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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-0129

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

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

Date of Analysis: February 23, 2016

Type of Action: Contract Amendment

Bill Summary: This bill approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute the First Amendment to the Contract between the City and State of Florida Department of Health (State) for the operation of the Duval County Health Department (CHD) contract year 2015-2016; amends *Ordinance Code*, Chapter 29 (Public Health Unit) creating a new Section 29.103 (City facilities and equipment); and provides oversight by the Public Works Department.

Background Information: State of Florida's Department of Health has partnered with the City to operate the Duval County Health Department in order to meet the City's public health needs. The amendment will provide for the Department of Health to occupy office space on the 4th Floor of the Ed Ball Building and the Mezzanine Floor of the St. James Building; use sixteen parking spaces in the Main Library Garage and two parking spaces in the Ed Ball Building; use all approved City facilities for CHD operations subject to certain use terms regarding alterations, maintenance, insurances, etc.; establish CHD facility use terms for City facilities occupied by the State for CHD operations; and amends the *Ordinance Code* for the addition of a new section to regulate contract execution, equipment and facilities.

Policy Impact Area: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: \$1.80 per square foot of office space (Ed Ball Building) per year, or \$4,570.65 per year. There is no cost for the use of office space in the St. James Building. Facility services and parking for CHD at Ed Ball Building and Main Library Parking Garage total for contract year is \$28,168. The State has expended \$225,000 of State funds for improvements to the space to date.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-0130

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Hazouri

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

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

Date of Analysis: February 23, 2016

Type of Action: Amend *Ordinance Code*

Bill Summary: This bill amends Chapter 150 (Adult Entertainment and Services Code) to create a new Subsection (LL) of 150.103 (Definitions) and create a new Section 150.413 (Display of public awareness signs for human trafficking), *Ordinance Code*; provides for severability; and exercises the City Council's power as the County's governing body.

Background Information: Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will. Human trafficking is a serious, yet invisible problem with Florida ranking third in the nation when it comes to this issue and Jacksonville ranking third in the State. In 2015, The Florida legislature authorized county governments to enforce posting of human trafficking public awareness signs in certain establishments. Thus, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate to inform citizens of the epidemic for their safety and welfare. The display of signs shall be at a nude, adult or dancing entertainment establishments; and a business or establishment (not owned by a health care profession) that offers massage or bodywork services for compensation. The public awareness sign must be at least 8.5 x 11 inches in size, at least 16-point font, and must state the required language in English and Spanish.

Policy Impact Area: Department of Health, Regulatory Compliance Department

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-131

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

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

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorizing fiscal year carry-over; authorizing execution of agreement; designating oversight agency; invoking Procurement Code exemption

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$30,000 from the Environmental Protection Board Trust Fund to enable the EPB staff to establish a partnership with the North Florida Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council in its LiveSMART program, to assist in the initial buildout of a LiveSMART trailer, and to support outreach, education and engagement of Jacksonville residents regarding LiveSMART principles. The bill authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the U.S. Green Building Council and designates the Department of Regulatory Compliance as the City's oversight agency. The bill invokes an authorized exception to the competitive solicitation provisions of the Procurement Code to permit the City to directly contract with the U.S. Green Building Council for this project.

Background Information: The U.S. Green Building Council is a membership-based organization that promotes sustainable building practices that complement the environment and enhance communities. The Council's most well-known initiative is the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification process for environmentally friendly buildings. The Memorandum of Understanding with the City is for a term of 3 years during which the North Florida Chapter of the USGBC will promote its LiveSMART (Sustainable Materials and Resources Trailer) initiative by taking a traveling exhibit trailer to public events to promote energy efficiency, water saving appliances, environmentally friendly building materials and other sustainable building practices to the general public. The memorandum requires semi-annual reporting to the City on activities, attendance and effectiveness measures and an annual financial report.

Policy Impact Area: Sustainable building practices

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$30,000 from the Environmental Protection Board Trust Fund.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-132

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$211,880 from the Department of Homeland Security through the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management, with no local match, in order to 1) purchase personal protective equipment and detection equipment, 2) repair and maintain previously grant-funded equipment, and 3) provide training for the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and Hazmat Teams, as initiated by B.T. 16-035; it approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for an on behalf of the City, a Federally-Funded Subaward Grant Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management; it provides for City oversight by the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

Background Information: Funding in this appropriation is allocated for: employee training (\$175,970.00), specialized equipment (\$11,936.00), other operating supplies (\$7,940.00) and repairs and maintenance (\$16,034.00).

Policy Impact: Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$211,880 in a Department of Homeland Security grant, with no local match.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-133

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$47,349.00 (\$35,512.00 from the United States Department of Homeland Security – Port Security Grant Program and a local match of \$11,837.00 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund) to the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (JSO) for twin boat motors for the JSO Marine Unit, as initiated by B.T. 16-036; provides for a carryover of funds into fiscal year 2016-2017.

Background Information: JSO’S marine unit patrols all of the County’s waterways. *Ordinance Code* Section 111.310. Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund stipulates that the Sheriff may expend funds from this account to provide matching funds to obtain federal grants .

Policy Impact: Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$47,349.00 in a combination of federal grant funds and a local match.

Analyst: Jackson

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Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: February 23, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$30,000 (\$15,000 from the Florida Department of Transportation and a local In-kind match of \$15,000) to develop litter prevention and education programs; approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver the Litter Control and Prevention Grant Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, and City of Jacksonville.

Background Information: The grant period began October 15, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016. This is a reimbursement grant that is listed on the FY 16 B1c. Keep Jacksonville Beautiful received the grant agreement in December 2015.

Policy Impact Area: Regulatory Compliance Department

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$30,000 as initiated by B.T. 16-037.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-0135

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

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

Date of Analysis: February 23, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$180,696.25 from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office current fund balance (Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund); approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver a contract with the Research Foundation of CUNY on behalf of John Jay College of Criminal Justice Center for Crime Prevention and Control, National Network for Safe Communities; invokes the exception of 126.107 (G) Exemptions, Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*; and provides a procurement directive; and requests a one cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: The appropriation will fund a violence reduction initiative which will cover the cost of National Network personnel, fringe benefits, cooperative problem solving and peer learning, and other personal services. The exception is invoked to remove the necessity of competitive bidding because the supplies and services are specific to the legislation. JSO must obtain an administrative award from the Procurement Department prior to any expenditure of funds to ensure contract is aligned with the outlined scope of services. The funds are needed to combat the rise in violent crime in the community.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$180,696.25 as initiated by B.T. 16-038.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-136

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$907,000 from the Egrets Nest Drive culvert repair project (\$209,727.95) and the Countywide Intersection Improvements and Bridge Rehab account (\$697,272.05) to three bridge improvement projects: Cedar Point Road bridges (\$240,272.05 and \$209,727.95, respectively, to two bridges), Grove Park Boulevard bridge (\$207,000) and Jork Road Bridge (\$250,000). It amends the 2016-20 CIP to reduce the funding for the two projects/accounts from which the funds are being transferred and increases the funding amounts for the projects being supplemented. The bill designates the Public Works Department as the oversight agency for the projects.

Background Information: The bill will transfer available funds from the completed Egrets Nest Drive project and from the Countywide Intersection Improvements and Bridge Rehab account (the pay-as-you-go source account for bridge projects that need funding during the course of a fiscal year) to address engineering and design costs for three high priority bridge projects. The bill provides that any residual funding remaining after the four design/engineering projects are completed will revert to the Countywide Intersection Improvements and Bridge Rehab account for reallocation.

Policy Impact Area: Bridge repairs

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates a total of \$907,000 from a completed project (\$209,727.95) and the Countywide Intersection Improvements and Bridge Rehab account (\$697,272.05).

Analyst: Clements

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Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: February 23, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$479,929 in CDBG funding for the ongoing Pine Forest Infrastructure project.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to transfer CDBG funding previously provided for a water main project in the Larson neighborhood to the ongoing Pine Forest infrastructure Project.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Development Depart/Housing and Community Development Division

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$479,929 as initiated by B.T. 16-041.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-138

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F,RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Fund transfer; budget ordinance waiver

Bill Summary: The bill transfers \$334,298.85 in Hanna Park year-end fund recapture proceeds to fund repair and replacement of playground equipment at Hanna Park (\$175,406.70) and to eliminate the negative cash balance in the Huguenot Park account (\$158,892.15). It waives the provision of the 2014-15 budget ordinance (2015-504-E) requiring year-end fund balances to be swept into a recapture account and used to balance funds with negative cash balances so as to permit a portion of the swept funds to be reallocated to the purchase of the playground equipment.

Background Information: The Ordinance Code and annual budget ordinance require that excess funds remaining in departmental budgets at the end of the fiscal year after the books are closed shall be swept into a recapture account and used to eliminate the negative cash balances occurring in other subfunds. This bill permits funds remaining in the Hanna Park account to be used for Hanna Park improvements and to directly address the negative cash balance in the Huguenot Park subfund in the same Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department fund.

Policy Impact Area: Waterfront parks funding

Fiscal Impact: The bill transfers \$334,298.85 in Hanna Park year-end fund recapture proceeds to fund repair and replacement of playground equipment at Hanna Park (\$175,406.70) and to eliminate the negative cash balance in the Huguenot Park account (\$158,892.15).

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-139

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F,TEU

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$363,312 from the Better Jacksonville Plan pay-as-you-go fund to reimburse the JEA for past septic tank remediation work. The bill amends the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program to increase the project budget for Septic Tank Phase Out/Remediation project number PUE002-01 to reflect the true cost.

Background Information: The City contracted with JEA to install sewer lines in the Oakwood Villas, Lake Forest, Scott Mill, Murry Hill and Pernicia neighborhoods several years ago, incurring a cost of \$811,280. The City has not paid JEA for that work which was completed in September 2011, and only \$447,968 is available in the project budget. This bill appropriates \$363,312 from the Better Jacksonville Plan pay-as-you-go account to cover the difference and allow full payment to the JEA. The BJP pay-as-you-go account accrues BJP sales tax revenues after all BJP debt service is paid and is intended to be used to pay for some projects without the need to borrow and pay debt service for those projects.

Policy Impact Area: Septic tank phase-out

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$363,312 from the Better Jacksonville Plan pay-as-you-go fund

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-140

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment for administrative reorganization; authorization of employee position transfers and reconfirmation of mayoral appointments; appropriation; retroactive effective date

Bill Summary: The bill amends several chapters of the Ordinance Code to accomplish a reorganization of several departments of City government and authorizes the Council Auditor and General Counsel's Office to make such technical amendments as may be necessary to accomplish the desired reorganization. The bill authorizes the transfer of employee positions among the reorganized departments and reconfirms the mayor's appointments of persons previously appointed and confirmed to corresponding positions in new departments. It appropriates \$4,000 from General Fund non-departmental allocations to create internal service funds for copying and mailroom/postage for the new Office of Neighborhood Services. The bill declares a retroactive effective date of April 2, 2016.

Background Information: The bill makes the following organizational changes:

- Repeals Chapter 20, Part 2 – Education Officer – in its entirety
- Repeals Chapter 20, Part 4 – Office of Public-Private Partnerships – in its entirety
- Repeals Chapter 23 – Intra-Governmental Services – in its entirety
- Repeals Chapter 35 – Regulatory Compliance Department – in its entirety
- Creates a new Chapter 20, Part 2 – Office of the Blight Initiative
- Creates a new Chapter 20, Part 4 – Philanthropic Officer
- Creates a new Chapter 20, Part 5 – Data Management and Analysis Officer
- Renames Chapter 24 – Finance Department – to the Finance and Administration Department
- Shifts the Procurement Division from the old Intra-Governmental Services Department to the Finance and Administration Department
- Shifts the Information Technology Division from the old Intra-Governmental Services Department to the Finance and Administration Department
- Shifts the Fleet Management Division from the old Intra-Governmental Services Department to the Finance and Administration Department
- Shifts the Office of Grants and Contract Compliance from the old Intra-Governmental Services Department to the Finance and Administration Department
- Shifts the Office of the Ombudsman from the old Intra-Governmental Services Department to the Finance and Administration Department
- Shifts the Equal Business Opportunity Office from the old Intra-Governmental Services Department to the Finance and Administration Department
- Creates a new Chapter 34 – Neighborhoods Department – to be responsible for neighborhood and housing services, code and regulatory compliance, animal and mosquito control, and citizen complaint reporting.

- Shifts the Housing and Community Development Division from the Planning and Development Department to the new Neighborhoods Department, except for administration of the Northwest Quadrant Economic Development Fund which is assigned to the Office of Economic Development in Chapter 55
- Shifts the Municipal Code Compliance Division from the old Regulatory and Compliance Department to the new Neighborhoods Department
- Shifts the Environmental Quality Division from the old Regulatory and Compliance Department to the new Neighborhoods Department
- Shifts the Mosquito Control Division from the old Regulatory and Compliance Department to the new Neighborhoods Department
- Shifts the Animal Care and Protective Services Division from the old Regulatory and Compliance Department to the new Neighborhoods Department
- Shifts the Office of CityLink/630-CITY from the old Regulatory and Compliance Department to the new Neighborhoods Department
- Creates a new Part 8 – Neighborhood Services Office – within the Neighborhoods Department to be responsible for neighborhood action plans, Town Center initiatives, CDCs and neighborhood community coordination, CPACs, neighborhood associations, and neighborhood education, communication and award.
- Shifts the Public Parking Division within Chapter 55 – Economic Development – from Part 2, Office of Economic Development to Part 3 – Downtown Investment Authority, except for the Motor Vehicle Inspection function, which is shifted to the Fleet Management Division of the Finance and Administration Department
- Amends Chapter 54 – Office of Sports and Entertainment – to reassign the function from a division of the Mayor’s Office to a department reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer
- Amends Chapter 55 – Economic Development – to reassign the Office of Economic Development from a division of the Mayor’s Office to a department reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer

Policy Impact Area: Administrative reorganization

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$4,000 from General Fund non-departmental allocations to the new Neighborhoods Department. Otherwise the document provided by the Mayor’s Office states that there is no change in the number of authorized positions and insignificant cost savings.

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Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$2,060,742 (\$936,701 from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) and \$1,124,041 from Grant Capital Projects – Interest) to fund eight FIND Grant CIP projects, as initiated by B.T. 16-044; it amends the 2016-2020 five-year Capital Improvement Program, approved by Ordinance 2015-505-E to provide funding for the projects entitled “Pottsburg Creek – Dredge”, “Sisters Creek Dock Redesign”, “County Dock Road Boat Ramp”, “Mayport Boat Ramp Lane Extension”, “Joe Carlucci Dock Extension”; “Metro Park Dock Replacement”, “Wayne B. Stevens Dock Replacement”, and “Tillie Fowler Kayak Launch”; it provides for oversight by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Service.

Background Information: Applications for these FIND grants were authorized by Resolution 2015-38-A. FIND solicits grant applications from counties within its jurisdiction to undertake waterways-related projects. FIND grant applications must be accompanied by a resolution that acknowledges a county’s willingness to meet match funding requirements. The Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department compiled the projects list. The Jacksonville Waterways Commission, through its subcommittee on FIND projects, vetted and prioritized the projects. The County Dock & Boat Ramp entails removal of old pier pilings and marking improvements; the Sisters Creek Dock Redesign project entails the relocation of the existing floating docks to deeper waters; the Mayport Boat Ramp project entails the expansion of the boat launch lanes; the Tillie Fowler Kayak Launch project entails the design of a kayak launch and parking area; the Wayne B. Stevens Docks project entails the replacement of the existing floating docks; the Joe Carlucci Boat Ramp Dock Extension project entails the design of additional docking; the Metro Park Dock Replacement project entails the design of floating docks and fishing pier to replace deteriorated wooden docks.

Policy Impact: Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department/Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Fiscal Impact:

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-142

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization of grant agreement; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the Downtown Historic Preservation and Revitalization Trust Fund to assist in the reconstruction of the Bostwick Building at 100 East Bay Street into the Cowford Chop House restaurant. The bill authorizes the execution of a grant agreement among the City, the Downtown Investment Authority, and Foodonics Equities, LLC for use of the grant and designates the DIA as the City's oversight agency for the project.

Background Information: The Downtown Historic Preservation and Revitalization Trust Fund was created by Ordinance 2002-395-E to provide a funding source to incentivize the reuse of underutilized and abandoned historic buildings in downtown Jacksonville. Use of the funds is conditioned upon compliance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and funds may only be allocated (either as a grant or a loan) to a structure that is designated as a local landmark, is a contributing structure to a local historic district, or has been declared a potential local landmark while a formal designation process is underway. The Trust Fund can be used by a developer to make exterior façade restorations, to make building and/or fire code improvements, or to preserve, restore, rehabilitate or adaptively re-use the interior architectural features of the building.

The Bostwick Building dates from the early 1900s and is a designated local historic landmark. The company's application for the grant funds states that the proceeds will be used to preserve and restore the exterior walls, windows and architectural detailing of the building. All work must be completed, inspected and approved by the Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and Development Department before the grant funds can be released as a reimbursement to the developer.

Policy Impact Area: Historic preservation

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the Downtown Historic Preservation and Revitalization Trust Fund.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-143

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Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

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

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorizing fiscal year carry-over; emergency action request

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the Jacksonville Journey special council contingency fund to the Sheriff's Office overtime salary account to provide funding for deployment of additional resources in crime hot spots. The funds are authorized to carry-over to FY16-17. One cycle emergency passage is requested.

Background Information: Mayor Curry and Sheriff Williams have determined that additional resources are needed to address the recent spate of violent crimes in certain areas of the community. The City Council appropriated \$500,000 of the Jacksonville Journey's annual funding amount into a designated Special Council Contingency fund during the budget process, which requires Council action to release for use.

Policy Impact Area: Violent crime prevention

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the Jacksonville Journey special council contingency fund.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-0144

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Love

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

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

Date of Analysis: February 23, 2016

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$255,000 for contributions toward the installation of a playscape located on the corner of St. Johns Avenue and Van Wert Avenue in Boone Park, 3700 Park Street in Council District 14; approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver an agreement between the City and Friends of Jacksonville Parks for installation of a playscape at Boone Park South, and the City and Kompan, Inc. for purchase and installation; provides oversight by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services; amends the 2016-2020 Five-Year Capital Improvement program to increase funding for the project; provides carryover of funds to subsequent fiscal years; and invokes the exception of *Ordinance Code*, 126.107 (G) (Exemptions), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code).

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to provide funding for the playscape installation at Boone Park South. The deferral of the amendment to the CIP is detrimental to the best interests of the community because the community has expended numerous hours over the last year preparing the park, including raising matching funds in preparation for the playscape. Invoking the exception authorizes the procurement of professional services from Kompan, Inc., without competitive solicitation because supplies or services are specific to the legislation.

Policy Impact Area: Department of Parks, Recreation, & Community Services; Capital Improvement Program

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$255,000.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-145

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: R/W Closure

Bill Summary: The ordinance closes, abandons and/or disclaims a portion of North Edgewood Drive, a 100 foot right-of-way located in Council District 10, as established in Plat Book 14, page 19, Biltmore No. 8, dated May 14, 1939, in the public records of Duval County, at the request of Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Company, owner of the property on both sides of the right-of-way (the "applicant"), subject to reservation unto the City of Jacksonville and JEA of easements over the closed right-of-way for ingress and egress and for all utilities.

Background Information: The applicant, Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Company, is requesting the closure to eliminate the street crossing of its tracks at the right-of-way of No. Edgewood Drive., and to facilitate improvements to the Norfolk Southern Railway Simpson Intermodal Yard. The Intermodal Entrance Driveway will be extended to Soutel Drive which will eliminate truck traffic on No. Edgewood Drive. The applicant will install a cul-de-sac in the right-of-way on each side of the railroad track. The culs-de-sac will be built to City standards, inspected and accepted by the appropriate City agencies.

Policy Impact: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: The applicant has paid a \$1,688.00 application fee.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-146

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: R/W Closure

Bill Summary: The ordinance closes and abandons and/or disclaims the right-of-way of Dante Place, located between San Marco Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Council District 5, as established in Plat Book 8, Page 3, Palm Park, dated March 20, 1922, in the public records of Duval County, at the request of Baptist Health Properties, Inc., the owner of all property on both sides of the subject right-of-way (the "applicant"), to allow for the construction of the Baptist/M.D. Anderson Cancer Center).

Background Information: The subject right-of-way contains multiple utilities. Applicant's representative, England-Thims & Miller, Inc., will coordinate the removal and relocation of utilities with the various utility organizations. The removals and relocations of utilities will take place during construction of the medical facility. This ordinance closing the right-of-way will not be recorded until the various utilities have been removed and relocated to the satisfaction of each utility agency.

Policy Impact: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: The applicant has paid a \$1,688.00 closure application processing fee.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-147

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Easement Closure

Bill Summary: The ordinance closes, abandons and/or disclaims an all utilities easement located between Ernest Street and Dellwood Street and running through Parcel 064895-0000, established by Ordinance 76-1154-589, dated December 28, 1976, in Council District 14, at the request of Jason Giles, MJRJ Investments, LLC, the property owner (hereinafter the "applicant"), to allow applicant to build a residential building on the parcel.

Background Information: The easement has never been used and there were no objections to its closure.

Policy Impact: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: The applicant has paid a \$583.00 closure application processing fee.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-148

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Surplus Parcels Conveyance

Bill Summary: The ordinance declares certain tax reverted and non-tax reverted parcels of real property to be surplus to the needs of the City; it authorizes their conveyance and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute any and all documents necessary for such conveyances in accordance with the provisions of Subpart B (Real Property Dispositions), Part 4 (Real Property), chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*.

Background Information: 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 parcels by the City, nor any Independent Agency. The parcels/properties are located in Council Districts 1, 2, 5, 6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 14.

Policy Impact: Public Works Department/Real Estate Division

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-149

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Easement Conveyances

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver in accordance with Section 122.421(b), *Ordinance Code*, (1) a temporary easement conveying to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Parcel 700, a temporary construction easement in District 8, (2) a perpetual easement conveying to FDOT Parcels 800-A through 800-O, 15 permanent easements in Districts 8 and 9, and (3) two City deeds conveying to FDOT Parcels 115 and 126, two fee parcels in District 9, together with all documentation necessary to convey said temporary construction easement, permanent easements, and fee parcels in connection with the Kings Road (SR 139) Signal Improvements Project, Cleveland Street to Division Street.

Background Information: The permanent easements are needed for the installation of traffic signal loops at the intersections of Kings Road with Cleveland Street, Emerson Street, Myrtle Avenue, Tyler Street, Fairfax Street, Spires Avenue, Flag Street, Kings Park Drive and Division Street. Two fee parcels in District 9 are being conveyed. Parcel 115 contains 32 square feet and is within the right-of-way of Fairfax Street; Parcel 126 contains 67 square feet and is within the right-of-way of Canal Street. The fee parcels are needed by FDOT for the Kings Road (SR 1139) Signal Improvement s Project.

NOTE: Emerson Street is runs between Hendricks Avenue and Phillips Highway. It is not located in either Council District 8 or 9.

Policy Impact: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-150

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Easement Subordination

Bill Summary: The ordinance approving, in accordance with Section 122.421 (b), *Ordinance Code*, a temporary construction easement and 12 permanent easements to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in connection with the Blanding Boulevard (SR 21) Signal and Sidewalk Improvement project; it authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver a temporary easement conveying to FDOT a temporary construction easement within the right-of-way of Townsend Road at the intersection of Townsend Road and Blanding Boulevard in Council District 9 needed for the purposes of modifying sidewalks and ADA curb ramps to match the configuration of proposed signal installation and removing existing traffic devices; it authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver a perpetual easement conveying to FDOT twelve (12) permanent easements needed for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, and traffic signals for vehicles and pedestrians at multiple intersections along Blanding Boulevard.

Background Information: The Temporary Construction Easement is needed by FDOT for the purpose of modifying sidewalks and ADA curb ramps to match the configuration of the proposed signal installation, as well as removing existing traffic signal devices at the intersection of Blanding Blvd and Townsend Road. This TCE Contains 107 square feet and is within the right-of-way of Townsend Road. The Permanent Easements are for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sidewalks, ADA curb ramps and traffic signals for vehicles and pedestrians at multiple intersections along Blanding Blvd. Parcel 800 is comprised of 12 parts containing 18,611 square feet. All Pes are within the right-of-way of Morse Ave., 118th St, 105th St, Cedar Hills Blvd, Confederate Pt. Rd., Shirley Ave., Lake Shore Blvd., and Wesconnett Blvd.

Policy Impact: Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-151

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2016

Type of Action: Authorization for Easement Renewal

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver that certain Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Easement Renewal (BOT File No. 160610252) (the "Easement") between the City of Jacksonville (the "Lessee") and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (the "Lessor"). The Easement is for the bridge over Oldfield Creek and is used solely for public transportation purposes. The term of the Easement is 50 years at no cost.

Background Information: Oldfield Creek is located in Mandarin (Loretto Road), Council District 6. The bridge has been used for vehicular traffic for many years. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund consists of the Florida Cabinet (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney-General and the Commissioner of Agriculture).

Policy Impact: Public Works Department/Real Estate Division

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-156

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Reggie Brown

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

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

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Forgiveness of grant conditions non-compliance; removal from non-compliance list; amending grant agreement; designation of oversight agency; emergency action request

Bill Summary: The bill ratifies the expenditure of City FY14-15 grant funds by the Bob Hayes Invitational Track Meet, Inc. that deviated from the approved grant budget and removes the organization from the Council Auditor's grant noncompliance list. It authorizes a First Amendment to the organization's FY15-16 grant to provide for a grant "true-up" period of 60 days following the event and attaches a revised budget with more broadly defined categories. The Office of Sports and Entertainment is designated as the oversight agency for the contract and emergency approval of the ordinance upon introduction is requested.

Background Information: The Bob Hayes Invitational Track Meet is one of the largest high school track meets in the nation, attracting thousands of athletes from around the country to participate. The organization was placed on the "non-compliance" list by the Council Auditor's office when its financial reports for FY12-13 and FY13-14 were not filed with the City in a timely manner. The organization's FY14-15 appropriation from the City was placed in a special Council contingency fund by the budget ordinance until the prior years' required financial report was received, after which the funds were released. The organization was again placed on the non-compliance list when the FY14-15 financial report was not received in a timely manner and the Auditor's Office found after it was received that several line items were not spent in accordance with the approved budget and lacked required documentation.

The bill finds that the track meet organizers overspent some budget line items and underspent others without required City approval, with the net effect that the aggregate grant amount was not exceeded but the funds were not spent strictly as budgeted. This bill forgives the non-compliance for FY14-15, removes the organization from the Auditor's Office non-compliance list, and approves an amendment to the pending FY15-16 grant agreement to provide for a 60 day budgetary "true-up" period after the event to reconcile budgeted with actual expenditures, and to revise the grant budget into broader spending categories to make compliance simpler.

Policy Impact Area: Grant expenditure and reporting compliance

Fiscal Impact: The bill removes the organization from the non-compliance list, thereby making the track meet eligible to receive a FY15-16 grant of \$84,875.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-157

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Lease authorization; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the execution of a revised and renewed lease agreement between the City and the Jacksonville Symphony Association for the symphony's use of the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts for a period of 5 years. The Office of Sports and Entertainment is designated as the City's oversight agency for the contract.

Background Information: The symphony has leased Jacoby Symphony Hall and additional spaces in the Times-Union Center (symphony administration offices, musicians' lounge, ticket office, music library, conductor's dressing room, chorus rehearsal room, instrument storage room) since 2001 when the Civic Auditorium was renovated and expanded into the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. The latest lease approved by City Council covered the period from July 2010 through June 2013 and has continued on the same terms since its expiration.

The new lease is for 5 years at a base monthly rental rate of \$7,507.24, which increases each October 1st thereafter by an inflation factor (the CPI for the preceding year for All Urban Consumers – South Urban Area). The symphony is eligible for an annual rent abatement based on the number of single tickets sold (excluding season ticket packages), ranging from a \$3,000 abatement for 27,000 paid single tickets sold to a \$9,000 abatement for 33,000 or more paid single tickets sold. The lease incorporates new naming rights and sponsorship provisions for interior portions of the facility from which the Symphony will retain all revenues. The City retains the rights to the revenues from naming and/or sponsorship rights to the entire building. The agreement provides that the Symphony will provide the City with 20 complimentary tickets to each event (subject to performer contractual requirements). The agreement provides that the Symphony may utilize a caterer of its choice to provide food and beverages for its patrons in conjunction with symphony events, and must use SMG's caterer for events with an attendance of 100 or more.

Policy Impact Area: Public facility lease

Fiscal Impact: The base monthly rental rate is \$7,507.24, with an annual inflation factor and a provision for rent abatement based on number of single tickets sold.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-158

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Authorizing execution of operating agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the execution of an Air Pollution Control Specific Operating Agreement between the City and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for continuation of the City Environmental Quality Division's (EQD) local enforcement of state air quality regulations through August 31, 2018.

Background Information: The City and FDEP have been cooperating since 1982 on the enforcement of air pollution control regulations, and since 1989 under the current General Operating Agreement (GOA). The new specific operating agreement (SOA) provides specific definitions, role and responsibilities for the EQD's management of the Ambient Air Monitoring, Permitting and Compliance and Enforcement functions. The City receives annual contractual funding from the FDEP to pay for the costs of managing the state programs. The joint efforts of the City and state permit enforcement of air quality regulations in an efficient and responsive manner.

Policy Impact Area: Air quality protection

Fiscal Impact: The City receives annual contractual funding from the FDEP to pay for the costs of managing these programs.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2016-159

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Authorization to issue mortgage revenue bonds

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority to issue up to \$50 million in homeowner mortgage revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of mortgage loans originated by local lenders or the purchase of securities backed by mortgage loans for the purpose of providing affordable financing assistance to low- and moderate income persons to purchase or renovate single-family homes. The bill authorizes the JHFA to apply to the state for an allocation of the private activity regional bond pool and declares that the City's credit is not being pledged toward repayment of the bonds.

Background Information: The bonds will be used to provide funding to private lenders to issue mortgages at discounted rates to low- and moderate-income borrowers for the purchase or rehabilitation of owner-occupied single family residences. The JHFA must apply to the state for an allocation of private activity bond capacity from the Northeast Florida regional pool before the bonds can be issued.

Policy Impact Area: Affordable housing assistance

Fiscal Impact: The bonds do not constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the City or state payable from any public revenues.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2016-0160

Sponsor: Council Member Carter

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: February 19, 2016

Type of Action: Plat Vacation

Bill Summary: This resolution concerns the vacation of a portion of the plat of Maxville and Maxville Farms plat, recorded in Plat Book 3, page 94, and Plat Book 6, page 78 pursuant to Section 177.101(3), *Florida Statutes*, at the request of Synovus Bank, dba Commercial Bank; returns a portion of the lands shown on said Maxville and Maxville Farms plat to acreage; make findings; abandons certain unopened roads within the boundaries of the plat of Maxville and Maxville Farms which have not been opened and have not become roads suitable and necessary for the traveling public; and ensures legal access to abutting properties.

Background Information: Florida Statutes authorize the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to adopt resolutions vacating plats of subdivisions and returning property covered by said plats to acreage upon showing that the applicant for the vacation is the actual owner of that portion of the lands covered by the plat sought to be vacated, and further, that the vacation will not affect the ownership or right of convenient access of persons owning other parts of the previously platted subdivision.

The applicant applied to vacate those portions of the plat and provided evidence of ownership of lands within the plats to be vacated. All state and county taxes on the lands to be vacated have been paid in full or provision made for such payment. The remaining lots or portions of the lots owned by others within the Plat will not become landlocked parcels but will be provided legal access.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2016-0163

Sponsor: Council President Anderson

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 10, 2016

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Barbara Goodman to the Duval County Tourist Development Council (TDC), as a representative of the tourist industry, for a first full four-year term ending June 30, 2019.

Background Information: The TDC is established pursuant to Chapter 70, *Ordinance Code*, and Section 125.0104, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to recommend a method of coordination of existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations and business and of new or additional tourist development efforts; identify and recommend methods of eliminating unnecessary duplications in existing tourist development efforts; identify and develop new tourist development efforts; create, prepare and submit to the Council a tourist development plan; and review the expenditures of revenues from the Tourist Development Trust Fund and report any unauthorized expenditures to the Council and State Department of Revenue. Section 70.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that three of the members of the Duval County Tourist Development Council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, but are not associated with tourist accommodation.

Ms. Goodman received a master's degree in counseling from Fresno State University and is retired from *National Park Service*. She is a Board Member and incoming President of the Timucuan Trail Parks Foundation. Ms. Goodman resides in the East Arlington area within Council District #2.

Attendance: According to information provided by the staff for the TDC, Ms. Goodman has attended 80% of the meetings of the Commission since her initial appointment September 2013.

	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
2013	1	1
2014	6	5
2015	3	2
2016	0	0
Total	10	8

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Tourist Development Council operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2016-0164

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 11, 2016

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation with Retroactive Effective Date

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Sheriff's appointment of Thomas R. Hackney as Director of the Department of Investigations and Homeland Security, within the Sheriff's Office, retroactively effective to March 26, 2016.

Background Information: Section 37.109(b), *Ordinance Code*, provides that Director shall have a college degree or at least five years' experience and commensurate training. Section 37.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that directors within the Sheriff's Office shall be confirmed by the Council before the appointment becomes permanent.

Chief Hackney has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 1991, working his way up from Police Officer to Chief in 2010, a position he held until his appointment as Director in 2013. He was appointed to his current position as Chief of the Detective Division in July 2015. Chief Hackney has completed various law enforcement training courses.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Human Resources, the salary range for this position is \$96,004 - \$156,742 annually. Directors within the Sheriff's Office currently earn \$131,476 annually.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2016-0165

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 11, 2016

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation with Retroactive Effective Date

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Sheriff's appointment of Christopher R. Butler as Chief of the Detective Division, within the Sheriff's Office, retroactively effective to March 26, 2016.

Background Information: Section 37.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that Division Chiefs within the Sheriff's Office shall have a college degree or at least five years' training and experience and shall be confirmed by the Council before the appointment becomes permanent.

Assistant Chief Butler has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 1995, working his way up from Police Officer to Police Lieutenant, a position he held until his appointment as Assistant Chief in 2009. In addition to various law enforcement training courses, he received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Florida Atlantic University.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Human Resources, the salary range for this position is \$82,308 - \$134,381 annually. Division Chiefs within the Sheriff's Office currently earn \$116,117 annually.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2016-0166

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 11, 2016

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation with Retroactive Effective Date

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Sheriff's appointment of Donald F. Tuten, II as Chief of the Support Services Division, within the Sheriff's Office, retroactively effective to January 30, 2016.

Background Information: Section 37.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that Division Chiefs within the Sheriff's Office shall have a college degree or at least five years' training and experience and shall be confirmed by the Council before the appointment becomes permanent.

Assistant Chief Tuten has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 1993, working his way up to Police Lieutenant in 2008, a position he held until his appointment as Assistant Chief in 2014. In addition to various law enforcement training courses, he received a master's degree in executive leadership from Liberty University.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Human Resources, the salary range for this position is \$82,308 - \$134,381 annually. Division Chiefs within the Sheriff's Office currently earn \$116,117 annually.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-167

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Declaration and conveyance of surplus property

Bill Summary: The bill declares a parcel of tax reverted property at 2830 Blair Street to be surplus to the City's needs and authorizes its conveyance to the Jacksonville Port Authority at no cost for its use.

Background Information: The property is 50 x100 feet, zoned light industrial, and has an assessed value of \$6,250. The property is adjacent to the JPA's Talleyrand Marine Terminal and is surrounded by other properties the JPA is in the process of acquiring for eventual expansion of the Talleyrand Terminal as envisioned in the JAXPORT Master Plan.

Policy Impact Area: Port expansion

Fiscal Impact: The assessed value of the property being conveyed to JPA at no cost is \$6,250.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2016-168

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

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2016

Committee(s) of Reference:

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2016

Type of Action: Authorization of interlocal agreement; authorization for Property Appraiser and Tax Collector to enter into agreements with other taxing authorities; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an Interlocal agreement among the City, the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector for the payment of tax collection fees to a third-party vendor for the identification of properties inappropriately claiming a homestead exemption. The bill authorizes the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector to enter into similar Interlocal agreements with other taxing authorities in the county for payment of collection fees for identification of improperly claimed homestead exemptions. The Property Appraiser's Office is designated as the City's oversight agency for this agreement.

Background Information: Property Appraiser Jerry Holland and Tax Collector Michael Corrigan plan to hire a private vendor to examine all homestead property tax exemptions assigned to it by the Property Appraiser to determine if the exemptions are being legitimately claimed. State law provides that unpaid taxes from improperly claimed exemptions can be recouped by the county, along with penalties and interest on the unpaid amount. The ordinance provides that the vendor eventually selected may be paid up to 30% of the gross taxes, penalties and interest collected on properties from which improper exemptions are removed. It authorizes the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector to enter into similar interlocal agreements with other taxing authorities in the county (i.e. School Board and independent municipalities) for similar tax recovery services.

Policy Impact Area: Property tax collections

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; the agreement limits payment to the private vendor to a maximum of 30% of the gross taxes, penalties and interest collected on properties from which improper exemptions are removed.

Analyst: Clements