

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

9:30 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Al Ferraro, Chair

CM Michael Boylan, Vice Chair

CM Garrett Dennis

CM Matt Carlucci, Alternate

Jon Michael Barker

Robert Birtalan

Lindsey Brock

Lane Burnett

Senator Audrey Gibson - Excused Absence

Mark Devereaux

Andrew Fraden

Marc Hardesty

Jill D. Haskell

Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Maritza Sanchez, Legislative Assistant

Barbara Ireland Hobson, Legislative Assistant

Kealey West, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Richard Distel, Research Assistant

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3. Read the rules on the back of the card.
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Present 8 - Commissioner Raymond Pringle, Commissioner Mark Devereaux, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, Commissioner Jon Michael Barker, Chair Al Ferraro, Alternate Matt Carlucci, Commissioner Robert Birtalan, and Commissioner Jill Haskell

Excused 4 - Commissioner Lindsey Brock, Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Audrey Gibson , and Council Member Garrett Dennis

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Note: Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Meeting Convened: 9:31 AM Meeting Adjourned: 10:56 AM

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call

3. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

The minutes were approved 7 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Hand Vote: 7-0

4. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees - Dr. White & Dr. Pinto

Dr. Pinto said the current water temperatures are 64 degrees and there are currently four manatees in rehab at the Jacksonville Zoo.

Approval of Implementation Report

Dr. Pinto detailed the report for the commission. The implementation report was approved 7 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Hand Vote: 7-0

New Business

5. [2021-0883-E](#) ORD Approp Grant Funds in the Amt of \$4,300.000 From the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (“NFWF”) for the McCoy’s Creek Restoration Proj (The “Project”), Purpose of Approp; Amend the 2022-2026 5-Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2021-505-E to Reflect NFWF Grant Funding for the Proj; Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, the NFWF Grant Agreemt btwn the COJ & NFWF: Prov for City Oversight by the Public Works Dept, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 22-018) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CM Newby by Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)
12/14/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
1/3/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/4/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/11/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, TEU,F
1/18/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 4-0
1/18/22 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
1/19/22 F Amend/Approve 6-0
1/25/22 CO Amend/Approved 15-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/11/22

Robin Smith, Chief of Engineering Construction Management, explained the legislation. Mr. Hardesty asked Mr. Smith to attend the upcoming Sandbar Committee. Mr. Pringle asked about ADA requirements and emphasized going above and beyond.

The legislation was approved 8 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, CM Ferraro, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Contact:
Robin Smith

Hand Vote: 8-0

6. [2021-0884-E](#) ORD Transfer \$1,300,000.00 From the Debt Mgmt Fund to the Bit Fishweir Creek – Ecosystem Proj (The “Project”) to Pay Increased Costs for Completion the Proj; Purpose of Approp; Amend the 2022-2026 5-Yr CIP Apvd by Ord 2021-505-E to Reflect this Transfer of Funds to the Proj; Prov for City Oversight by the Public Works Dept, Engineering & Construction Mgmt Div (B.T. 22-030) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv) (Co-Sponsor CMs DeFoor, R. Gaffney & Pittman)
12/14/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
1/3/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/3/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/4/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/11/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred: NCSPHS, TEU, F
1/18/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 4-0
1/18/22 TEU Amend/Approve 6-0
1/19/22 F Amend/Approve 6-0
1/25/22 CO Amend/Approved 15-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/11/22

Robin Smith, Chief of Engineering Construction Management, explained the legislation.

The legislation was approved 8 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, CM Ferraro, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Contact:
Robin Smith

Hand Vote: 8-0

7. [2021-0891-E](#) ORD-MC re FL Inland Navigation Dist (FIND) Grants; Amend Sec 117.110 (Florida Inland Navigation District (Find) (Grants), Chapt 117 (Grants), Ord Code, to Require that the Mayor Notify Council of Excess Funds in the FIND Match Acct after FIND Apvl of Annual Projs & to Require that the Council President File Legislation to Transfer the Excess Match Funding to a Special Council Contingency Acct for Waterways Improvements, Maintenance & Repair for the Current FY (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Ferraro) (JWC Apv) (Co-Sponsor CMs DeFoor, Bowman, Becton, Salem, R. Gaffney, Pittman, Freeman & Boylan) 12/14/21 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC 1/3/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer 1/4/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer 1/11/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS,F 1/18/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 4-0 1/19/22 F Amend/Approve 5-0 1/25/22 CO Amend/Approved 14-0 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/11/22

Paige Johnston, Office of General Counsel, explained the legislation.

The legislation was approved 8 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, CM Ferraro, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Contact:
Paige Johnston

Hand Vote: 8-0

8. [2022-0024](#) ORD Approp \$25,000 From Contingency FIND Match to the Downtown Landscape Enhancements Proj (The "Project") for Completion of Irrigation Installation on Water St Medians; Purpose of Approp; Amending the 2022-2026 5-Yr CIP Apv'd by Ord 2021-505-E to Reflect this Transfer of Funds to the Project (B.T. 22-039) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)
1/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
1/18/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/19/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS,TEU,F
1/31/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
1/31/22 TEU Amend/Approve 7-0
2/1/22 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/25/22

Mr. Adkison asked where the FIND money was directed. CM Ferraro explained that some of the money went to a mental health program and the rest went to Edward Waters University. CM Boylan explained the reasoning for the funds to be directed towards these programs.

The legislation was approved 8 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, CM Ferraro, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Contact:
Vic Colon

Hand Vote: 8-0

9. [2022-0025](#) ORD Approp \$30,000.00 in Grant Funding from the FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (The "FWC") for Reimbursement of the COJ's Costs to Remove 2 Derelict Vessels Located in Public Waterways in the COJ; Purpose of Approp; Providing for Oversight by the Neighborhoods Dept, Environmental Quality Div (B.T. 22-031) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)
1/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
1/18/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/18/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/19/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS,TEU,F
1/31/22 NCSPHS Approve 5-0
1/31/22 TEU Approve 7-0
2/1/22 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/25/22

Melissa Long, Chief of Environmental Quality, explained the legislation which funds the removal of two derelict vessels. Captain Suber explained that one of the vessels has sunk which made the removal more extensive.

The legislation was approved 7 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Contact:
Melissa Long

Hand Vote: 7-0

10. [2022-0026](#) ORD Approp \$90,000.00 from FIND Contingency Dollars to a Special Council Reserve for Future Approp Related to the JAX Waterways; Providing for Purpose; Providing for Carryover (Johnston) (Introduced by CM Ferraro) (JWC Apv)
1/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
1/18/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/19/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS,F
1/31/22 NCSPHS Amend/Approve 7-0
2/1/22 F Amend/Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/25/22

Paige Johnston, Office of General Counsel, explained the legislation.

The legislation was approved 8 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, CM Ferraro, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Hand Vote: 8-0

11. [2022-0033-E](#) ORD Apv, & Auth the Mayor & Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver, for & on Behalf of the City, that Certain Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Modification btwn the COJ & the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvemt Trust Fund of the State of FL (The "Lease") to Reflect a Change in Upland Ownership, to add the City as a New Party to the Lease in Place of the Previous Lessee, & to Allow for Removal of an Existing Dock Structure; Providing for Oversight of the Lease & Docking Facility by the Parks, Rec & Community Svcs Dept; Req 1 Cycle Emerg Passage (BOT File #161181122) (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)
1/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC
1/18/22 NCSPHS Emergency/Approve 4-0
1/18/22 TEU Emergency/Approve 6-0
1/19/22 F Emergency/Approve 5-0
1/25/22 CO PH Emergency/Approved 15-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/25/22

Renee Hunter, Public Works, explained the legislation which modifies a submerged land lease.

The legislation was approved 7 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Contact:
Renee Hunter

Hand Vote: 7-0

12. [2022-0035](#) ORD Auth the Mayor to Apply to the FL Inland Navigation District (FIND) for 2022 Grants to Undertake Specified Waterways-Related Proj; Auth the Mayor, or his Designee, & the Corp Sec to Execute & Deliver all Grant Ageemnts btwn the City & FIND, as well as all Docs Related to Such Grants; Acknowledging Willingness to Meet Funding Requirements; Providing for the City Oversight by the Dept of Parks, Rec & Community Svcs (Staffopoulos) (Introduced by CP Newby at Req of Mayor) (JWC Apv)
1/11/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, F, JWC
1/18/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/19/22 F Read 2nd & Rerefer
1/25/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rereferred:NCSPHS, F
1/31/22 NCSPHS Approve 7-0
2/1/22 F Approve 7-0
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601 – 1/25/22

Brian Burket, Parks Department, explained the legislation which authorizes the FIND grant projects process. Mr. Adkison asked about money for dock maintenance. Daryl Joseph, Parks Department, explained that the maintenance and repairs can be done using the county wide parks budget. John Nooney talked about FIND projects.

The legislation was approved 7 to 0. Mr. Birtalan, Ms. Haskell, Mr. Barker, CM Boylan, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Devereaux voted yes.

Contact:

Brian Burket

Hand Vote: 7-0

Old Business

13. Report from Sandbar Sub-Committee

Contact:

Commissioner Hardesty

Mr. Hardesty said that the next sandbar committee will meet on January 20th to discuss possible solutions to the problem.

Public Comment

Adjournment

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