

City of Jacksonville

117 W Duval St
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 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 - Excused Early Departure

Michael Boylan

Legislative Assistant: Sandra Nester

Legislative Assistant: Jessica Smith

Deputy General Counsel: Peggy Sidman

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Council Auditor's Office: Trista Carraher

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PHYSICAL LOCATION: Council Chambers
City Hall
117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

MEETING TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM
(If attending virtually, please join the meeting by 1:45 PM)
Meeting ID: 976 5430 3354
Passcode: 050421

Council Members, City staff and the public may attend the meeting at the physical location-Council Chambers.

A quorum of the Committee Members (4) will need to be present in-person, but other members may attend utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT). The meeting will discuss topics related to the background and charge of the Committee and any other items noted on the meeting's agenda or at the discretion of the Chair. The public will be encouraged to share general comments with individual Council Members by email or telephone. CCMeeting05112021@coj.net is the designated email for comments to be including as a part of this meeting.

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Meeting Convened: 2:01 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 3:16 PM

Attendance:

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

DEFER (At 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 request of CM Dennis)

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 request of CM Dennis)

5. [2021-0201](#) ORD Apv & Auth the Execution & Delivery of an Agreeemnt to Settle Nuisance Liens “After-the-Fact” btwn the City of Jax (“City”) & V & O Partners, LLC (“Owners”), in Connection w/ the Demolition & Improvement of the Vacant Property Located at 4422 Ortega Blvd., R.E. # 100703-0000 (Property”), Which Lien Agreeemnt Auth a Reduction of the Nuisance Liens “After-the-Fact” on the Subject Property in the Amount of \$15,051.49 Plus Accrued Interest; Waiving the Requirements of Sec 518.145 (D), Ord Code (Collection & Settlement of Nuisance Abatement & Demolition Liens); Directing the Finance & Administration Dept to Administer the Lien Agreeemnt. (Pollock) (Introduced by CM DeFoor)
4/13/21 CO Introduced: F, R
4/20/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/27/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: F, R
5/4/21 F Approve 7-0
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/27/21

APPROVE

CM Dennis extended kudos to CM DeFoor for this bill, which authorizes the agreement to settle nuisance liens that were rendered to vacant property located at 4422 Ortega Blvd.

CM Dennis commented on the prohibitive nature of nuisance liens, as they impede some owners from selling or improving properties due to penalties/fines. He also asked about the possibility of an amnesty period to expedite the process for some properties. Cherry Pollock, OGC, explained the amnesty period conducted in 2017, wherein there were thousands of applicants.

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

Scrivener's

Pg. 2, line 16: insert end quotes after "property"

- Provides for a reduction of the nuisance liens for the property located at 4422 Ortega Blvd.
- The outstanding balance of the liens including interest totals \$15,051.49 as of 4/30/21
- Pursuant to the proposed agreement, the outstanding lien balance will be reduced by \$1 for every \$5 spent by the owner up to the first \$30,000 of improvements, then reduced by \$1 for every \$2 spent over \$30,000
- Waives Code Section 518.145(d) in order to approve a settlement agreement after the owner has made improvements

6. [2021-0202](#) RESO Conf the Appt of James Mattera, a Nassau County Resident, as a Member of the Jax Police & Fire Pension Fund Financial Investment & Advisory Committee, Replacing Robert M. Kowkabany, Pursuant To Section 121.503, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Ending 3/1/24. (Hodges) (Req of Jax Police & Fire Pension Fund Board of Trustees)
 4/13/21 CO Introduced: R
 4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
 5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

APPOINTMENT

7. [2021-0210](#) ORD Making Certain Findings, & Auth the Approp of \$200,000 in Funding from the Downtown Economic Development Fund Loans Account to Provide for a \$200,000 Economic Development Grant to Regions Bank (“Developer”); Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, to Execute an Economic Development Agreement (“Agreement”) btwn the Downtown Investment Authority (“DIA”), the City of Jax (“City”), & Developer, to Support the Renovation by Developer of the Old Bisbee Building (“Building”) Located at 51 West Bay St. & Costs Incurred & Improvements Associated w/ the Sale of the Adjacent Surface Lot Located at 54 West Forsyth St. (“Surface Lot”) in the Downtown Northbank Community Redevelopment Area (“Project”); Auth up to 5 Tranches of Downtown Preservation & Revitalization Program Forgivable Loans, in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$900,000, to the Developer in Connection w/ the Renovations to the Building, to be Approp by Subsequent Legislation; Auth an Economic Development Grant in an Amount not to Exceed \$200,000 to the Developer in Connection w/ the Improvements to the Building as a Result of the Sale of the Surface Lot; Waiving DPRP Guidelines Requiring City Council Approval of Each Phase of the Project & Requiring a Lien on the Project Property & Requiring a Lien on the Project Property Securing the DPRP Loans; Designating the DIA as Contract Monitor for the Agreement; Providing for Oversight of the Project by the DIA; Auth the Execution of all Documents Relating to the Above Agreement & Transactions, & Auth Technical Changes to the Documents. (B.T. 21-064) (Dillard) (Req of Mayor)
 4/13/21 CO Introduced: F, R
 4/20/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/27/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:F, R
 5/4/21 F Approve 7-0
 5/4/21 R Approve 6-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/27/21

APPROVE

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

Absent: 1 - Dennis

Scrivener’s

Correct section references and extension language in Economic Development Agreement

8. [2021-0213](#) ORD Approp \$5,000 from Private Donations to the Jump Start Prog Administered by NE FL Sober Living Alliance, Inc. within the Opioid Abuse Prog Trust Fund; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, an Agreemnt btwn the City of Jax & NE FL Sober Living Alliance, Inc.; Invoking the Exception in Sec 126.107 (G), Ord Code, to Allow Direct Contract w/ NE FL Sober Living Alliance, Inc. to Provide the Svcs for the Jump Start Prog; Providing for Oversight by the Office of Grants & Contract Compliance. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Salem) (Co-Sponsored CMs Bowman, Pittman, White, Diamond, Carlucci & DeFoor)
 4/13/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
 4/19/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/20/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/27/21 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS,F, R
 5/3/21 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 6-0
 5/4/21 F Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0
 5/4/21 R Amend(NCSPHS)/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/27/21

AMEND(NCSPHS)/APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

AMENDMENT

1. Add waiver of Code Sec. 118.201(f) to allow for advance payment in excess of 10% and final report due at the contract term end
2. Attach revised Exhibit 3 (City Grant Agreement) to clarify payment and reporting language, include waiver of Sec. 118.201(f), and correct scrivener's errors

- Appropriates \$5,000 from private donations within the Opioid Abuse Program Trust Fund to provide funding to the NE Florida Sober Living Alliance
- Funds will be used to provide nightly housing vouchers for eligible individuals
- Funding will provide 185 nights at a cost of \$27 per night/voucher
- An advance payment of \$1,250 will be provided to the NE Florida Sober Living Alliance and subsequent payments will be on a reimbursement basis

9. [2021-0214](#) RESO Upon an Acknowledgment of Due Authorization & the Making of Findings, Approving the Issuance by the Jax Housing Finance Authority Of Its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Beachwood Apartments), Series 2021, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$26,500,000 for the Purpose of Financing all or a Portion of the Costs Related to the Acquisition & Rehabilitation of a Multifamily Residential Housing Facility for Persons or Families of Low, Middle or Moderate Income, Located at 2901 Beachwood Blvd. Jax, Duval County, FL, 32246, & to be Commonly Known as “Beachwood Apartments”; Determining Credit Not Being Pledged. (Dillard) (Req of JHFA)
 4/13/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
 4/19/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/20/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, F, R
 5/3/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
 5/4/21 F Approve 7-0
 5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

10. [2021-0215](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Marsha G. Oliver, as a Member of the KHA Board, Replacing Dr. Barbara Darby, Pursuant to Chapt 77, Ord Code, for 1st Full Term Exp 12/31/24. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor) (Co- Sponsor CMs Salem,Carrico,Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman & Boylan)
 4/13/21 CO Introduced: R
 4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
 5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

CMs Newby, Priestly Jackson, DeFoor, Carlucci, Boylan, Pittman and Dennis asked to be added as co-sponsors.

CM Dennis spoke about the importance of diversity and having leadership that reflects the composition of the population served.

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

APPOINTMENT

11. [2021-0216](#) RESO Confi the Mayor's Appt of Dogan Tozoglu, PH.D, to the Public Service Grant Council, w/ Grant Experience, Filling a Seat Formerly held by Georgette Dumont, MPA, PH.D, Pursuant to Chapt 80, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term to Expire 12/31/23. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)
(Co-Sponsor CM Carrico)
4/13/21 CO Introduced: R
4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

APPOINTMENT

12. [2021-0218](#) RESO Declaring the City Council's Strong Condemnation of the Recent Outbreak in Our Country of Harassment, Attacks & Hate Crimes Directed at Asian-Americans & Pacific Islanders. (Clements) (Introduced by CM Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CMs Morgan, Carrico & Newby)
4/13/21 CO Introduced: R
4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

**CMs Newby and Priestly Jackson asked to be added as co-sponsors.
CM Boylan shared a personal family experience of anti-Asian sentiment displayed through comments made to his daughter in law and grandchild.**

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

Scrivener's

1. Pg. 1, line 7: strike "HARRASSMENT" and insert "HARASSMENT"
2. Pg. 1, line 24: after "reported", insert "in"

13. [2021-0219](#) RESO Regarding the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Reappt Richard Patsy, to the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees, Pursuant to Section 22.02, Jax Charter, for a 2nd 4Yr Term to Expire on 6/30/24. (Distel) (Introduced by CP Hazouri)
4/13/21 CO Introduced: R
4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

REAPPOINTMENT

Has attended 76 of 79 meetings or 96%

14. [2021-0220](#) RESO Regarding the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees; Reappt Nawal B. McDaniel, to the Jax Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees, Pursuant To Section 22.02, Jax Charter, for a 2nd 4Yr Term to Expire on 6/30/24. (Distel) (Introduced by CP Hazouri)
4/13/21 CO Introduced: R
4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: R
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

CM Dennis asked about the different counts used for meeting attendance for the two Police-Fire Pension Board appointees, which are due their different term start dates.

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

REAPPOINTMENT

Has attended 49 of 52 meetings or 94%

15. [2021-0221](#) RESO Endorsing & Supporting the Activities of the Jax/Duval Apprenticeship & Training Collaboration in Applying for Federal Funding for a Local Apprenticeship & Training Program at Westside High School. (Clements) (Introduced by CMs Priestly Jackson & White) (Co-Sponsor CMs Morgan, Carrico, Bowman, Pittman, Becton, Freeman, Diamond, Dennis, DeFoor, Newby & Boylan)
4/13/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, R
4/19/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/20/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
4/27/21 CO Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, R
5/3/21 NCSPHS Approve 6-0
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

CMs Newby, Dennis, DeFoor and Boylan asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

16. [2021-0242](#) ORD Approp \$100,000.00 in Fund Balance from the Environmental Protection Fund to Assist in the Ecological Restoration of Hogans Crk by Providing Funding to Groundwork Jax, Inc. for Preliminary Design & Feasibility Assessmnt of the Ecological Restoration of Hogans Crk. Providing a Carryover of Funds Through 9/30/23; Invoking the Exception of Sec 126.107(G) (Exemptions), Chap 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code, to Direct Contract w/ Groundwork Jax, Inc.; Apv & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver That Certain Funding Agreemnt btwn the City of Jax & Groundwork Jax, Inc.; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (The City Treasury), Chap 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Paymnt by the City; Providing for City Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Environmental Quality Div; Requiring Annual Reports & a Final Report to Jax Environmental Protection Board. (B.T. 21-067) (West) (Req of Mayor)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R, JWC
5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/4/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

17. [2021-0253](#) ORD Making Certain Finding & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, to Execute: (1) a Redevelopment Agreement (“Redevelopment Agreement”) Among the City of Jax (“City”), Downtown Investment Authority (“DIA”), & RD River City Brewery, LLC (“Developer”), Which Redevelopment Agreement Provides for the Design & Construction of 325 Multi-Family Residential Units, a 500 Space Structured Parking Facility, a Restaurant & Bar Venue, A Ship’s Store, Marina Improvements & Riverwalk Improvements by the Developer, All on the Southbank of the St. Johns River Within the Southbank Downtown Community Redevelopment Area (“Project”); (2) a Quitclaim Deed Conveying (3.43±Acres) of City-Owned Land to the Developer at No Cost; (3) a Marina Improvements Costs Disbursement Agreement by Which the Developer Shall Repair & Construct on Behalf of the City Certain Marina Improvements to be Funded by the City in the Max Amount of \$1,143,807, w/ Cost Overruns the Responsibility of the Developer, to be Owned by the City; (4) a Marina Operating & Maint Agreement btwn the Developer, or Its Designee, & the City for the Operation & Maint of the Marina; & (5) Easements & Related Docs as Described in the Redevelopment Agreement; Authorizing a 75%, 20 Yr, Multi-Family Market-Rate Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) Grant in the Max Amount Not to Exceed \$12,996,885 in Connection w/ the Proj; Authorizing an Infrastructure Grant In the Amount of \$500,000; Authorizing a Restaurant Completion Grant in the Amount of \$500,000; Providing for Annual \$50,000 Approp for Programming of St. Johns River Park & Friendship Fountain for Term of REV Grant; Waiving Provisions of Chapt 122, (Public Propty), Pt 4 (Real Propty), Subpart C (Community Redevelopment Real Propty Dispositions), Ord Code, to Auth Sale of City-Owned Real Propty Without an Appraisal to Developer at Less Than Fair Market Value; Designating the DIA as Contract Monitor for the Redevelopment Agreement; Providing for City Oversight of the Proj by the Dept of Public Works; Auth the Execution of All Docs Relating to the Above Agreements & Transactions, & Authorizing Technical Changes to the Docs. (Sawyer) (Req of DIA)
 4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R, JWC
 5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/4/21 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

READ 2ND & REREFER

18. [2021-0256](#) ORD Approp \$50,000 from the Social Justice & Community Investmnt Special Committee Contingency for the 2021 FL Black Expo Spring Empowermnt Summit; Apv, & Auth the Mayor, or His Designee, & Corp Secretary to Execute & Deliver, an Agreemnt btwn the City of the Jax & the Pollock Group, LLC; Invoking the Exception in Sec 126.107(G), Ord Code, to Allow for Direct Contract w/ the Pollock Group, LLC to Provide Svcs for the 2021 FL Black Expo Spring Empowermnt Summit; Waiving Sec 110.112 (Advance of City Funds; Prohibition Against), Pt 1 (The City Treasury), Chapt 110 (City Treasury), Ord Code, to Allow for a Partial Advance Pymt by the City; Providing for Oversight by the Office of Grants & Contract Compliance; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsor CM Pittman)
 4/27/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, R
 5/3/21 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
 5/4/21 F Emergency/Approve 7-0
 5/4/21 R Emergency/Approve 7-0
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 5/11/21

EMERGENCY/APPROVE

Suzy M. Jackson, Senior Business Strategist Pollock Group, was in attendance to answer questions about this bill, which provides funds for the Black Expo. CM Carlucci expressed his frustrations with fellow CMs who did not support the bill in a previous committee.

CM Gaffney expressed support and noted that he knows numerous folks who got jobs through the event in years past.

CM DeFoor asked Ms. Jackson if they have considered a partnership with JaxChamber, and Ms. Jackson said they have partnered with them this year. Because the bill was not moved as an emergency in NCSPHS (3-3 vote), the bill will not be reported at the next council meeting unless the sponsor requests of the CP that it be added to the council addendum and it will then require a 2/3 majority vote for approval.

CM Priestly Jackson spoke in support of the bill and the event, and described the thorough vetting processes used by the Social Justice and Community Investment Committee, prior to drafting the legislation.

CM Pittman asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

Scrivener's

1. Pg. 2, line 22: correct spelling to “Pollock”
2. Pg. 3, line 24: strike “Agreements” and insert “Agreement”
3. Pg. 4, line 3: strike “Section 7” and insert “Section 8”
4. Correct labeling on Exhibit 3 and clarify audit rights for Council Auditor

- Appropriates \$50,000 to the Pollock Group for the 2021 Florida Black Expo Spring Empowerment Summit to be held May 21-22, 2021
- City funding of \$50,000 will be used for event costs, including but not limited to venue costs, catering, guest speakers, advertising, and supplies
- Waives Code Sec. 110.112 to provide a \$12,500 advance payment to the Pollock Group upon full execution of the contract
- Provides for \$25,000 interim payment after the event has been held and \$12,500 final payment upon receipt of the final report, all on a reimbursement basis
- At no cost to the City, four booths at the event will be provided for use by the City or its independent agencies

19. [2021-0257](#) RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of Allana Forte, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Human Rights Commission, Replacing Ada A. Hammond, Pursuant to Chapt 60, Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Expire 12/31/21. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

20. [2021-0258](#) RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of David Faliszek, a Duval County Resident, to the Art in Public Places Committee, Pursuant to Chapt 126, Ord Code, as a Representative of the Cultural Council, Replacing Ann Carey, for a 1st Full Term to Expire 12/31/23. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

21. [2021-0259](#) RESO Conf the Mayor’s Appt of Angela Timberlake, a Duval County Resident, to the Jax Human Rights Commission, Replacing Peret Pass, Pursuant to Chapt 60, Ord Code, for a Partial Term to Expire 12/31/21. (Sidman) (Req of Mayor)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

22. [2021-0260](#) RESO Honoring & Commending Long-Time Jax Firefighter & Jax Association of Fire Fighters Union President Randy Wyse on His Retirement from the JFRD. (Clements) (Introduced by CM Carlucci) (Co-Sponsor CMs Morgan, White, Freeman, Carrico, Salem, Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Newby, Pittman & Boylan)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

CMs DeFoor, Priestly Jackson, Newby, Dennis, Pittman, Carlucci and Boylan asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

23. [2021-0261](#) RESO Honoring Local Sports Hero & Basketball Star RENNIA DAVIS for Being Drafted as the 9th Overall Pick in the WNBA Draft & Becoming the Highest WNBA Draft Pick to Come from the Jax Area. (Baltiero) (Introduced by CM Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CMs Morgan, Freeman, Newby, DeFoor, Dennis & Priestly Jackson)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE

CMs Dennis, Priestly Jackson and DeFoor asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

24. [2021-0262](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Jeff Strohecker as a Member of the Cultural Service Grant Program Comm, Replacing David Faliszek as one of the 3 Board Members, Pursuant to Sec 118.605, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Ending 12/31/23. (Distel) (Req of Cultural Council of Greater Jax)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

READ 2ND & REREFER

25. [2021-0263](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Alarie Gibbs as a Member of the Cultural Service Grant Program Comm, Replacing Kedgar Volta, as one of the 7 Community Representatives, Pursuant to Sec 118.605, Ord Code, for 1st Full Term, Term Exp 12/31/23. (Distel) (Req of Cultural Council of Greater Jax)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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26. [2021-0264](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Wilton Blake as a Member of the Cultural Service Grant Program Comm, as one of 7 Community Representatives, Replacing Truitte Moreland, Pursuant to Sec 118.605, Ord Code, for a 1st Full Term Ending 12/31/23. (Distel) (Req of Cultural Council of Greater Jax)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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27. [2021-0265](#) RESO Conf the Appt of Sel Buyuksarac as a Member of the Cultural Service Grant Program Comm, Replacing Diana Donovan, as one of the 3 Board Members, Pursuant to Sec 118.605, Ord Code, for Partial Term Exp 12/31/23. (Distel) (Req of Cultural Council of Greater Jax)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Read 2nd & Rerefer

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28. [2021-0266](#) RESO Honoring & Thanking the Duval Soil & Water Conservation District Board for Celebrating Soil & Water Stewardship Week 4/25 – 5/2/2021. (Distel) (Introduced by CM Pittman) (Co-Sponsor CMs Morgan, Newby, Salem, DeFoor & Carlucci)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Approve 7-0

APPROVE**CMs Carlucci and DeFoor asked to be added as co-sponsors.**

Aye: 7 - Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Pittman and Boylan

29. [2021-0268](#) RESO Honoring & Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in Northeast FL. (Clements) (Introduced by CM Boylan) (Co-Sponsor CM Morgan, DeFoor, Newby, Carlucci & Priestly Jackson)
4/27/21 CO Introduced: R
5/4/21 R Approve 6-0

APPROVE**CMs DeFoor, Newby, Carlucci and Priestly Jackson asked to be added as co-sponsors.**

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

Excused: 1 - Pittman

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Summary:

This bill authorizes an Economic Development Agreement with Regions Bank (Developer) for Renovation Improvements to the old Bisbee building located at 51 West Bay Street and Transition Improvements resulting from the sale of the Developer's adjacent surface parking lot parcel located at 54 West Forsyth Street.

The Development Agreement authorizes a \$900,000 Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program (DPRP) forgivable loan for the renovation of the building, to be appropriated by future legislation. The bill also authorizes and appropriates a \$200,000 Downtown Economic Development (DED) grant for the Transition Improvements, paid from the Downtown Economic Development Fund.

DPRP Forgivable Loan:

- The Developer may submit up to five requests for funding over a five year period, not to exceed \$900,00 in total
- Each loan request must be submitted and approved by the DIA Board prior to the 5th anniversary of the effective date of the agreement
- The minimum capital investment is \$1,200,000 in order to qualify for the loan (inclusive of the tax assessed value of the project parcel)
- The Developer must incur a minimum of \$2,633,000 in Total Development Costs to be eligible for the maximum loan amount
- The improvements for each phase must be substantially completed within 365 days after the applicable phase permits are issued
- All funds will be disbursed upon completion of improvements subject to cost verification and other approvals as specified in the DPRP Guidelines
- Loans are subject to the limitations set forth in the DPRP Guidelines
- Loans will be forgiven 20% annually over a five year term

DED Grant:

- Reimbursement up to \$200,000 for 50% of the expenses incurred for the Transition Improvements (professional services fees, signage improvements, access improvements, temporary parking for customers and employees during construction of the parking garage, and a new HVAC system)
- The amount of the HVAC expenses are capped at the amount of the non-HVAC expenses
- Signage improvements must be substantially completed by the earlier of May 30, 2022 or 180 days after the commencement of construction of the signage improvements
- Any portion of the DED Grant not disbursed on or before the 2nd anniversary of the effective date shall expire

The performance schedule may be extended for up to 3 months at the DIA CEO's sole discretion. Extensions longer than 3 months require DIA Board approval, but not City Council approval.

Waives the following requirements of the DPRP Guidelines:

- Waives the requirement that City Council approve the project in order to allow the DIA Board to approve the individual phases of the project
- Waives the requirement that the loan be secured by a subordinate-lien position on the real property

ROI:

The return on investment cannot be calculated at this point since the project budgets have not been finalized and submitted by the Developer. The DPRP Guidelines require a minimum ROI of 0.50x.

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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

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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

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