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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-229

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2015

Type of Action: Ordinance Revision of Schedule A-2

Bill Summary: This bill approves the revision of Schedule A-2 of Ordinance 2014-466-E in order to transfer funds from Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC) to another agency providing children's programs. All other aspects of Ordinance 2014-466-E remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Background Information: Section 10.1 requires the approval of City Council to transfer funds from one agency to another. The transfer allows the solicitation of competitive requests for proposals for child mental health services that will allow JCC to better align the services to meet the needs of children to develop a "proof of concept" hub for a Family Resource Center.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Children's Commission, Intra-Governmental Affairs Department

Fiscal Impact: Transfer of \$18,761,839.00 according to Schedule A-2 Revised.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-230

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; F; RCDPHS; JWW

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2015

Type of Action: Authorization for Lease Renewal

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease Renewal (BOT File No. 160335982) between the City of Jacksonville and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the purpose of operating a 6-slip docking facility in conjunction with Upland Palms Fish Camp for a ten-year term lease at no cost.

Background Information: The purpose of the lease is to allow the operation of a 6-slip docking facility with an existing boat ramp, a canoe and kayak launch, boat trailer parking with handicap trailer spot, and additional boat ramp with boardwalks on either side of the ramp. The docking facility is to be used exclusively for temporary mooring of recreational vessels in conjunction with upland Palm Fish Camp, without fueling facilities, and with a sewage pumpout facility if such meets the regulatory requirements of the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection or State of Florida Department of Health. The Palms Fish Camp is located in Council District 11.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-231

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2015

Type of Action: Authorization for Subordination Agreement

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves, in accordance with Section 122.421(b), *Ordinance Code*, the subordination of Parcel 800.2, a perpetual easement over a large drainage right-of-way which crosses University Boulevard in the vicinity of its intersection with Barnes Road in Council District 4, to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to allow FDOT to correct erosion and soil failure and to improve maintenance access in the area; the ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute, for an on behalf of the City, a Subordination Agreement and all other documents necessary or appropriate to subordinate the perpetual easement to FDOT.

Background Information: The City owns the large drainage right-of-way. The ditch in this right-of-way drains a large area northwest of University Boulevard and takes runoff from Interstate 95. FDOT is acquiring a fee parcel over the ditch to correct erosion and soil failure and to improve maintenance access. The City holds a perpetual easement over the fee parcel for the purpose of drainage and utilities. FDOT is requesting that the City execute a subordination of this interest to FDOT and such request has been approved by the Public Works City Engineer and the Right-of-Way and Stormwater Maintenance Division.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate Division

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-232

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; F

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2015

Type of Action: Approval and Authorization of Agreement

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for an on behalf of the City, a Construction and Maintenance Agreement needed for the replacement of the Bessent Road West Branch Bridge #724177, located near the intersection of Bessent Road and Lem Turner Road in Council District 8.

Background Information: The Florida Department of Transportation will undertake, at no cost to the City, a project known as Bridge replacement of Bessent Road West Branch Bridge #724177. Upon completion, the City shall own, operate, maintain and repair the improvements at its sole cost and expense.

Note: In Bill Joyce's memorandum to the Mayor's Budget Review Committee, dated February 27, 2015, the Bessent Road West Branch Bridge is identified as #724117.

Policy Impact: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-233

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Yarborough

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS, JWW

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2015

Type of Action: Amending Ordinance 2010-725-E

Bill Summary: This bill approves the continuation of maintenance of the system of canals located in the Harbour neighborhood, Harbour North neighborhood, Harbour Cay neighborhood and Harbour Island neighborhood.

Background Information: The Harbour Waterway Special District was created and empowered by Ordinance 2010-725-E. The purpose of the District shall be to continue maintenance of the system of canals which is fulfilled by dredging the canals; dredging the channel that provides the canals with access to the St. Johns River; maintaining a jetty; and maintaining navigational aids. The District may also enforce standards for docks, other structures located in the canals, and activities in the canals when dredging is ongoing.

This bill shall be retroactive in application and shall be effective as if it were contained in the original enabling Ordinance 2010-725-E. With the exception of Section 1, all other respects of Ordinance 2010-725-E shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Policy Impact Area: Public Works Department, Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-234

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Lumb

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 602 – Ethics Code – in Part 5 – Whistleblower Protection – to provide that the City’s designated “whistleblower official” shall be the Inspector General rather than the Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight.

Background Information: The whistleblower protection ordinance that created Part 5 of the Ethics Code was enacted in August 2013, prior to the creation of the Office of Inspector General in October 2014. This bill provides that City employees having knowledge of potentially illegal or unethical activities on the part of City employees or officials shall now report those allegations to the Inspector General rather than to the Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight for investigation. The Inspector General is also designated as the official responsible for establishing procedures to safeguard the identity of a whistleblower employee and for promulgating rules and procedures for reporting and investigation of potential misfeasance, malfeasance or unethical conduct.

Policy Impact Area: Whistleblower protection administration

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-248

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Boyer, Anderson, Love, Crescimbeni, Gulliford and Schellenberg

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Capital projects de-authorization; transfer of budgetary authority

Bill Summary: The bill de-authorizes \$47,473,445.66 in Better Jacksonville Plan road project budgetary authority (none of which have any current funding) from the BJP project list to recognize the transfer of the budget authority for such projects to a BJP Council Reserve because the Jacksonville Transportation Authority has previously assumed responsibility for construction of these projects pursuant to an interlocal agreement using the proceeds of the recently extended local option gas tax.

Background Information: This bill results from the work of the Special CIP Committee which identified 22 BJP road projects the responsibility for which has been transferred by interlocal agreement to the JTA for construction using the proceeds of the extended local option gas tax. This bill closes out those road projects (which are authorized but have no cash in the accounts) on the City's books and transfers the budgetary authority to a BJP Council Reserve account for potential reallocation to other BJP projects should the BJP sales tax produce additional revenue in future years beyond the amount already committed to BJP bond service. The City Finance Department has estimated that if the BJP local option sales tax continues to grow at its current rate, it may become cash-positive in 2018 or 2019 and generate sufficient revenue beyond debt service needs to undertake some of the BJP projects that have been put on hold because of insufficient BJP revenue.

Policy Impact Area: BJP project transfer and budgetary de-authorization

Fiscal Impact: The bill transfers \$47,473,445.66 in Better Jacksonville Plan road project authorization (but no cash) to a designated BJP Council Reserve account.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-249

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boyer

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 665 – Concurrency and Mobility Management System – to provide that concurrency annual reservation and extension fees are to be deposited into the fair share sector funds for the geographic area where the fee for the transportation project generating the fee is located.

Background Information: During the course of its work the Special CIP Committee learned that both the initial application fees paid by developers to obtain roadway concurrency allocations for their projects and subsequent annual payments to reserve that concurrency allocation for future use and application fees for extension of concurrency allocations beyond their originally approved length are deposited into the Planning and Development Department's Concurrency Management System Fund and used for departmental administrative costs. The CIP Committee believes that the annual reservation fees and extension fees are attributable to particular projects and should more properly be deposited into the fair share sector funds where those projects are located and used for capital improvement purposes rather than being deposited into Concurrency Management System Fund and used for administrative and operational expenses. This legislation leave the deposit of the initial application fees to the Concurrency Management System Fund unchanged.

Policy Impact Area: Concurrency management operations

Fiscal Impact: The Planning and Development Department reports that the Chapter 655, Part 2 development agreement annual fees generated approximately \$555,110 in FY13-14. The department also notes that all revenue associated with fair share payments (including any extension fee of 5% associated with a fair share contract amendment) is currently deposited into the specific Fair Share Sector account, so would not be impacted by this bill.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-250

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Love

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2015

Type of Action: Amending Section 656.604, *Ordinance Code*

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 656.604, Subpart A, to allow number of off-street parking spaces required at restaurants to four patron seats, including indoor and outdoor patron seating, plus one space for each two employees on a peak hour shift.

Background Information: Off-street parking spaces shall be provided and maintained in all districts. The parking standards provided are minimum requirements, however, except as set forth in subsections (e) and (f), the maximum number of off-street parking spaces permitted for any use shall be the minimum required, plus twenty percent (20%) of the required spaces for parking lots with less than 100 spaces, or ten percent (10%) of the required spaces for parking lots with more than 100 spaces.

There shall be no maximum number of off-street parking spaces for single-family dwellings. Parking spaces located in parking garages do not apply toward the determination of the maximum number of parking spaces. Additional increases in parking, beyond the allowed, shall require an Administrative Deviation and parking demand analysis.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Development Department

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-251

Sponsor: Council Member Jones:

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2015

Type of Action: Naming City-owned Parcel

Bill Summary: The ordinance names a parcel located at the northwest corner of Lee and Houston Streets, owned by the City of Jacksonville, Real Estate No. 074828-0010 (the "subject property"), in Council District 9, Jacksonville, Florida, as the 'Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park'.

Background Information: Ordinance 2013-535-E, designated the James Weldon and John Rosamond Johnson Birth Site, a parcel located at the northwest corner of Lee and Houston Streets, owned by the City of Jacksonville, as a landmark site. The subject property was the location of the family home of James Weldon Johnson and his brother John Rosamond Johnson, where the brothers were born, raised and lived during a significant portion of their lives. The subject property is also the location where the brothers composed Lift Every Voice and Sing, originally composed to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's birthday but later became known as the Negro National Anthem.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Right-of-Way Division

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-252

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation; Agreement Authorization; CIP Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates a \$200,000 grant from the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for expansion of the paved trail system at Lonnie C. Miller, Sr. Regional Park in Council District 10, as authorized by B.T. 15-058; it approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver on behalf of the City, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails Program Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Project Agreement; the ordinance amends the 2015-2019 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, approved by Ordinance 2014-467-E, to increase funding for the project entitled "Lonnie Miller Recreational Trails"; provides for City oversight by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to provide grant funding to expand the paved trail system at Lonnie C. Miller, Sr. Regional Park. The grant allows reimbursement of up to 50% of the appropriation at the completion of the project; \$200,000 will be transferred from CIP Project and \$200,000 will be reimbursed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The proposed pedestrian trail will allow citizens of all ages to foster a healthier lifestyle by means of recreational activities.

Policy Impact: Parks, Recreation & Community Services

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates a grant in the amount of \$200,000

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-253

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Crescimbeni

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill repeals Ordinance Code Section 116.910 – Residence within City preferred – and creates a new Section 116.910 – Residence within City required, in order to require that all persons employed by the City on or after January 1, 2016 must be residents of the city.

Background Information: The City has implemented and subsequently revoked a residency requirement in the past. A residency requirement was adopted in 1978, repealed in 1987, readopted with certain exceptions in 2006, then amended to include all employees in 2011. Two exceptions were adopted in 2013 to cover the re-hiring of certain JSO officers who had been laid off due to budget cuts and to exempt employees of the General Counsel's Office due to the difficulty of finding attorneys with the desired levels of experience and knowledge in certain practice areas who lived in Jacksonville rather than in adjoining counties. Ordinance 2014-681-E authorized a straw ballot referendum on whether to impose a residency requirement on all new City employees, which was approved by the voters in March 2015 by a vote of 64.5% to 35.7%.

Policy Impact Area: Employee residence requirement

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-254

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Holt

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill: 1) appropriates \$3,367,780.72 to a new design, permitting and Phase I of a construction project called Imeson Park Blvd – Busch to Heckscher, all in Fair Share Sector Area 6.1, North Planning District; amending Part 5, Chapter 111, *Ordinance Code*; 2) amends Section 111.535 to eliminate the Duval Station Office Park account; 3) amends the Sunset provisions to allow for transfer of funds from project not commenced; 4) provides for carryover to 2015-2016 budget year; 4) provides oversight by the Public Works Department; and 5) amends the 2015-2019 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program to add the project entitled “Imeson Park Blvd. – Busch to Heckscher” and decrease funding for projects entitled “Yellow Bluff Road Improvements”, “Main St. Improvements” and “Duval Station Office Park Improvements”.

Background Information: The following are amounts appropriated for the Imeson Park Blvd – Busch to Heckscher project:

- \$1,079,748.00 from Duval Station Office Park- Improvements
- \$1,410,556.23 from Yellow Bluff Road Improvements
- \$877,476.49 from Main Street 4th To 12th Improvements

The project will facilitate the construction of a City-standard road within City-owned right-of-way. Phase I construction will consist of approximately 3,700 linear feet. Design/permitting costs will include survey, geotechnical, civil design, and landscape architecture.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Development Department

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$3,367,780.72.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-255

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Schellenberg

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Authorization to amend professional services agreement; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes an amendment to the City's current agreement with McGladrey, LLP, the City's external auditor, to provide additional services with regard to the on-going FY13-14 audit in order to comply with a recent state mandate on reporting investment activity. The bill authorizes an additional \$7,500 in compensation to McGladrey for the additional work and designates the Council Auditor's Office as the oversight agency for the contract.

Background Information: In December 2014, as McGladrey, LLP was well underway with its work on the City's independent audit for FY13-14, the Florida Auditor General disseminated a new requirement that independent auditors reviewing the financial statements of local governments must express an opinion on the government's compliance with the state's regulations on investment activity and on the Clerk of the Courts' compliance with their state performance and reporting and budgeting requirements. McGradey reported these new mandates to the Finance Audit Subcommittee which recommended that the Council Auditor's Office provide additional manpower to assist the company in the performance of this additional work and authorized an addition to the McGladrey contract of up to \$7,500.

Policy Impact Area: Independent audit contract

Fiscal Impact: The bill authorizes an addition to the McGladrey contract of up to \$7,500 with the understanding that the Council Auditor's Office will provide up to 72 hours of additional staff time in addition to its existing commitment to assist the external audit for FY13-14.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-256

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at request of Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2015

Type of Action: Approval of amendment and reissuance of bonds

Bill Summary: This bill: 1) approves the amendment and reissuance of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds (The Bolles School Project), Series 2011 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000; 2) provides oversight by the Office of Economic Development; and 3) waives Section 104.305, *Ordinance Code*, application requirements and a partial waiver of Section 104.306, *Ordinance Code* regarding application review.

Background Information: Ordinance 2012-212-E repealed Article 24 of the Charter of the City, abolishing Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC) and established the Office of Economic Development (OED). In addition, Ordinance 2012-681-E designated the Council to act as the City's industrial development authority under Chapter 159, Florida Statutes. The City has the authority to approve the 2015 Amendments and related documents and provide for the reissuance of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. The amendments apply to the loan agreement, original note and bonds. The granting of this approval shall not impose any liability upon the City with respect to the Bonds.

The waiver for Section 104.305 is requested because such requirements are inapplicable to bonds that have already been issued. Thus, waiver of Section 104.306 is needed since requirements are inapplicable when the bonds have already been issued and the project related thereto has been completed.

Policy Impact Area: Office of Economic Development

Fiscal Impact: Aggregate principal amount of Bonds are not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-257

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2015

Type of Action: Approving & Authorizing Economic Development Agreement; Appropriation; Policy Waiver

Bill Summary: The resolution approves and authorizes the execution of an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Jacksonville (“City”) and Safariland, LLC (“Company”), to support the expansion of the company’s operations in Jacksonville; it recommends that the company be approved by the State of Florida’s Department of Economic Opportunity as a Qualified Target Industry (“QTI”) business, pursuant to Sections 288.106-107, Florida Statutes; evidences a commitment of City support in an amount not to exceed \$14,400 as the local financial support under the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program payable over multiple years per guidelines set by the State Department of Economic Opportunity, with a State match of \$57,600, for a total City and State QTI amount of \$72,000 for 24 jobs; authorizes a City Training Grant of \$3,000 per new job for a maximum of up to 30 new jobs, for a total up to amount of \$90,000 (“CT Grant”); appropriates funds not to exceed \$90,000 (as initiated by B.T. 15-); provides for a carryover of funds from year to year until such funds are expended or lapse according to the Agreement; authorizes technical amendments by the Executive Director of OED; provides for City oversight by the OED; timeline for execution of Agreement by the company; waiver of that portion of the Public Investment Policy adopted by Resolution 2006-2119-A as amended by Ordinance 2012-213-E to provide for a City Training Grant and to waive the requirement that a Qualified Targeted Industry refund the new jobs created must pay fifteen percent above the State or County average wage (whichever is less).

Background Information: The Safariland Group, formerly a component of BAE Systems, is a premier manufacturer of protective equipment and solutions for law enforcement, military and public safety end-users. The company has 260 employees in Jacksonville, 234 full-time employees at its facility on International Parkway and an additional 26 full-time employees at its IT unit operating out of 8001 Belfort Parkway. The company is currently implementing a strategy of expanding its portfolio of brands and pursuing acquisitions, an operation that would include the need to hire an additional 30 new employees by the end of 2015 an investment of \$1.1 million in manufacturing equipment and facility upgrades. In order to qualify for the City’s Training Grant, a minimum of 40% of the new hires must reside in “North Jacksonville” (north of I-10 and Atlantic Boulevard).

Policy Impact: Office of Economic Development/Economic Development

Fiscal Impact: The Economic Development Agreement commits the City to \$90,000 (a combination of State and City funds) that is appropriated herein.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-258

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boyer

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 121 – Police and Firefighters Pension – to create a new set of pension benefits for “Group II” police and firefighters hired by the City on or after October 1, 2015. The new benefits mirror the benefit package recently negotiated between the City administration and the Police and Fire Pension Fund for new employees, and considered and defeated by the City Council by a 9-9 vote on Ordinance 2015-54. Employees hired by the City prior to October 1, 2015 would continue to be covered by the existing pension plan benefits.

Background Information: The preamble to the bill states that the Council needs some level of certainty regarding future pension costs in order to properly prepare the budget for the next fiscal year. The bill is therefore being introduced in reliance on two court rulings - *Rick Scott, et al. v. George Williams, et al.* in which the Florida Supreme Court ruled that the Florida Legislature did not violate the constitutional rights of the members of the Florida Retirement System to collectively bargain pension benefits when the Legislature voted to unilaterally change the benefits to be earned by future employees, and *Curtis Lee, et al. v. City of Jacksonville* in which a circuit court judge ruled that the 2001 agreement between the City and the Police and Fire Pension Fund board of trustees was *void ab initio* leaving no current contract. The preamble states that since the new legislation restates the benefits that were proposed for new employees in Ordinance 2015-54 and the police and firefighter unions expressed no objections to those proposed benefits when the bill, with other additional considerations, was deliberated by City Council. Further, the unions, as to 2015-54, expressly waived and indicated that they would not file any unfair labor practice charges, lawsuits or other legal challenges to the new benefits represented in 2015-54. The fact that the changes would not become effective until some months in the future gives the unions and the City time to negotiate additional changes if the parties so desire.

Policy Impact Area: Pension reform

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-259

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill: 1) appropriates \$75,000 to fund the local match portion of a grant being received by the Florida Theatre Performing Arts Center; 2) provides a carryover of funds to fiscal year 2015-2016; 3) provides oversight by the Public Works Department; and 4) amends the 2015-2019 Five-year Capital Improvement Program approved by Ordinance 2014-467-E to increase funding for the project entitled "Florida Theatre Façade Improvement Grant Match".

Background Information: The \$75,000 requested will match a grant to provide façade improvements to the Florida Theatre building. The improvements include:

- Terra cotta exterior restoration
- Re-caulk all terra cotta joints
- Grout and caulk all sills
- Replace one (1) case stone sill at rear of building

The total project cost is \$225,000. \$150,000 is grant match funds and \$75,000 is cash match. The Council finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the community because such deferral will result in forfeiture of state grant funds.

Policy Impact Area: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$75,000 as initiated by B.T. 15-059

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-261

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 10, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ingrid K. Montgomery-Fluellen as a member of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel, replacing Megan J. Mauney, for an unexpired term ending April 16, 2016.

Background Information: The Duval County Election Advisory Panel is established pursuant to Chapter 59, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations regarding the quality of voter registration and education efforts and ways to enhance the voter's election-day experience, including poll worker training, polling locations, ballot styles, and fraud prevention; evaluate and recommend improvements on the election effectiveness, including number of overvotes, undervotes and spoiled ballots, voter complaints, and voter turnout; review and comment on ballot styles, instructions and absentee ballot appearance; and make an annual report to Council on progress. Section 59.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel shall be Duval County registered voters and three of the nine members shall be designated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Ms. Montgomery-Fluellen received a master's degree in education from Temple University and is an active volunteer. She is a registered voter and resides in the Arlington Hills area within Council District #1.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Election Advisory Panel operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 10, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Robert Joseph McKinnon as a member of the Planning Commission, filling the seat formerly held by Mary Goldsmith as the Planning District #1 representative, for a first term ending October 1, 2017.

Background Information: The Planning Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 30, Part 2, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review proposed land use changes, text changes to the Comprehensive Plan, requests for exceptions, variances and waivers to the Zoning Code, appeals from written orders granting or denying an administrative deviation and written interpretations of the Zoning Code and final orders of the Cell Tower Review Committee and other matters related to land use and area planning which are referred to the Department or to the Commission pursuant to law; review and make recommendations to the Council on proposed changes to the Zoning Code, the Code of Subdivision Regulations and other land development regulations or amendments thereto, and with respect to all rezonings; review and make recommendations on plans and programs developed by the Planning Department; and serve as the local planning agency per 163.3174 F.S. and prepare the comprehensive plan.

Section 30.201(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the nine members of the Planning Commission shall be residents appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, including one member residing in each City Planning District.

Mr. McKinnon received master's degree in geology from the University of Georgia and is a Florida licensed professional geologist. His consulting firm is *Local2Global, LLC*. Mr. McKinnon resides in the Springfield area within Council District #7 (Planning District #1).

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-263

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 10, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Christina Parrish as a member of the Art in Public Places Committee, replacing Jefree Shalev as a Planning District #1 community representative, for a first term ending December 31, 2017.

Background Information: The Art in Public Places Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to choose art which is compatible with and which will enhance the architecture and general environment of the City; responsible for receiving, reviewing and acting on the recommendations of the Art Selection Panels; seek to ensure that at least 15% of the artists selected for purchase or commission are resident(s) in the Greater Jacksonville area (Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Clay and Baker Counties); and also encourage the selection of regional artists e.g. Florida and the Southeastern United States.

Section 126.903, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the committee are appointed by the Mayor, with five of the members representing the community at large, each residing within a different planning district.

Ms. Parrish received a law degree from the University of Florida and is an attorney in private practice. She resides in the Springfield area within Council District #7 (Planning District #1).

Policy Impact Area: Art in Public Places Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-265

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization; authorization to amend letter of understanding; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill re-appropriates \$1,346,316.35 in state CDBG Disaster Recovery Initiative grant funds from the Lower Eastside drainage project and the Town of Baldwin disaster preparedness projects to the Jacksonville Housing Authority (JHA) for the purpose of making disaster preparedness improvements in several public housing facilities and authorizes carry-over of those funds to the next fiscal year. The bill authorizes execution of a first amendment to the Letter of Understanding between the City and the JHA and amends the 2015-19 Capital Improvement Program to reflect the increased project scope and project budget. The Public Works Department is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project.

Background Information: In 2012 the City received a CDBG disaster recovery initiative grant to make capital improvements for 3 projects – the Lower Eastside drainage project, a Town of Baldwin building improvement project, and improvements to several public housing projects. The JHA completed its building improvements and the Town of Baldwin completed its project with a remaining cash balance of a few dollars. The Lower Eastside drainage project has taken considerable time to design and permit and the state has informed the City that the grant funds must be expended by September 30, 2015 or they will revert to the state. Since the Lower Eastside project cannot be completed by that deadline, the City has applied to the state to re-allocate the funds to additional work on 4 more JHA multi-family residences to replace leaking windows and rotted window frames at Colonial Village and Riviera Apartments, to prevent water intrusion and repair rusted balcony supports at Twin Towers, and to replace a water pressure booster pump at Centennial Tower. The additional JHA projects are already designed and permitted and can be quickly bid and constructed.

Policy Impact Area: Disaster preparedness grant expenditure

Fiscal Impact: The bill re-appropriates \$1,346,316.35 in state CDBG Disaster Recovery Initiative grant funds from the Lower Eastside drainage project and the completed Town of Baldwin building renovation project to the Jacksonville Housing Authority (JHA).

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-266

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 16, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill re-appropriates \$250,000 from the Liberty Street/Berkman Bridge Repair project to a Liberty Street/Demolition and Debris Removal project to provide funding to drop the concrete bridge deck left in unstable condition from the second Liberty Street collapse into the river. The bill amends the 2015-19 CIP to reduce the funding amount for the Liberty Street/Berkman Bridge project and to create a new Liberty Street/Demolition and Debris Removal project and makes a finding that delaying the amendment would be a detriment to public safety due to the need to resolve the collapsed structure. The Department of Public Works is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project.

Background Information: The City appropriated \$750,000 via Ordinance 2014-526 to the Liberty Street/Berkman Bridge Repair project to repair a collapsed section of Liberty Street caused by an overweight vehicle parked on the bridge deck. This bill reallocates \$250,000 of that funding to fund the demolition of the second Liberty Street collapsed road deck by dropping the decking into the river in order to allow divers to safely investigate the bridge pilings and assess the overall safety of the structure. The debris will be removed from the river bottom as part of the project to repair and/or replace the Liberty Street structure.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency street/bridge repair

Fiscal Impact: The bill re-appropriates \$250,000 from the Liberty Street/Berkman Bridge Repair project to a Liberty Street/Demolition and Debris Removal project

Analyst: Clements