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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-797

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

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Funding transfer

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$51,000 from the Information Technologies Department to the Tax Collector's Office to transfer funding from a maintenance contract on a high speed mail processor to an outsourced mail processing contract.

Background Information: The Tax Collector currently has an in-house mail processing machine to open envelopes and to image, process and deposit checks. As the volume of checks decreases due to the increased use of electronic transactions, it is no longer cost-effective to maintain the mail processing machine. This bill transfers funds from the machine maintenance contract to a contractual service account to allow the mail processing to be outsourced to a private firm.

Policy Impact Area: Tax Collector operations

Fiscal Impact: The bill reallocates \$51,000 from a machine maintenance account to a contractual services account.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-798

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2013

Type of Action: Conveyance Authorization

Bill Summary: The ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, in accordance with Section 122.421(b), *Ordinance Code*, (1) a City deed conveying to the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) the City's rights, title and interest in Fee Parcel 112.1 and (2) a Temporary Construction Easement granting three temporary construction easements over Parcels 704A, 704B, and 704C to FDOT, all being conveyed to FDOT so as to allow FDOT to construct a new road to be designated State road 243, the purpose of which is to move commercial traffic in and out of Jacksonville International Airport more efficiently and to relieve traffic on Airport Road.

Background Information: JIA is located in Council District 11. The Fee Parcel contains 3.765 acres and is part of Pecan Park Road. This part of Pecan Park Road will be improved from two lanes to four lanes and realigned to intersect with the new State Road 243. The Temporary Construction Easements are for the purpose of tying in and harmonizing adjacent property, driveways, walkways, etc.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-799

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2013

Type of Action: Authorization for Lease Modification

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease Modification (BOT No. 160345512) between the City of Jacksonville and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida which modifies the existing lease authorized by Ordinance 2012-597-E, so as to increase the square footage and reflect as-built surveys for the fire station located at 9350 Heckscher Drive. The fire station is located in Council District 11.

Background Information: The Lessee (City of Jacksonville) is authorized to operate a 5-slip facility to be used exclusively for mooring of emergency and rescue vessels in conjunction with an upland municipal rescue and fire station. The initial lease, Ordinance 2012-597-E, is for a 5 year initial term. Water bodies within the state are owned by the State of Florida. Leases have to be approved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The board is comprised of the Florida Cabinet (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Financial Officer, Attorney-General, and Commissioner of Agriculture).

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-800

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Jones and Crescimbeni

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$535,787 from the Special Council Contingency – Property Blight account to the Code Compliance Division of the Neighborhoods Department to be used to supplement nuisance abatement contractual services. The funding is authorized to carry-over from FY13-14 to FY14-15.

Background Information: At the budget adoption meeting in September, several floor amendments provided just over \$2 million in additional funding from several sources to be applied to blight activities, all of which was placed into a special council contingency account pending further exploration of the best ways to utilize the additional funding to achieve the desired purposes. An Ad Hoc Committee on Neighborhood Blight has been meeting over the past several months to explore how the City deals with blight and nuisance abatement issues both with in-house personnel and via contractual services. Some of the special council contingency fund was appropriated via Ordinance 2013-683 to the newly-created Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Division in the Public Works Department. This bill appropriates the remaining \$535,787 from that contingency funding derived from nuisance abatement liens for non-mowing nuisance abatement functions (boarding up abandoned buildings, emptying/covering swimming pools, unsafe structure demolitions, tree trimming, etc.).

Policy Impact Area: Nuisance abatement/blight remediation

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$535,787 from a special council contingency fund to an expenditure account for nuisance abatement functions.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-801

Sponsor: Council President Gulliford:

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance amends Section 82.103 (Officers; Executive Director; Administrative Support), Chapter 82 (Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs), *Ordinance Code*, to allow for the Chair of the Council on Elder Affairs to exercise the duties of the Executive Director should the Executive Director position be vacant.

Background Information: Allowing the Chair of the Council exercise the duties and responsibilities of this body's Executive Director would enable the Council to continue to function smoothly in the event that the position of Executive Director is vacant.

Policy Impact: Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs/Ordinance Code

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-802

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Crescimbeni

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS, LUZ

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 656 – Zoning Code – in Part 4 – Supplementary Regulations – to permit fences in residential zoning districts to be up to 6 feet in height on one side of a front yard of a corner lot if the fence is along a roadway classified as a collector or higher and provided that the principal structure on the lot is facing a roadway that is not classified as a collector or higher. The fence may not be located forward of the front plane of the structure.

Background Information: Current zoning regulations prohibit fences taller than 4 feet in required front yards in residential zones. Corner lots have 2 front yards, 1 facing each street. This bill will permit a 6 foot fence to be erected in a required front yard on a corner lot if the front of the house faces a local street and the side of the house faces a collector or arterial road in order to provide additional screening of the property from the collector or arterial road.

Policy Impact Area: Zoning regulation of residential properties

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-803

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

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Designation of historic landmark

Bill Summary: The bill designates the commercial structure at 937 North Main Street as a historic landmark meeting at least 4 of the criteria for designation. The Legislative Services Division is directed to inform the Property Appraiser of the designation for recording in the public records of the City.

Background Information: The building is a complex of connected structures at Main and Orange Streets just north of downtown erected between 1911 and 1926 as the Claude Nolan Cadillac dealership, which operated on the site for nearly 75 years. The original Prairie-style building was designed by famed architect Henry John Klutho and the later addition by prominent Jacksonville firm Marsh and Saxelbye. The exterior of the original Klutho showroom building was greatly altered in the late 1940s from Prairie style to Art Moderne, but the Marsh and Saxelbye addition and the separate 1911 garage building remain very much intact.

The historic landmark designation was initiated by the Historic Preservation Commission and the property owner has been notified of the proceedings but has not attended any of the proceedings or given any written indication of support or opposition to the designation.

Policy Impact Area: Historic landmark designation

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-804

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

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Designation of historic landmark

Bill Summary: The bill designates the residential structure at 1481 W. 6th Street as a historic landmark meeting at least 2 of the criteria required for designation. It directs the Legislative Services Division to inform the Property Appraiser's office so that the designation may be entered into the public records of the City.

Background Information: The home in the Frame Vernacular style is one of the early residential structures built in Barnett's Subdivision in the Durkeeville area in 1926 and is one of the last remaining intact examples of typical African-American middle-income housing in this area. The property owner is in favor of the designation, which is recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Policy Impact Area: Historic landmark designation

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-805

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2013

Type of Action: Right-of-Way Closure

Bill Summary: The ordinance closes, abandons and/or disclaims a right-of-way for drainage established and recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 46, Lambing Road Farms, of the public records of Duval County dated July 20, 1953, in Council District 12, at the request of the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works (the "applicant") to facilitate the applicant's drainage project in the Lambing Road/No Road area.

Background Information: The drainage right-of-way, as established, has never been used. However, there is an open ditch which runs outside of the right-of-way on the adjacent property to the north. This ditch is part of the Lambing Road/No Road drainage system. The property owner to the north, Mr. Stephen M. Johns, has dedicated, at no cost to the City, a Drainage Easement (recorded in Official Records Book 16507, Page 268) over the open ditch to replace the right-of-way, which will be closed. The applicant, the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works, has requested this closure to facilitate its drainage project in the Lambing Road/No Road area. The applicant is a City of Jacksonville agency and is exempt from the application fee. This request has been sent to the various municipal agencies which might have an interest in this matter. There were no objections. The adjacent property owner has been notified of the closure application and has no objection to the closures.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Applicant is exempt from payment of closure application process fee.

Analyst: Jackson

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Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2013

Type of Action: Surplus Designation; Ordinance Code Waiver

Bill Summary: The ordinance declares Parcel R.E. #071083-0000 located at 1416 Laura Street in council District 7 ("subject parcel") to be surplus to the needs of the City; it recognizes disposition of the subject parcel by direct sale to William Flinn Hoff and Jennifer Ramsey Hoff, the abutting landowners, for the appraised value of \$9,500.00 pursuant to Section 122.423 (Appraisal at or below \$25,000) of Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*; the ordinance waives the provisions of Section 122.429 (Uses of Proceeds from Surplus Land Sales) of chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*, so as to allow the net proceeds from the sale of the subject property to be returned to the CDBG Fund.

Background Information: The subject parcel was purchased in 1999 with CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tax Deed Department, for \$7,221.75, as part of a Community Redevelopment Project. The subject parcel is 62.5 feet by 62.5 feet and is zoned residential. The abutting owners, who live on the abutting property, would like to purchase the subject parcel. The subject parcel recently appraised at \$9,500.00. The abutting owners paid for the cost of the appraisal. Chapter 122.429 is waived because the parcel was purchased with CDBG Funds, the proceeds from the sale of the parcel are to be returned to the CDBG Fund. The Real Estate Division has conducted an investigation of "need", as required by Section 122.422. As a result of the investigation, the Real Estate Division has determined that no "need" exists for the subject parcel by the City or any Independent Agency.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-807

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boyer

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 32 – Public Works Department – to clarify the membership qualifications for the “urban priority area” appointee to the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee and to clarify that the term ending date for all appointees is July 31st of the applicable year.

Background Information: One of the City Council appointments to the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee is currently designated for a representative of the “urban priority area” as defined in the Future Land Use Element of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. That area incorporates the area in the immediate vicinity of downtown Jacksonville, but excludes the central business district and the first-tier suburbs of Riverside, Avondale, Springfield, San Marco, etc. The bill is being amended to expand the appointment zone to also include the “urban area” as defined in the Comp Plan along with the urban priority area. The amendment will expand the appointment zone to include more dense urban neighborhoods outside of the immediate downtown area. The bill is also amended to provide that terms on the committee will expire on July 31st of each year; the current ordinance cites the month of July but not a specific date.

Policy Impact Area: Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-808

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 9, 2013

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Lee Caudill, as a member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board, filling the seat formerly held by Christopher Mazzatta as an apartment industry representative, for a first full term ending September 30, 2016.

Background Information: The Construction Trades Qualifying Board is established pursuant to Chapter 62, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to administer Chapter 342, *Municipal Ordinance Code*; ensure that an applicant for any certificate meets the qualifications provided by law; provide for the preparation, administration and grading of examinations; decide questions of definition and interpretation of the scope of work of the various construction trades covered by Chapter 342; make recommendations to the Council for amendment to ordinances it is required to administer; and provide a continuous study of the different trades and crafts regulated by Chapter 342 and recommend the regulation of additional trades or crafts as may be determined to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Section 62.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that each member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board shall reside in Duval County and three of the members shall be individuals associated with the apartment industry.

Mr. Lee holds a current Property Maintenance Craftsman license and has been a Regional Maintenance Supervisor with *WRH Realty Services* since 2002. He resides in the Oak Hill area within Council District #12.

Policy Impact Area: Construction Trades Qualifying Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-809

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 9, 2013

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Esther K. Erkan, as a member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board, filling the seat formerly held by Maxene Gillman as a private citizen representative, for a first full term ending September 30, 2015.

Background Information: The Construction Trades Qualifying Board is established pursuant to Chapter 62, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to administer Chapter 342, *Municipal Ordinance Code*; ensure that an applicant for any certificate meets the qualifications provided by law; provide for the preparation, administration and grading of examinations; decide questions of definition and interpretation of the scope of work of the various construction trades covered by Chapter 342; make recommendations to the Council for amendment to ordinances it is required to administer; and provide a continuous study of the different trades and crafts regulated by Chapter 342 and recommend the regulation of additional trades or crafts as may be determined to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Section 62.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that each member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board shall reside in Duval County and three of the members shall be citizens who are not associated with the construction industry.

Ms. Erkan received a law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law and is an Associate with *Regan Zebouni, P.A.* She resides in the Sunbeam area within Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Construction Trades Qualifying Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-810

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 9, 2013

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Kristine Millerschone, as a member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board, filling the seat formerly held by Butch Christian as an apartment industry representative, for a first full term ending September 30, 2016.

Background Information: The Construction Trades Qualifying Board is established pursuant to Chapter 62, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to administer Chapter 342, *Municipal Ordinance Code*; ensure that an applicant for any certificate meets the qualifications provided by law; provide for the preparation, administration and grading of examinations; decide questions of definition and interpretation of the scope of work of the various construction trades covered by Chapter 342; make recommendations to the Council for amendment to ordinances it is required to administer; and provide a continuous study of the different trades and crafts regulated by Chapter 342 and recommend the regulation of additional trades or crafts as may be determined to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Section 62.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that each member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board shall reside in Duval County and three of the members shall be individuals associated with the apartment industry.

Ms. Millerschone holds a current Property Maintenance Craftsman license and has been a Maintenance Supervisor with *Mid America Apartments, Inc.* since 2007. She resides in Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Construction Trades Qualifying Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-811

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 11, 2013

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Angie D. Williams, as a member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board, filling the seat formerly held by Bill Spinner as a general contractor, for a first term ending September 30, 2016.

Background Information: The Construction Trades Qualifying Board is established pursuant to Chapter 62, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to administer Chapter 342; ensure that an applicant for any certificate meets the qualifications provided by law; provide for the preparation, administration and grading of examinations; decide questions of definition and interpretation of the scope of work of the various construction trades covered by Chapter 342; make recommendations to the Council for amendment to ordinances it is required to administer; and provide a continuous study of the different trades and crafts regulated by Chapter 342 and recommend the regulation of additional trades or crafts as may be determined to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Section 62.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that each member of the board shall reside in Duval County and one of the members shall be either a general, building or residential contractor.

Ms. Williams received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of South Carolina and is a Florida licensed Certified General Contractor. She is the President / Owner of *Williams & Williams General Contractors and Engineering Management Co., LLC*. Ms. Williams resides in City Council District #6.

Policy Impact Area: Construction Trades Qualifying Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-812

Sponsor: Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2013

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Henry Luke as a member of the Duval County Research and Development Authority for a sixth four-year term ending October 17, 2017.

Background Information: The Duval County Research and Development Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 67, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to oversee "First Coast Technology Park", a 285-acre commerce center at the University of North Florida; for the purpose of promoting scientific research and development in affiliation with and related to the research and development activities of one or more state-based, accredited, public or private institutions of higher education; for the purpose of financing and refinancing capital projects related to establishment of a research and development park in affiliation with one or more institutions of higher education, including facilities that complement or encourage the complete operation thereof; and for the fostering of the economic development and broadening the economic base of the county. Section 159.703, *Florida Statutes*, provides that the members of the board shall be residents and electors of, or have their principal place of employment in, the county.

Mr. Luke received a master's degree from the University of Tennessee and operates *Luke Planning, Inc.* He was originally appointed to the board in August of 1994 and has served continuously since then. Mr. Luke resides in Council District #13.

Attendance: According to the staff for the Duval County Research and Development Authority, Mr. Luke has attended 100% (5 of 5) of the meetings of the board during his last term.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Research and Development Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-813

Sponsor: Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2013

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Patricia Gee-Jones, to the Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority, for a second four-year term ending December 15, 2017.

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. Gee-Jones received a bachelor's degree from Edward Waters College and holds a Real Estate license. She has been employed with the City of Jacksonville as an Environmental Specialist since 1989. She resides in Duval County.

Attendance: According to the staff for the Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority, Ms. Gee-Jones has attended 100% of the meetings of the board since her appointment in March 2010.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-815

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Amendment to loan terms; request for one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill amends the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority's (JHFA) guidelines for affordable housing loans to private developers in order to raise the maximum City contribution to project applications to make Jacksonville projects more competitive for funding on the state level. One-cycle emergency passage is requested.

Background Information: The JHFA's loan guidelines currently state that the City will determine its maximum contribution toward an affordable housing project seeking state bond financing based on the amount required by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's scoring matrix for a project to obtain the highest number of points in the category grading local financial contribution to a project. The JHFA has determined that Jacksonville projects are being less successful at obtaining funding because projects in other counties have larger public contributions. The JHFA proposes to amend its loan criteria to increase the maximum contribution to either "(a) that minimum amount to allow local projects (located in Duval County) to successfully compete under the FHFC's guidelines (whether for Housing Tax Credits or FHFC programs, or (b) such loan amount as necessary to make local projects financially feasible as determined by a third-party credit underwriter." The addition of the language regarding amounts necessary to make local projects financially feasible would permit the JHFA to make larger financial commitments to projects which would have the effect of making them more competitive against projects from other counties should the FHFC resort to "tiebreakers" among otherwise equally ranked projects. One of the tiebreakers favors projects with greater local financial backing, which presumably indicates greater local confidence in and support for a project than others with only the minimum funding commitment.

Policy Impact Area: Affordable housing promotion

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-817

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 11, 2013

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Jack L. Meeks, Jr. to the Downtown Investment Authority Board, replacing Paul I. Perez as a banking/finance industry representative, for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2014, followed by a first full four-year term ending June 30, 2018.

Background Information: The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 55, Part 3, *Ordinance Code*, and charged as the sole development and community redevelopment agency for Downtown for the City of Jacksonville pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, *Florida Statutes*. Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the nine members of the board be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a member of the banking or finance industry.

Mr. Meeks received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Florida and is a certified public accountant. He is President of *Jack Meeks & Associates, CPAs, LLC*, and previously served on the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board and the Jacksonville Ethics Commission. Mr. Meeks resides in the Springfield area within Council District #7.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Investment Authority Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-820

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 799 – Local Option Gas Tax – to provide for a 20 year extension of the gas tax from 2016 through 2036. The bill also directs the inclusion of an editorial note in the Code section to list the legislative history of the City’s local option gas tax.

Background Information: The City Council expressed its intention via resolution to adopt a local option gas tax for 5 years in 1983, but that intention was never put into action. In 1985 the Florida Legislature amended the statute to allow for a local option gas tax term of 10 years, which the Council adopted in 1986 extending to 1996. In 1987 the Florida Statutes were amended to allow counties already levying a local option gas tax to extend that tax in multi-year increments, but the wording was changed in a way that makes it unclear if a 30-year cap on the total length of all extensions of the tax is still in effect or not. In 1991 the City renewed the local option gas tax for 20 additional years from August 1996 to August 2016, for a total of 30 years from the initial 10 year levy of 1986.

When the tax was extended in 1991 the City committed to funding the JTA mass transit subsidy (formerly paid out of the General Fund) with proceeds of the local option gas tax (excluding the Skyway - Ordinance 91-819-411). When the Better Jacksonville Plan was adopted in 2000 the City and JTA entered into an Interlocal Agreement providing for uses of both the local option gas tax and the local option BJP sales tax for mass transit subsidy and for BJP road projects according to a 3-tiered priority system. In recent years the entire amount of the gas tax has gone to JTA for transit subsidies.

Policy Impact Area: Transportation funding

Fiscal Impact: The local option gas tax was budgeted to produce \$28 million in FY12-13 and \$28.6 million in FY13-14.

Analyst: Clements