for procurement of Service Area II contract waste hauler under Ch. 126 (Procurement Code). This allows pricing to be a factor in the hauler selection process.**
- **Final contract for services will come back to City Council for approval after contract and terms have been negotiated with selected hauler.**

17. [2021-0074](#) ORD-MC Amending Sec. 129.102 (Salary of Members of Council; Salary of Council President), Chapt 129 (Compensation of City Officials & Employees), Ord Code, to Require that an Increase or Cost of Living Adjustment Approved for Council Annual Salary be Prepared as Separate Legislation from the Annual Budget Bill (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Diamond, White & Ferraro) (Co-Sponsored by CM Cumber)
2/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/16/21 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

18. [2021-0075](#) ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for 2021 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Projects; Authorizing the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver all Grant Agreements btwn the City & FIND, as well as all Docs. Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Meet Funding Requirements; Providing for City Oversight by the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

19. [2021-0076](#) ORD Approp \$3,906,140 from the FY 19-20 Managed Care Options & Certified Public Expenditures Medicaid Progs., Administered by the State of FL Agency for Health Care Administration, to Fund Addn'l Personnel Costs to Convert 1 Part-Time Fire/Rescue EMS Billing & Coding Specialist Position to a Full-Time EMS Billing & Coding Specialist Position w/in the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept. (B.T. 21-036) (R.C. 21-061) (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2021-0077](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Lease Agreement btwn COJ (“Tenant”) & Fort George Island Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. (“Landlord”) for Propty Located at 9363 Heckscher Dr., Jax, FL 32226, for an Initial Term of 5 Yrs Beginning 3/31/21 w/Options to Renew for up to 2 Addn’l 3 Yr Terms, at an Annual Rental Rate of \$7,400 w/no Annual Rent Increases; Providing for Oversight by the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2021-0078](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & the Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver that Certain Lease Agreement btwn COJ (“Tenant”) & Mandarin-Loretto Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. (“Landlord”) for Fire Station #42, Located at 2948 Delor Dr., Jax, FL 32223, for an Initial Term of 5 Yrs Beginning 3/31/21, w/Options to Renew for up to 2 Addnl 3 Yr Terms, at an Annual Rental Rate of \$38,200 w/no Annual Rent Increases; Providing for Oversight by the Jax Fire & Rescue Dept. (Staffopoulos) (Req of Mayor)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

22. [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
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

23. [2021-0081](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, an Agreement btwn COJ & Hearts 4 Minds, Inc.; Invoking the Exception in Sec 126.107 (G), Ord Code, to Allow Direct Contract w/Hearts for Minds, Inc., to Provide the Service for a Mental Health Mural Campaign; 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 Payment by the City; Providing for Oversight by the Office of Public Affairs (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Freeman) (Co-Sponsored by CM Morgan)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

24. [2021-0082](#) ORD Approp \$36,000.00 from the Social Justice & Community Investment Special Committee Contingency to Provide Funding to City Council for the “Safer Together” Series of Workshops for Facilitation (\$23,500), Travel & Honorarium (\$10,000), & Misc Expenses (\$2,500); Apv & Auth the City Council to Execute & Deliver an Agreement btwn the City of Jax & All Things Diverse, LLC, for Services Rendered on Behalf of “Safer Together” Series of Workshops; Providing for a Reverter of Funds; Req a 1 Cycle Emerg Passage. (Sidman) (Introduced by CMs Boylan & Morgan)(Co-Sponsored by CM's Carlucci, Salem, Dennis, Cumber & Hazouri)
2/9/21 CO Introduced: F, SJCIC
2/17/21 F Emergency/Amend/Approve 5-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 –2/23/21

Peggy Sidman explained the nature of the emergency. Phillip Peterson explained the amendment to allow advance payment to the contractor. CM Morgan explained the community's desire for an outside facilitator for the Safer Together workshops and how this contractor was selected. In response to a question from CM Salem about whether there were any waivers involved in choosing this contractor, Ms. Sidman said the Procurement Code provides a direct contracting method which the Council is invoking in this bill. The only waiver relates to allowing for advance payment to the contractor. Council Member Dennis said he will be supporting the bill and asked about where and how the workshops will be conducted. He believes the City could use more diversity and sensitivity training for its employees. CM Boylan said he and CM Morgan worked closely with OGC to be sure the procurement was done properly; All Things Diverse's proposal was very thorough and professional. Council Members Carlucci, Salem, Dennis, and Cumber asked to be added as co-sponsors. Ms. Morgan invited all council members to be participants in the workshop process and demonstrate their interest in and commitment to the effort.

EMERGENCY/AMEND/APPROVE

Aye: 5 - Carlucci, Salem, Morgan, Cumber and Dennis

Excused: 2 - DeFoor and Priestly Jackson

AMENDMENT

Include waiver of Sec. 110.112 to allow 50% payment up front to contractor

- Appropriates \$36,000 from the Social Justice and Community Investment Special Committee contingency to fund workshop facilitation (\$23,500), travel and honorarium (\$10,000), and miscellaneous expenses (\$2,500) for the Safer Together series of workshops
- Approves consulting services contract with All Things Diverse LLC for workshop facilitation and compilation of a final report at the conclusion of the workshops
- The City will pay All Things Diverse LLC \$11,750 upon execution of the contract and \$11,750 upon completion of the contract
- The recommended waiver of Sec. 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against) is needed to allow advance payment to All Things Diverse LLC at execution of contract

25. [2021-0083](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Chap 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board); Providing a Statement of Legislative Intent; Providing for Identifying Properties that Attract or Allow Nuisance Activities; Requiring Corrective Action by Property Owners; Providing Procedures for Enforcement; Providing for Notice, Hearing, Rights & Appeals; Providing for Assessment & Recovery of Costs, Fines & Fees Related to Enforcement; Creating a Public Nuisance Abatement Board; Providing for Conflicts, Severability, Codification & an Effective Date. (Teal) (Introduced by CMS R. Gaffney, Cumber, White & Newby) (Co-Sponsored by CM Carrico)
2/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

26. [2021-0084](#) ORD Approp \$25,000 in Funds from Special Events – Florida Georgia Game Contingency to Provide Funding for an Emancipation Day Celebration in James Weldon Johnson Park on 5/20/21; Providing for Oversight by the Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dept. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Pittman)(Co-Sponsored by CM Morgan)
2/9/2021 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F
2/16/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
2/17/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

**Council Auditor's Office
Bill 2020-529****Summary of 2020-529 (Six-Month Window for Normal or Early Retirement):**

- 1. Creates new Code Sec. 120.216 providing for a 2021 Limited Retirement Option**
 - **Age 55 with 10 years of credited service (reduced from age 55 with 20 years)**
 - **Age 60 with 5 years of credited service (reduced from age 65 with 5 years)**
 - **Any age with 20 years of credited service, but less than 30 years of credited service, with a reduced accrual rate of 2% (reduced from 25 years of service at any age)**
- 2. Police and Fire Pension Fund, Correctional Officer Retirement Plan, and JEA employees are not eligible for this early retirement window**
- 3. Establishes a six month early retirement window from 4/1/21 – 9/30/21**
- 4. Requires written or electronic notice of the retirement election and date of retirement to the Board between 4/1/21 – 5/31/21**
- 5. Employees retiring under this option may not come back under full time employment with the City for one year and may not rejoin the DB plan if ever re-employed by the City**
- 6. Allows employees eligible to retire under this option to convert to the Defined Contribution (DC) plan at the actuarial present value of their DB pension**
- 7. Provides for an exception to Code Sec. 106.108(c) which requires the affected pension plan to be at least 90% actuarially funded at the time of approval of legislation affecting pension benefits (approval of this exception requires 2/3 vote of Council)**

Financial Impact/Discussion Points:

- 1. Based on the October 1, 2019 actuarial valuation, there are 491 participants eligible for early retirement under the proposed options**
- 2. The actuarial impact statement shows an increase in the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL):**
 - **\$28,740,961 based on 100% take rate**
 - **\$14,370,481 based on 50% take rate**
 - **\$7,185,240 based on 25% take rate**
- 3. The actuarial impact statement shows an increase in the annual Employer Contribution:**
 - **\$648,913 based on a 100% take rate**
 - **\$324,457 based on a 50% take rate**
 - **\$162,228 based on a 25% take rate**
- 4. The legislation does not reduce the authorized employee cap. The City would incur an increase in the employer contribution to the DC plan (12%) should the positions be filled. If the positions are filled, the employer's DC contribution would increase by:**
 - **\$2,847,574 based on a 100% take rate**
 - **\$1,423,787 based on a 50% take rate**
 - **\$711,894 based on a 25% take rate**
- 5. The total financial impact of bullets #2 and #3 above is equal to:**
 - **\$3,496,487 based on a 100% take rate**
 - **\$1,748,244 based on a 50% take rate**
 - **\$874,122 based on a 25% take rate**

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

Chairman Carlucci said that Council President Hazouri has asked him for a Finance Committee report for the last 6 months and he invited input from the members on what to include as items of importance.

Council Member Dennis thanked the committee for moving two of his bills today after lengthy discussions and improvements.

Public Comment

Marie McGrath Wood expressed concern about the homeless tent city developing downtown; the City needs to find ways to help renters keep from being evicted and becoming homeless. She understands that some of the homeless don't want to participate in case management and have rules imposed on them by service providers. Perhaps transportation to facilities with available space would be helpful. More funding and coordination is needed to deal with homelessness.

Carnell Oliver said all of the City's problems ultimately revolve around funding or the lack thereof. Jacksonville's government is too divided into silos and doesn't communicate from one department to another. The Duval Delegation members that represent the City's disadvantaged areas aren't doing enough to file appropriation bills with the Florida Legislature to obtain needed funding.

John Nooney said he wanted to comment on bills that have already passed by the committee but was not given the opportunity before the votes. The FIND projects bill (2121-75) is currently pending before the Council. How much money is left in the Environmental Protection Fund? There is nowhere to launch a kayak or canoe in Hogan's Creek downtown. The FIND bill offers opportunities to build more launch sites in the downtown area.

Stanley Scott with the African American Economic Recovery Think Tank said African-American history has not changed in the last 50 years in Jacksonville. African-American leadership has done almost nothing for its constituents in Jacksonville. The problem isn't racism, it's ignorance. African-American leadership hasn't gotten organized and pursued projects together to empower the community.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

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Rollcall

Present: 5 - Chair Matt Carlucci, Council Member Ron Salem, Council Member Joyce Morgan, Council Member LeAnna Cumber and Council Member Garrett Dennis

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Randy DeFoor and Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson

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