

# City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St  
Jacksonville, FL 32202



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall & Virtual

### Rules Committee

*Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chair*

*Garrett Dennis, Vice Chair*

*Randy DeFoor*

*Matt Carlucci*

*Sam Newby*

*Ju'Coby Pittman*

*Michael Boylan*

*Legislative Assistant: Crystal Shemwell*

*Legislative Assistant: Vonya Balogh*

*Deputy General Counsel: Peggy Sidman*

*Research Assistant: Colleen Hampsey*

*Administration: Rachel Zimmer*

*Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher*

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MEETING TIME: 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 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: 972 8017 0821

Meeting Password: 622727

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**Meeting Convened: 2:05 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:39 PM**

**Attendance: CM Pittman (via Zoom)**

**CM Diamond (2021-74)**

**Also: Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel; Trista Carraher, Council Auditor's Office; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research**

**Item/File No. Title History**

1. [2020-0326](#) RESO Supporting the Passage of a Policy Designating City Hall as a “Hit Free Zone,” Training of Employees for an Appropriate Response, & Posting Signage at City Hall Identifying Property as a “Hit Free Zone” Area; Urging Creation of a Pilot Program. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)  
6/9/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
6/15/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/16/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
6/23/20 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, R

**DEFER (At the request of CM Dennis)**

2. [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 the request of CM Dennis)**

3. [2020-0584](#) ORD-MC Creating a New Chapt 79 (Jacksonville City Council Citizen Review Board), Ord Code; Establishing a New Chapter Creating a Council-Appointed Citizen Review Board to make Recommendations to Council. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)  
9/22/20 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R  
10/5/20 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/6/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
10/13/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, R  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 10/13/20

**DEFER (At the request of CM Dennis)**

**CM Boylan shared that the Citizen Review Board will be discussed at the next Safer Together Workshop, April 5th.**

4. [2020-0705](#) ORD-MC Regarding the Jacksonville Ethics Code; Amending Chapt 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Part 8 (Lobbying), Ord Code, to Rename Part 8, Establish Subpart A, & to Add a New Subpart B (Political Consultants) to Provide for a City Registration Process for Political Consultants. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)  
11/24/20 CO Introduced: R  
12/1/20 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
12/8/20 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 12/8/20

**DEFER (At the 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) (Co-Sponsors CM Ferraro & Becton) (Co-Sponsors CM's Morgan, Salem, DeFoor & R. Gaffney)  
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  
3/15/21 NCSPHS Sub/Approve 7-0  
3/15/21 TEU Sub/Amend/Approve 6-0  
3/16/21 F Sub/Approve 7-0  
3/16/21 R Sub(Finance)/Approve 6-0  
3/16/21 LUZ PH Sub(Finance)/Approve 7-0  
LUZ PH - 2/2/21, 2/17/21, 3/2/21, 3/16/21  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 1/12/21

**SUB(FINANCE)/APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

**As substituted,**

- **Provides an additional reduction in trips (instead of a monetary mobility fee credit) of:**
  - **125% if a non-historic existing use structure is demolished, or if an existing use structure was demolished prior to the year 2021**
  - **150% if an existing use structure is repurposed, remodeled, or renovated**
- **The additional reduction in trips is non-transferable and may only be used on the development site from which the trip reductions have been generated**
- **Adds definition for the repurposing, renovation, or remodeling of an existing use structure**
- **Exempts DIA's jurisdiction from trip reduction adjustments provided through this legislation**

6. [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 CMs 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  
2/23/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, LUZ  
3/15/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-1 (CM Bowman)  
3/15/21 TEU Approve 5-1 (CM Morgan)  
3/16/21 F Amend/Approve 5-2 (CM's Cumber & Salem)  
3/16/21 R Amend(Finance)/Approve 5-1 (CM Newby)  
3/16/21 LUZ Approve (Fail) 3-4 (CM's Boylan, R. Gaffney, Freeman, Bowman)  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 2/23/21

#### **AMEND(FINANCE)/APPROVE**

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding this bill, which would permit filing legislation separate from the annual budget bill if the Council adopts an increased annual salary over the prior fiscal year. CM Diamond was in attendance to speak on behalf of the bill and said that his intent is to allow full transparency and public participation in the salary increase process. CM Diamond expressed opposition to the amendment from the Finance Committee, which adds language to state that "each council member shall submit in writing a notification with the Council Secretary as to their election for salary placement for the upcoming fiscal year prior to October 1 of the affected fiscal year. The notifications shall be published each year on the City Council website". CM Carlucci said that it should be left to individual council members, who all experience different levels of financial security, to decide whether or not to accept pay increases. He also commented on the lack of stringent transparency when it comes to things like economic incentives for deals with developers. CM Dennis commented that the salaries for constitutional officers are derived from a formula at the state level, and is then divided in half for Jacksonville CMs because it is technically a part time position. He also spoke about maintaining a level playing field for council candidates, which includes fair compensation so it is not necessary to be independently wealthy to run for office. CM Priestly Jackson noted that the state has had a process in place for salary formulations since 1983, and that separating salaries from the rest of the City budget creates issue politically, and that there are waiver options available as needed due to situational financial constraints (like recessions etc.). CM Boylan said that council members should be compensated fairly for their**

service, regardless of if they are retired or currently employed elsewhere. CM Newby shared his personal story of opting to retire from his professional career when he decided to run for council, so as to fully direct his time to council work (he is not reliant upon his council salary, as he receives a pension from his former employer).

**Aye:** 5 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci and Boylan

**Nay:** 1 - Newby

#### **FINANCE AMENDMENT**

**Delete proposed language and insert "; provided however, each council member shall submit in writing a notification with the Council Secretary as to their election for salary placement for the upcoming fiscal year prior to October 1 of the affected fiscal year. The notifications shall be published each year on the City Council website."**

7. [2021-0097](#) RESO Encouraging & Requesting the Downtown Investment Authority ("DIA") to Explore the Sale or Lease of Propty Located at 816 Union St. W., within the Downtown CRA Boundary, to the Jacksonville Brotherhood of Police Officers; Providing DIA Time to Review & Report Its Findings to Council. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)  
2/9/21 CO Introduced: R  
2/17/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
2/23/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R

#### **DEFER (At the request of CM Dennis)**

8. [2021-0117](#) ORD-MC Repealing Chapt 24 (Finance & Admin Dept), Pt 6, Sec 24.604 (Office of the Ombudsman Functions) & Sec 24.605 (Equal Business Opportunity Office Functions), Ord Code; Creating a New Chapt 24 (Finance & Admin Dept), Pt 10 (Office of the Ombudsman) & Pt 11 (Equal Business Opportunity Division); Amend Chapt 24, Sec 24.603 (Duties of Chief of Procurement), Ord Code; Repealing Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Pt 6A (Small Business Capital, Bonding & Outreach Prog.) & Pt 6B (Jax Small Emerging Business Prog.), Ord Code; Creating a New Chapt 126, Pt 6 (Jax Small Emerging Business Prog.), Subpt A (General Provisions), Subpt B (Prog. Admin.), Subpt C (Prog.Support Svcs.; Marketing & Outreach; Disparity Study Update), Subpt D (Prog.Eligibility, Procedures, & Other Requirements); Providing for Codification Instructions. (Hodges) (Co-Introduced by CMs Pittman, Freeman & Dennis)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: F, R  
3/2/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: F, R  
3/16/21 F Sub/Rerefer 7-0  
3/16/21 R Sub(Finance)/Rerefer 6-0  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/9/21

#### **SUB(FINANCE)/REREFER**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

9. [2021-0120](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Dr. Ramsey Salem, as a Member of the Renew Arlington Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board, as a Commercial Property Owner Within the CRA Boundary, Pursuant to Chapt 53, Ord Code, for a First Full Term Ending 12/31/24. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

**APPOINTMENT**

10. [2021-0121](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Elias Hionides, to the Art in Public Places Committee, Serving as a Lay Citizen Representing the Planning District 1, Replacing Christina Parrish, Pursuant to Chapt 126, Ord Code, for a First Full Term to Expire 12/31/23. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Salem)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**CM Dennis emphasized the need for public art to be located in all parts of the City, especially in disadvantaged neighborhoods.**

**CM DeFoor spoke about the correlation between public art and crime reduction.**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

**APPOINTMENT**

11. [2021-0122](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Gerald Thomas to the Library Board of Trustees, as an At-Large Group 5 Representative, Replacing Matt Swanson, Pursuant to Sec 90.101, Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Expire 9/30/21. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan



**APPOINTMENT**

12. [2021-0123](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Heather Terrill to the Art in Public Places Committee, Serving as a Lay Citizen Representing the Planning District 3, Replacing Lea M. Mahan, Pursuant to Chapt 126, Ord Code, for a First Full Term to Expire 12/31/23. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

**APPOINTMENT**

13. [2021-0124](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Ana Kamiar, a Resident of Duval County, to the Art in Public Places Committee, Serving as an Art Professional, Replacing Suzanne Pickett, Pursuant to Chap 126, Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Expire 12/31/21. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

**APPOINTMENT**

14. [2021-0125](#) RESO Conf the Mayor's Appt of Keith Doles, a Resident of Duval County, to the Art in Public Places Committee, Serving as an Art Professional, Replacing Tracie Thornton, Pursuant to Chapt 126, Ord Code, for a First Full Term to Expire 12/31/22. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

**APPOINTMENT**

15. [2021-0126](#) RESO Appt Andrew Fraden to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, as a General Public Representative, Filling a Seat Formerly Held by Garrett N. Barket, Pursuant to Chapt 95, Ord Code, for a Partial Term Ending 12/31/21. (Distel) (Introduced by CP Hazouri) (Co-Sponsored by CM Carrico)  
2/23/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/2/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/9/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan

**APPOINTMENT**

16. [2021-0142](#) ORD-MC Amending Sec 123.107 (Exemptions), Part 1 (In General), Chapt 123 (Public Fees), Ord Code, to Add to the Exemptions a Park Admission Fees Exemption for Gold Star Families & an Administrative Process for Exempting Such Fees; Correcting Outdated References in Existing Sec 123.107. (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Dennis)  
3/9/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R  
3/15/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/16/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer  
3/16/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer  
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 3/23/21

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

17. [2021-0161](#) RESO Conf the Reappt of Geraldine (Lockett) Jackson as a JEA Representative to the Civil Svc Board of the City of Jax, Pursuant to Sec 17.02 of the Charter of Jax, for a First Full Term to Expire 6/30/23. (Sidman) (Req of JEA)  
3/9/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/16/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

**READ 2ND & REREFER**

18. [2021-0162](#) RESO Recognizing 3/31/21 as Cesar Chavez Day. (Hampsey) (Introduced by CM Dennis) (Co-Sponsors CM's Carlucci & Priestly Jackson)  
3/9/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/16/21 R Approve 6-0

**APPROVE**

**CMs Priestly Jackson and Carlucci asked to be added as co-sponsors. Mario Decunto, Mexican Chamber of Commerce Jacksonville, spoke on behalf of the bill.**

- Aye:** 6 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby and Boylan
19. [2021-0163](#) RESO Conf Appt of Bradley S. Talbert to the Jax Port Authority, Replacing John Baker, Pursuant to Article 5 (Jax Port Authority), Charter of the City of Jax, for a Partial Term to Exp. 9/30/21, & Subsequently Reappt Mr. Talbert to a 1st Full Term to Exp. 9/30/25 (Sidman) (Req of Mayor) (Co-Sponsored by CM Salem)  
3/9/21 CO Introduced: R  
3/16/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

### **READ 2ND & REREFER**

Legislative recommendations from the Special Investigatory Committee on JEA Matters:

**CM Priestly Jackson said that the legislative recommendations from the Special Investigatory Committee on JEA Matters will be drafted into a memo by OGC to reflect the wishes of the committee.**

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

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 6, 2021.**

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Rollcall

**Present:** 7 - Chair Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chair Garrett Dennis, Council Member Randy DeFoor, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Council Member Sam Newby, Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman and Council Member Michael Boylan