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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-270

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Designation of historic landmark

Bill Summary: The bill designates the Norman Film Studios buildings at 6337 Arlington Road as a local historic landmark site. The bill declares that the complex of City-owned buildings meets 4 of the 7 criteria for designation, including 1) its value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the City, state or nation; 2) its location is the site of a significant local, state or national event; 3) it is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the City, state or nation; and 7) its suitability for preservation or restoration.

Background Information: The structures that comprise the Norman Film Studios were constructed between 1900 and 1915, the original building as a cigar factory. The property was converted to a motion picture studio during Florida's filmmaking heyday in the 1910s, originally as Eagle Film City and later purchased by Richard Norman in 1922 and operated as Norman Studios until 1928. Mr. Norman produced a groundbreaking series of films starring African-American characters in positive roles (aviators, cowboys, etc.) and aimed at the black audience. The City purchased the property in the 1990s and stabilized all of the structures, and leases one of the five buildings for use as a church.

Policy Impact Area: Historic landmark designation

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-271

Sponsor: Council Member Crescimbeni:

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; F

Date of Analysis: April 25, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$200,000 from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority to the Mayport Ferry Contractual Services Account for operation of the St. Johns River Ferry.

Background Information: At its October 31, 2014 Board of Directors meeting, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority authorized a \$200,000 subsidy for the fiscal year 2014 operating budget of the St. Johns River Ferry. The Board acknowledged that JTA is partnering with the City of Jacksonville, the Florida Department of Transportation and JaxPort in order to continue ferry service. The subsidy is in the form of a \$16,667 monthly installment. The grant is contingent upon the St. Johns River Ferry Commission providing a monthly financial performance report and a long-term operating and capital funding plan to JTA.

Policy Impact: St. Johns River Ferry Commission/Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates a grant, in the amount of \$200,000, from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority to the St. Johns River Ferry.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0273

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, PHS

Date of Analysis: April 18, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$13,800 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with no local match, to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office through the Florida Division of Emergency management (FDEM) to cover expenses for the Foundations of Intelligence Analysis Training (FIAT) five day program; provides a carryover of funds into FY 2014-2015; approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the federally funded sub grant agreement between the City and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management.

Background Information: The FIAT is a five-day introduction to the basics of law enforcement intelligence analysis. As the name indicates, the FIAT Program aims to provide a foundation, a basic knowledge and understanding, of the elements of the law enforcement analysis profession. The FIAT curriculum is guided by IALEIA's Analytic Standards document and is in line with the US Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative. It meets the training standards requirements set out in the US National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP).

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$13,800 to JSO.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-274

Sponsor: Council Member Crescimbeni:

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: April 25, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; Agreement Authorization

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$450,000.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation Federal Lands Access Program to the Mayport Ferry Contractual Services and Fleet Part/Oil/Gas Accounts for operation of the St. Johns River Ferry; provides a carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2014-2015; the ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute the Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement between the City and FDOT, Supplemental Joint Participation Agreements for the purpose of scope changes and/or funding adjustments and/or contract duration changes, as well as execute assurance, certifications, and all other documents as may be required in support of this appropriation; authorizes the Accounting Division to make the necessary budgetary and actual journal entries for purpose of grant compliance.

Background Information: The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant is a federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration; FDOT is the conduit for the transmittal of the funding to the St. Johns River Ferry. The total amount of the grant is in the amount of \$900,000, to be administered over a two-year interval. The ferry qualified for this federal grant because the ferry provides access to federal lands, namely the Mayport Naval Station and the Timucuan Preserve.

Policy Impact: St. Johns River Ferry Commission/Florida Department of Transportation

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates a grant in the amount of \$450,000.00.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0275

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: April 18, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill concerns a continuation grant. It appropriates \$15,900 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program fund in order to redirect budgeted in line items under the CDBG project for the Special Programs for Older Adults (SPOA) to reflect meals pursuant to Ordinance 2007-1109-E; provides a carryover of funds from year to year until such funds are expended or lapse according to the originating state or federal program grant

Background Information: CDBG is a federal formula entitlement grant awarded annually to the city through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ordinance 2007-1109-E was enacted on October 9, 2007 permitting public expenditures of food or beverage for a public use. The activities associated with the meals are the Mayor's walk, Mayor's Fish-a-Thon, Safety and Security Seminars, and Brain Bowl. These activities have been approved as usages under the grant fiscal year October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014.

Policy Impact Area: Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Neighborhoods

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$15,900 to redirected line item.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0276

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Office of General Counsel

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: April 18, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$363,562 from Risk Management to provide funding, upon conditions, for the costs associated with the settlement and limited release agreement between Rea and Patricia Altwater, Marie E. Cook and multiple other property owners along Fishing Creek, collectively "Altwater", and the City of Jacksonville, Sea Tech Marine Int'l Inc., Dell Marine, LLC., and Prosser Hallock, Inc.; approves and authorizes the Mayor and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the agreement and related releases and other documents.

Background Information: The settlement is in the best interest of the City and the public to resolve the issue without further litigation of expenses. The dispute was over claims that a dredging project by the City caused an inverse condemnation which deprived "Altwater" of access to Fishing Creek. The conditions of the settlement are: 1) the main channel of Fishing Creek must be redredged as required; 2) creation of separate side access cuts from the main channel up toward and approaching the properties abutting Fishing Creek in the allegedly adversely affected areas; 3) the releases required by and attached to the agreement are executed by the respective relevant parties; 4) all individual plaintiffs in the consolidated litigation execute the agreement within the time frames and in accordance with the provisions stated in agreement.

Reimbursements of pro rata shares of the costs by the property owners will be paid over a five (5) year time period.

Policy Impact Area: Risk Management

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$363,562 for settlement.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0279

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Clark

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: April 18, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), Part 3 (Schedule of District Regulations), Ordinance Code regarding residential zoning districts to include a new Residential Low Density 40 (RLD-40) Zoning District and to set forth development standards.

Background Information: Residential Low Density zoning districts allow for single-family dwelling at minimum lot sizes permitted in each district as specified along with certain supporting open space uses, community facilities and utilities. The minimum lot width requirement for RLD-40 is 40 feet, except as otherwise required for certain uses; and the area is 4,000 square feet. The maximum lot coverage is 50 percent. Minimum yard requirements are: front – 20 feet; side – 3 feet; and rear – 10 feet.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Development, Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-280

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F, RCD

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Approval of mortgage modification agreements; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of a second modification to the mortgage agreement between the City, VCP-Roosevelt Building, Ltd. and VCP-Roosevelt Garage, LLC for the purpose of allowing interest-only payments for a period of 3 years from October 2013 to September 2016. The bill also authorizes execution of a second modification to the mortgage between the City and VCP-Lynch Building, Ltd. for the purpose of allowing suspension of half of the principal payments due for a period of 3 years from October 2013 to September 2016. The Downtown Investment Authority is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project.

Background Information: The City approved a redevelopment agreement with VCP-Lynch Building Ltd. for renovation of the former American Heritage Life building (Lynch Building) at 11 E. Forsyth Street and provided a loan of \$17,816,000 at 1.525% interest for 20 years, to be repaid on a 40 year amortization schedule. In 2003 the City approved a redevelopment agreement with VCP-Roosevelt Building, Ltd. and VCP-Roosevelt Garage, LLC for renovation of the former Carling Hotel/Roosevelt Hotel at 31 W. Adams Street and provided a \$15,505,900 loan at a 1.4% interest rate with a 20 year repayment term. In 2010 the City and the developer of both buildings agreed to first mortgage modifications to the two projects to permit interest-only payments for a period of 3 years from March 2010 through February 2013. This bill approves an additional 3-year period of interest-only payments for The Carling and 3 years of interest and one-half of principal for the 11 E. building.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown redevelopment; mortgage modification

Fiscal Impact: The mortgage modifications provide that the developer will continue to owe all amounts due, but will defer payment of interest and some principal for a period of 3 years.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-281

Sponsor: Council Member Holt:

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: April 25, 2014

Type of Action: Easement Authorization

Bill Summary: The ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute a Grant of a Construction and Maintenance Easement located at the southerly side of Oceanway Avenue between Magnolia Avenue and Palmetto Street, between Sharyn Ann Wood, as Trustee of the Marital Trust created under the Julian C. Wood Revocable Living Trust dated February 8, 1991, as amended, and the City of Jacksonville.

Background Information: The Grant of Easement is authorized for the purposes of construction, maintenance, repair and replacement of structural masonry columns and a framed structure with a flat concrete tile roof. The site is located in Council District 11.

Policy Impact: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-282

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Approval of amendment to solid waste hauling contract agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of a second amendment to the waste hauling contract between the City and Advanced Disposal Services Jacksonville, LLC to set the base rate for the period of October 2013 through September 2014 pursuant to the recently-completed full rate review, to approve the revised premises count, to approve the fuel cap change, and to approve a compensation adjustment for prior FY13/14 months' service.

Background Information: The Solid Waste Division and Council Auditor's Office recently completed the tri-annual full rate review of solid waste collection costs necessary for the adjustment of payment for the three franchise waste haulers. This bill decreases the Base Rate from \$10.41 to \$9.69 effective October 1, 2013, to be adjusted annually thereafter as provided in the contract. The fuel cap is set at 317,709 gallons for FY13/14, 319,090 gallons for FY14/15 and 320,470 for FY15/16. The October 1, 2013 number of premises is set at 69,215. The compensation for the change of the yard waste disposal site, as provided in the contract, from Old Kings Road Landfill to Trail Ridge Landfill provides an additional \$0.09 per premises per month, effective October 1, 2013, added to the Base Rate.

Policy Impact Area: Solid waste rates

Fiscal Impact: The FY13/14 budget contains sufficient funding to pay the adjusted contract rate.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-283

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Approval of amendment to solid waste hauling contract agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of a first amendment to the waste hauling contract between the City and Republic Services of Florida Limited Partnership d/b/a Southland Waste Systems of Jacksonville to set rates for the period of October 2013 through September 2014 pursuant to the recently-completed full rate review, to approve the revised premises count, to approve the fuel cap change and to approve a compensation adjustment for prior FY13/14 months' service.

Background Information: The Solid Waste Division and Council Auditor's Office recently completed the tri-annual full rate review of solid waste collection costs necessary for the adjustment of payment for the three franchise waste haulers. This bill increases the Base Rate from \$10.45 to \$10.59 effective October 1, 2013, to be adjusted annually thereafter as provided in the contract. The fuel cap is set at 392,638 gallons for FY13/14, 395,172 gallons for FY14/15 and 3397,706 for FY15/16. The October 1, 2013 number of premises is set at 71,895. The compensation for the change of the yard waste disposal site, as provided in the contract, from Old Kings Road Landfill to Trail Ridge Landfill provides an additional \$0.18 per premises per month, effective October 2013, added to the Base Rate.

Policy Impact Area: Solid waste rates

Fiscal Impact: The FY13/14 budget contains sufficient funding to pay the new contract amount.

Analyst: Clements

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Approval of amendment to solid waste hauling contract agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of a first amendment to the waste hauling contract between the City and Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. to set the base rate for the period of October 2013 through September 2014 pursuant to the recently-completed full rate review, to approve the revised premise count, to approve the fuel cap change, and to approve a compensation adjustment for prior FY13/14 months' service.

Background Information: The Solid Waste Division and Council Auditor's Office recently completed the tri-annual full rate review of solid waste collection costs necessary for the adjustment of payment for three franchise waste haulers. This bill increases the Base Rate from \$10.36 to \$11.47 effective October 1, 2013, to be adjusted annually thereafter as provided in the contract. The fuel cap is set at 407,870 gallons for FY13/14 and 409,080 gallons for FY14/15. The October 1, 2013 number of premises is set at 69,885. The compensation for the change of the yard waste disposal site, as provided in the contract, from Old Kings Road Landfill to Trail Ridge Landfill provides an additional \$0.08 per premises per month, effective October 2013, added to the Base Rate.

Policy Impact Area: Solid waste rates

Fiscal Impact: The FY13/14 budget contains sufficient funding to pay the new contract amount.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-285

Sponsor: Council President, per Ordinance 2010-725-E

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: April 25, 2014

Type of Action: Special District Budget Approval

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves the Harbour Waterway Special District proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget, per Ordinance 2010-725-E and Section 189.4041, *Florida Statutes*.

Background Information: Florida Statutes provide that the City Council may create dependent special districts for the purpose of delivering essential services to specific areas within the City. The system of canals located in the Harbour Waterway neighborhood, located in Council District 1, require continuous maintenance in order to remain navigable and sanitary. The City is unable to provide the human and financial resources required to properly maintain this canal system. A dependent special district financed by the property owners whose properties abut the canal system provides an effective vehicle to ensure that the canals are properly maintained. The Special District's elected board is authorized to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for each residential unit. Ordinance 2010-725-E established the Harbour Waterway Special District and stipulated that the District is required to submit its proposed budget annually to the City Council prior to April 1st. The District has submitted its proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget to the City Council prior to April 1st and is seeking approval of the budget by the City Council.

Policy Impact: Special Districts

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-286

Sponsor: Council President, per Ordinance 2011-724-E

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: April 25, 2014

Type of Action: Special District Budget Approval

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves the Isle of Palms Special District proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget, per Ordinance 2011-724-E and Section 189.4041, *Florida Statutes*.

Background Information: Ordinance 2011-724-E established the Isle of Palms as a dependent special district for the purpose of dredging the Island of Palms canal system. Florida Statutes provide that the City Council may create special districts for the purpose of delivering essential services to specific areas within the City. The system of canals located within the Isle of Palms, located in Council District 3, require continuous maintenance in order to remain navigable and sanitary. The City is unable to provide the human and financial resources required to properly maintain this system of canals. A dependent special district financed by property owners who benefit from properly maintained canals is an appropriate, efficient and effective vehicle to ensure that the canals are properly maintained. The Special District's elected board is authorized to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for each residential unit. Ordinance 2011-724-E requires the District to submit its proposed budget to the City Council prior to April 1st annually. The District has submitted its Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget to the City Council and is seeking approval of the budget by the City Council.

Policy Impact: Special District

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0287

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: April 18, 2014

Type of Action: Approval and Authorization

Bill Summary: The bill approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the Third Amendment to Development agreement between and among the City of Jacksonville, the Downtown Investment Authority and Interline Brands, Inc., provides for City oversight by the Downtown Investment Authority.

Background Information: The Development agreement was authorized by Ordinance 1997-85-E and subsequently modified in 2000 and 2008. The Third Amendment extends projects deadlines by the additional five years as follows: Phase II plan submission deadline from 12/31/13 to 12/31/18; Phase II permitting date from 12/31/2014 to 12/31/2019; and project completion from 6/30/2015 to 6/30/2020.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Development, Downtown Investment Authority

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0288

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: April 18, 2014

Type of Action: Approval

Bill Summary: The bill approves the purchase of real property at 2072 Ryar Road in Council District 4, R.E. #136022-0000 from Estelle Properties, LLC; authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute all closing documents and otherwise take all necessary action to effectuate the purchase of the real property.

Background Information: The property is .86 acres and will be used for construction of a retention pond to accommodate storm water drainage for the San Souci drainage project. The purchase cost is \$120,000.

Policy Impact Area: Public Works, Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: \$120,000

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-289

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F, RCD

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill repeals Ordinance Code Chapter 96 – Sports and Entertainment Board. It amends Sec. 111.155 – Sports and Entertainment Board Trust Fund – by changing references from “Sports and Entertainment Board” to “Office of Sports and Entertainment” and by providing that disbursements from the fund shall be made by the Sports and Entertainment Officer and the Director of Finance. The bill amends Chapter 55 – Economic Development – to transfer the Special Events Division from the OED to a new Chapter 54 – Office of Sports and Entertainment. Chapter 55 is amended to create a new Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship and a new Office of International Trade within the OED. The bill transfers the Office of Public-Private Partnerships from the Office of Economic Development to Chapter 20 – Executive Office of the Mayor. Responsibility for oversight of the sports and entertainment complex facilities contract (SMG) is transferred from the Office of Economic Development to the new Sports and Entertainment Officer in the new Chapter 54.

Background Information: The bill realigns several aspects of the City’s economic development and sports and entertainment functions to help implement the Mayor’s recently announced initiative to attract more high profile sporting and entertainment events to the city. The bill also creates a new Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship and a new Office of International Trade within the OED to add additional impetus to developing those business sectors.

Policy Impact Area: Administrative reorganization

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-290

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Kenyon Varn Merritt to the Cultural Service Grant Committee, replacing Ryan A. Schwartz as a community representative, for a first term ending December 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Cultural Service Grant Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 118, Part 6, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to recommend to the Cultural Council Board of Directors the organizations to be funded and the amount of the funding. Section 118.605, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the membership of the committee shall include five individuals selected from community wide and confirmed by the City Council.

Ms. Merritt received a bachelor's degree in English and Psychology from Hollins College. She is an active community volunteer and also serves on the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens Board of Directors. Ms. Merritt resides in the Venetia area within Council District #14.

Policy Impact Area: Cultural Service Grant Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-291

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Margaret S. "Peggy" Schiffers to the Cultural Service Grant Committee, replacing Melody S. Bishop as a community representative, for a first term ending December 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Cultural Service Grant Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 118, Part 6, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to recommend to the Cultural Council Board of Directors the organizations to be funded and the amount of the funding. Section 118.605, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the membership of the committee shall include five individuals selected from community wide and confirmed by the City Council.

Ms. Schiffers received a master's degree from Shippensburg State College. She is an active community volunteer, serving on the Women's Giving Alliance and the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, among others. Ms. Schiffers resides in the Riverside area within Council District #14.

Policy Impact Area: Cultural Service Grant Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-292

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 17, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Kemal Gasper to the Cultural Service Grant Committee, replacing Penelope Steeple Thompson as a Cultural Council Board representative, for a first term ending December 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Cultural Service Grant Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 118, Part 6, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to recommend to the Cultural Council Board of Directors the organizations to be funded and the amount of the funding. Section 118.605, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the membership of the committee shall include five Cultural Council Board members confirmed by the City Council.

Mr. Gasper received a degree in business administration from Everest University and is Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager at *Urban Trust Bank*. She serves on the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and resides in the Riverview area within Council District #8.

Policy Impact Area: Cultural Service Grant Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-295

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

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Acceptance of legal settlement funds; request for emergency action

Bill Summary: The bill accepts payment of the City's pro rata share of the unsecured proceeds of the bankruptcy proceeding of Crescent Resources, LLC (the parent company of Jacksonville-based LandMar Group) for the Jacksonville Shipyards property, acknowledges that appropriation of the funds for use requires additional legislation, and requests emergency action on first reading.

Background Information: The City participated financially in the proposed redevelopment of the Jacksonville Shipyards property on East Bay Street, issuing bonds and contributing funding for the construction by the developer of an extension of the Northbank Riverwalk through the property, public open space, and other amenities. The ownership of the Shipyards property changed hands several times and the project failed to materialize and the last developer declared bankruptcy. The City eventually received the property back but maintained an interest in other unsecured debts owed by the developer. After lengthy proceedings in bankruptcy court in Texas the City's claim for a share of the assets of the failed project has been settled in the amount of \$13.4 million and a check has been received by the City. Depositing the check constitutes acceptance of all the terms and conditions in the settlement agreement, which by ordinance requires City Council approval. Once the check is deposited, future use of the funds will require additional legislation to appropriate by the City Council.

Policy Impact Area: Acceptance of legal settlement

Fiscal Impact: The bill authorizes the deposit of a \$13.4 million settlement check, with the use to be determined by future Council action.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-296

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: April 22, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2014

Type of Action: Authorization of internship engagement agreement; appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an engagement letter between the City Council and Damian Cook for the provision of administrative services to the Council's Consolidation Review Task Force and appropriates a private contribution of \$16,400 for that purpose.

Background Information: Council President Gulliford appointed the Consolidation Review Task Force in the summer of 2013 to undertake a thorough review of the consolidated government and its departments, agencies and authorities, to determine how well the consolidated government is serving its citizens and to make any recommendations for changes in the City Charter, Ordinance Code, policy or practice that is deems advisable. The Task Force originally consisted of 31 members (currently 29) and has met on a weekly basis, either as a full group or in three subcommittees, from August of 2013 to the present. The Task Force, chaired by Council Member Lori Boyer, plans to issue its final report by the end of May. The DuPont Foundation is providing the \$16,400 to fund the services.

Policy Impact Area: Consolidation Review Task Force staffing

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates a \$16,400 contribution to the City from the DuPont Foundation 2014.0296

Analyst: Clements