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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-437

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of James R. Edwards, to the Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission, replacing Ryan N. Jones, for a first full term ending June 30, 2015.

Background Information: The TRUE Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 57, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to act as an advisory body to the city concerning fiscal policy and may review any aspect of fiscal policy, including: the city's long-range financial soundness, planning budgeting, and management; the city's budgetary process, including taxation, revenue generation, expenditures, use of permit fees and user fees, bonding capacity, franchise fees, state and federal mandates, privatization, "zero based" financing and other similar topics; the appropriateness of each revenue source the city receives to make up its annual general revenue budget; potential new revenue sources, such as impact fees, and the use of any such funds; the pre- and post-retirement benefit structure for city employees and the potential impact on the financial status of the city; recommendations that will help make Jacksonville the most fairly-taxed and financially-sound city in the nation; recommendations to keep the public better informed about important issues of city financing and budgeting which affect their lives; and other areas as the commission may determine are appropriate and within their scope.

Section 57.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the TRUE Commission shall be residents of the City and six of the members shall be appointed by the President of the Council and confirmed by the Council.

Mr. Edwards received bachelor's degree in accounting from Gallaudet University and is a Banks & Payments Accountant with *Arizona Chemical*. He resides in the Arlington Hills area within Council District #1.

Policy Impact Area: TRUE Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-493

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; F

Date of Analysis: August 17, 2012

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$326,804.13 from the Banking Fund – Debt Proceeds Account – to provide funding for the Haldumar Terrace Road Reconstruction Project (“project”), which will reprofile the road and install new curbing so as to reduce stormwater runoff and the flooding of adjacent properties, as initiated by B.T. 12-072; provides for a carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2012-2013; the ordinance amends the 2012-2016 five-year Capital Improvement Program, approved by Ordinance 2011-406-E, to provide funding for a new project entitled “Haldumar Terrace” and reduce funding for the project entitled “Intersection Improvements, Bridges, Miscellaneous Construction;” provides for City oversight by the Public works Department.

Background Information: Due to multiple pavement overlays, the resultant high level of pavement causes stormwater runoff to flood adjacent properties. The flooding enters low-lying residences, foundations and garages, causing damage to real and personal property. All curbing has been paved over and not functioning. The proposed solution is to reprofile the road and install new curbing and sidewalks. The project site is located in Council District 9.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Public Works Road Capital Projects

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$326,804.13.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-494

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

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: August 16, 2012

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$2,716,289.90 from Risk Management Subfund 561 Retained Earnings to the Risk Management Case Reserve account to provide funding for worker's compensation case reserves for the remainder of FY11-12.

Background Information: The City has experienced an increasing number of worker's compensation cases in the past year, particularly claims for hypertension and heart-related disability, and this appropriation transfers funds from Risk Management reserves to pay those worker's compensation cases.

Policy Impact Area: Risk management – worker's compensation

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$2,716,289.90 from Risk Management retained earnings to the case reserve account to fund worker's compensation settlements.

Analyst: Clements

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

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 16, 2012

Type of Action: Authorization to execute memorandum of understanding

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the U.S. Navy for the City to make the services of the City's Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC) available to personnel associated with the City's Navy installations.

Background Information: The Navy is responsible for providing assistance and counseling to victims of sexual assault who are members of the Navy or their families. The Navy desires to utilize the expertise of and facilities of the SARC to meet that responsibility, and will work with the SARC to develop referral procedures. The MOU is for a term of 6 years from the date of execution and may be modified or terminated upon 60 days' written notice by either party.

Policy Impact Area: Sexual assault response; military relations

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-496

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; F

Date of Analysis: August 17, 1012

Type of Action: Eminent Domain Condemnation Declaration

Bill Summary: The ordinance declares the public necessity for acquiring fee simple title through condemnation by right of eminent domain in a parcel of real property in Council District 8, such parcel being R.E. #054821-0000, consisting of approximately 1,791 square feet, appraised at \$5,400, as required for the 11th and 12th Street Connector Project; the ordinance authorizes the Office of General Counsel to initiate appropriate condemnation proceedings.

Background Information; This land is needed for the 11th and 12th Street Connector Project and will be used to realign 12th Street. The City is improving the drainage and realizing rights-of-way within the Shands Hospital area. The boundary and scope of the project contains the land surrounding Shands Hospital, running from 8th Street north to 12th Street and from Davis Street east to Boulevard Street. The parcel is the only property interest that could not be negotiated.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; F

Date of Analysis: August 17, 2012

Type of Action: Ordinance Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance amends Ordinance 2011-494-E by moving the lease commencement date approved in said ordinance back to June of 2013 to give the tenant, U.S. Green Building Council – North Florida Chapter, Inc., time to accumulate necessary funding; the ordinance makes no other changes to Ordinance 2011-494-E.

Background Information: U.S. Green Building Council – North Florida Chapter, Inc., is a Florida Non-profit corporation focused on accelerating the adoption of green development practices, policies and standards. Its Sustainability Resource Center is to be open to the public for educational purposes, including the provision of resources to the public on energy and water conservation efficiency, and green building and Sustainable development practices. In consideration of the firm's build-out of the space for use as a Sustainable Resource Center, the Lease Agreement stipulates that there would be no rental or utility cost to the tenant. The space has been empty for seven years. The City will lease the firm 4,940 square feet of retail space on the first floor of the Main Library Parking Garage located at 33 West Duval Street. Ordinance 2011-494-E stipulated that the Lease Agreement would commence on January 3, 2012. Due to delays in raising capital to complete build-out of the leased premises, USGBCNF is requesting additional time to accumulate necessary funding.

Policy Impact: Leases; Green Building and Sustainable Development; Downtown Development

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; the lease agreement provides for no rental or utility costs to the tenant

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-498

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

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: August 16, 2012

Type of Action: Authorization to execute restrictive easement agreement and associated documents

Bill Summary: This ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver on behalf of the City (1) a Restrictive Easement Agreement granting a Restrictive Easement over City property (RE ## 001412-0000 – approximately 108 acres) near Outlying Landing Field Whitehouse (OLF Whitehouse) to the U.S. Department of the Navy, and (2) a Donation Agreement from the Navy of 75% the appraised value of the Restrictive Easement to the City for purchase of properties in the Whitehouse operations area.

Background Information: The purpose of the Agreements that this legislation authorizes is to limit development that is incompatible with the mission and operations of OLF Whitehouse. The operations entail simulated aircraft carrier flight deck landing training in an area that should be exceedingly dark. The City and the Navy entered into a Multi-Year Encroachment Protection Agreement in 2009 to stop incompatible development around the Whitehouse Outlying Field. Use of properties under the restrictive easement is limited to agriculture and farming, passive recreation with no disturbance of the land surface (i.e. camping, hiking, bird watching, horseback riding), and silviculture. This bill provides that the Navy will pay the City \$364,500 in the form of credits for the imposition of the restrictive easement, which the City will use toward its 25% share of the cost of acquiring properties as provided in the 2009 Encroachment Protection Agreement.

Policy Impact Area: Support of military operations

Fiscal Impact: The Navy will pay the City \$364,500 in credits toward the City's matching obligation for the future acquisition of developable parcels in the Whitehouse area.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-499

Sponsor: Council Members Boyer, Crescimbeni and Yarborough:

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R; RCD

Date of Analysis: August 17, 2012

Type of Action: Site Designation

Bill Summary: The ordinance renames the "Goodby's Lake Boat Ramp" located at 9020 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, in Council District 5, the "John Lowe Boat Ramp" at Goodby's Lake.

Background Information; A member of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, for decades Vice President of the Jacksonville Marine Association that brought the community the widely recognized annual boat show; Commodore of the Jacksonville Outboard Club and a founding Board Member of the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, John T. Lowe was fondly dubbed "Mr. Boating" of Northeast Florida for his much heralded advocacy for recreational boating and greater public access to Jacksonville's waterways. A native of Jacksonville, Mr. Lowe was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School attended Jacksonville University and after service in the U.S. Air Force, embarked on a 21-year career with the Jacksonville Police Department. John Lowe was devoted to family, community, country and church; he relished boating and had a keen understanding of the importance of Jacksonville's waterways. Renaming Goodby's Lake Boat Ramp in his name honors John T. Lowe for his service and dedication to Jacksonville.

Policy Impact: Waterways/Boating/Parks & Recreation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-500

Sponsor: Council President Bishop:

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R; RCD

Date of Analysis: August 17, 2012

Type of Action: Renaming Landmark

Bill Summary: The ordinance renames the playing field at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville as “Bragan Field” in recognition of the life and accomplishments of Jacksonville Suns owner Peter Bragan, Sr.; the ordinance preserves existing naming and/or sponsorship rights.

Background Information; Peter Bragan, Sr., a Birmingham, Alabama native, relocated to Jacksonville in 1984 when he purchased the Jacksonville Suns Southern League baseball team. Over the years, as owner of the organization, the Jacksonville Suns won five Southern League championships. Owing to Peter Bragan’s skills and success in operating a successful franchise, the Suns attendance at games grew, as did fans’ enthusiasm. In the community, Peter Bragan’s friendships widened beyond the ball field and Suns’ loyal fans to include civic leaders, players, coaches and VIPs who often frequented the stands. Renaming the playing field at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville honors Peter Bragan, Sr.’s dedication to his franchise, the Jacksonville Suns, and to Jacksonville.

Policy Impact: Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-501

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Schellenberg

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: August 16, 2012

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 106 – Budget Code – to limit the Mayor’s power to administratively transfer funds into any agency, non-departmental or department existing object line items without City Council to a total of \$50,000 per fiscal year.

NOTE: Sec. 14.03 of the City Charter – Transfer of Appropriations - requires that any changes to the Mayor’s budgetary transfer authority must be approved by a vote of at least 13 Council members.

Background Information: The Mayor may currently administratively transfer funds “for a specific purpose, project or issue” up to \$750,000 by reporting the transfers to the Finance Committee on a quarterly basis. Any transfers exceeding \$750,000 within a fiscal year currently require Council approval.

Policy Impact Area: Mayor’s budgetary transfer authority

Fiscal Impact: The bill will substantially restrict the Mayor’s ability to administratively transfer funds.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-510

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

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: August 16, 2012

Type of Action: Authorization to execute Interlocal agreements

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Mayor and any appropriate City Council members to execute an interlocal agreement to reconstitute an expanded North Florida Transportation Planning Organization as originally authorized by Resolution 2010-361-A, and to execute another interlocal agreement with the TPO to authorize a rail corridor study to examine the feasibility of locating a new east/west alignment for a rail line within the Braddock/JIA study area.

Background Information: Resolution 2010-361-A expressed the City Council's support for the expansion of the North Florida TPO to add the southern half of Clay County, the southern third of St. Johns County and the western half of Nassau County to the original TPO configuration so that the entirety of all four counties was included. The first new interlocal agreement provides for the expanded boundaries. The second interlocal agreement effectuates the study recently approved by Ordinance 2012-297-E to evaluate alternatives for an east/west rail corridor to connect Jaxport's Dames Point terminals to a major CSX rail line on the City's westside. Construction of the rail line will eliminate the need to transport shipping containers by truck from the port terminal to the rail yard, improving transfer time and reducing truck traffic on the roadways.

Policy Impact Area: North Florida TPO operations

Fiscal Impact: The City appropriated \$100,000 toward the cost of the rail corridor study, which this interlocal agreement will expend. The City budgeted \$216,066 for its contribution to the TPO in FY11-12.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-511

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints John M. Godfrey, Ph.D. to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, filling the slot formerly held by Caryn E. Carreiro, for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2015.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Waterways Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 95, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations to the Council with respect to the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River and all tidal waters in Duval County; formulate an overall plan for dealing with any problems that exist concerning the St. Johns River; devise methods of developing future uses of the St. Johns River; serve as the Duval County committee to review rules proposed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission governing speed and operation of motorboats to protect manatees; advise governmental units and the public concerning the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River; and act as a coordinating agency for programs and activities affecting the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River.

Section 95.103(c), *Ordinance Code*, provides that nine of the members of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission shall be members of the general public appointed by the City Council.

Dr. Godfrey received a doctorate degree in economics from the University of Georgia and is retired. He resides in the Ortega area within Council District #14.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Waterways Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-512

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Krystal A. Colucci to the Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority, replacing Scott K. Thomas, for a first term ending December 15, 2015.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 490, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to assist health facilities in the acquisition, construction, financing, and refinancing of projects. Section 490.106, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the board are appointed by the Council.

Ms. Colucci received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of North Florida and is a Supplier Quality Assurance Specialist with *PSS World Medical, Inc.*, a medical / pharmaceutical distributor. She resides in the Golden Glades/The Woods area within Council District #3.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-513

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Kristanna B. "Kris" Barnes, as a citizen member, to the Value Adjustment Board, for the 2012 Tax Year, for the duration of the board hearings.

Background Information: The Duval County VAB is established pursuant to 194.015, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to hear appeals regarding property assessments and complaints against homestead exemption denials. The membership includes a citizen member, owning homestead property within the county, appointed by the City Council as the governing body of the county.

Ms. Barnes is a former member and chair of the Duval County School Board. During her two terms as a School Board Member, Ms. Barnes served on the VAB and has also served on the Construction Trades Qualifying Board. She resides in the Miramer area within Council District #5.

Attendance: According to records provided by the staff for the VAB, Ms. Barnes has attended 90% of the meetings of the board since her initial appointment in 2011.

	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held
2011	5	5
2012	4	5
Total	9	10

Policy Impact Area: Value Adjustment Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-514

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms reappointment of Tatiana R. Salvador to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, for a first full three-year term ending December 31, 2014.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Ethics Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 602, Part 9, *Ordinance Code*, and empowered to review, interpret, render advisory opinions and enforce Chapter 602, *Ordinance Code*; and, in accordance with Section 1.202, *Municipal Charter*, to exercise the following powers and duties:

- Authorized to receive, and to investigate and issue findings with regard to complaints alleging an ethics violation;
- Provide assistance and input into the management and coordination of the training and education of local officers and employees in state and local ethics, including the City's Ethics Education Program, as well as all public records and sunshine law training throughout the government;
- May, upon employee or citizen complaint, or upon its own initiative, seek information and gather facts for the purpose of reviewing any circumstance or situation of which the Commission may become aware that appears to violate or may potentially violate an acceptable standard of ethics conduct for City officers and employees;
- Jurisdiction to levy those civil fines or penalties authorized in Chapter 602 for violations of the City's ethics code; and
- Act as the hiring committee, subject to Council confirmation, for the executive director of the Ethics Oversight and Compliance office.

Section 602.912, *Ordinance Code*, provides that one of the nine members of the commission shall be appointed by the President of the Council and confirmed by Council.

Ms. Salvador received a law degree from the University of Florida and is an Attorney with *Rogers Towers Attorneys at Law*. Because her initial term was for less than 50% of a full term, Ms. Salvador is eligible for appointment to a first full term. She resides in Duval County.

Attendance: According to records provided by the staff for the Ethics Commission, Ms. Salvador has attended 96% of the meetings of the commission since her initial appointment in 2010.

	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held
2010	6	7
2011	10	10
2012	7	7
Total	23	24

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-515

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Stephen T. Lovett to the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc., in the "consumer" category, for a second two-year term ending September 30, 2014.

Background Information: The Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. is established pursuant to Section 408.033, *Florida Statutes*, and authorized to develop a district health plan; advise the state department on health care issues and resource allocations; promote public awareness of community health needs; collect data and conduct analyses and studies related to health care needs of the district; advise and assist local governments on the development of an optional health plan; and monitor and evaluate the adequacy, appropriateness and effectiveness of funds distributed to meet the needs of the medically indigent. The bylaws of the Health Planning Council provide that the Board of Directors shall be made up of health care consumers, providers and purchasers, with a consumer being an individual who is a member of the general public or representative of consumer organizations but not a health care provider or purchaser.

Mr. Lovett received a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Washington State University and is a partner with *Ervin Lovett & Miller, Inc.* He resides within Council District #3.

Attendance: According to records provided by the staff for the Health Planning, Mr. Lovett has attended 57% of the meetings of the board since his initial appointment in 2011.

	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held
2011	2	3
2012	2	4
Total	4	7

Policy Impact Area: Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-516

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Marla Kristine Buchanan, to the St. Johns River Ferry Commission, for a term ending June 30, 2015.

Background Information: The St. Johns River Ferry Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 93, *Ordinance Code*, and charged with the operational control of all operations, maintenance and capital improvements for the Mayport Ferry. Section 93.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that two of the members shall be members of the general public appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Ms. Buchanan received a law degree from the University of Florida. She is a shareholder with *Rogers Towers PA* and Vice President of *Green Technologies, LLC*. Ms. Buchanan resides in Atlantic Beach within Council District #13.

NOTE: Ordinance 2012-235-E provides that the initial members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three, two and one year terms. As the only vacancy remaining on the commission is for an initial two-year term, this bill may need to be amended to reflect appointment "**for an initial term ending June 30, 2014**".

Policy Impact Area: St. Johns River Ferry Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Carrie Louise Davis as a member of the Jacksonville Housing Authority, replacing Sashi Brown, for an unexpired term ending September 16, 2014.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Housing Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 51A, Ordinance Code, and charged to within its area of operation, prepare, carry out, acquire, lease, and operate housing projects; and provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration, or repair of any housing project or any part thereof. Section 51A.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the seven members of the board shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation of the Council.

Ms. Davis received a bachelor's degree in business management from Jones College and is President of *Wealth Watchers, Inc.* She has previously served on the Charter Revision Commission and the Jacksonville Foreclosure Task Force. Ms. Davis resides in the Pine Forest area within Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Housing Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Tracey D. Watkins as the Chief of the Employee and Labor Relations Division within the Employee Services Department.

Background Information: Section 33.402, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Chief shall have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, proven administrative ability, and at least five years of experience in the field of employee and/or labor relations management, or shall have a law degree and at least five years of experience in the field of labor and employment law.

Ms. Watkins received a law degree from the University of Richmond. She acted as the Chief Operating Officer for the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board and has worked in the employee relations field as a consultant and a manager.

Policy Impact Area: Employee Services Department / Employee and Labor Relations Division operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Employee Services, the salary range for this position is \$80,774 - \$131,875 annually.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-519

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2012

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ellen M. Blair as the Chief of the Talent Management Division within the Employee Services Department.

Background Information: Section 33.202, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Chief shall have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, proven administrative ability, and at least five years of experience in the field of employee recruiting, training, and employee services management.

Ms. Blair received a master's degree in business administration / human resources management from Thomas College. She has been employed as the Human Resources Director for the Town of Scarborough, Maine (2010-2012) and the City of Augusta, Maine (1998-2010).

Policy Impact Area: Employee Services Department / Talent Management Division operations

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-522

Sponsor: Council Member Crescimbeni:

Date of Introduction: August 15, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R; F; TEU

Date of Analysis: August 17, 2012

Type of Action: Ordinance Amendment; Title Acceptance; Ordinance Code Waiver; Agreement Authorization; Emergency Passage Request

Bill Summary: The ordinance amends Chapter 93 (St. Johns River (Mayport) Ferry Commission), Section 93.105 (Duties), *Ordinance Code*; accepts title to real property from the Jacksonville Port Authority ("JaxPort") for the operation of the St. Johns River Ferry as follows: R.E. Numbers: 168964-0000, 168965-0000, 168967-0000, 168242-0000, 169,052-0000, 168309-0000, 169309-0000, 169038-0000, 169070-000, 168308-1000, 168214-0010 in Council District 11, and accepts title to the vessel named "Jean Ribault" and such other personal property relating to the St. Johns River Ferry operations; authorizes the execution of the Assignment and Assumption of the operating contract for the St. Johns River Ferry and the execution of the Consent and Amendment to the Contract; the ordinance waives any contrary provisions of Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Par 3 (Professional Services Contract), *Ordinance Code*, for the Consent and Amendment to Contract; authorizes the execution of a Post-Closing and Further Assurances Agreement; authorizes the Commission Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of the St. Johns River Ferry assets and operations, and authorizes payment of closing costs to effectuate transfer; requests emergency passage; provides for JaxPort of Directors approval.

Background Information: The St. Johns River Ferry has been in continuous operation since 1948. Up until 1997, the ferry was operated by the State of Florida. In 1997, operation of the St. Johns River Ferry was transferred from the Florida Department of Transportation to the City of Jacksonville. In 2007, owing to budget constraints, the City conveyed the ferry service to the Jacksonville Port Authority (Ordinance 2007-987-E). At its February 27, 2012 Board meeting, JaxPort announced that it would cease operation of the ferry September 30, 2012. To keep ferry service intact, the Council created the St. Johns River Ferry Funding Ad Hoc Committee to bring stakeholders together and pursue the necessary funding to keep the ferry in operation. Ordinance 2012-235-E created the St. Johns River Ferry Commission as an entity to operate, maintain, fund and oversee the ferry. The Commission directed Office of General Counsel to draft legislation to affect the transfer of ferry operations, ferry ownership and assets from JaxPort to the City. *Emergency passage is requested. It is necessary to enact the ordinance before September 30, 2012 to maintain ferry service after October 1, 2012.*

Policy Impact: Mayport Ferry

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson