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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-1

Introducer/Sponsor(s): LUZ Committee

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 30 – Planning and Development Department – to specify that the regular meeting time of the Planning Commission shall occur on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except for the first Monday in July and the fourth Monday in December. The amendment provides that when a scheduled meeting date conflicts with a City holiday, election day or a day of religious observance, the meeting may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Chair.

Background Information: The LUZ Committee introduced this bill in an attempt to make the transmittal of Planning Commission recommendations to the LUZ Committee more timely and more workable for the Planning Department staff. The current system of the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday of City Council week means that often minutes, reports, transcripts and other documentation cannot be timely completed and transmitted to the LUZ Committee members with enough lead time for them to read and digest the material in advance of the LUZ meeting.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-2

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Crescimbeni, Clark and Joost

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 116 – Employees and Employee Benefits – to repeal Sec. 116.910 which imposes a residency requirement within Duval County for City employees.

Background Information: The City has implemented and subsequently revoked a residency requirement in the past. A residency requirement was adopted in 1978, repealed in 1987, readopted with certain exceptions in 2006, then amended to include all employees in 2011. Two exceptions were adopted in 2013 to cover the re-hiring of certain JSO officers who had been laid off due to budget cuts and to exempt employees of the General Counsel's Office due to the difficulty of finding attorneys with the desired levels of experience and knowledge in certain practice areas who lived in Jacksonville rather than in adjoining counties.

Policy Impact Area: Employee hiring regulations

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0003

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Ethics Commission

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: City Charter Amendments

Bill Summary: This bill amends City Charter Chapter 602 (Ethics Code) Part 10 (Ethics Education) – by adding a new section 602.1002 (Annual Ethics Training for City Council Members) which will require completion of 4 hours of ethics training, annually with requirement being satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other professional education class, seminar, or presentation if required subjects are covered; it provides Ethic’s Office and Compliance Officer to maintain records of compliance; it allows the Chapter 15 Sunshine Compliance Law Training to count towards the 4 hours.

Background Information: A new ethics law was passed unanimously by the legislature and signed by the Governor on May 1, 2013, requiring all constitutional officers, more than 1,000 state and local officials, to complete 4 hours of ethics training each year.

Policy Impact Area: Public Official Ethics Regulation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-4

Introducer/Sponsor(s): LUZ Committee

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, LUZ

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 650 – Comprehensive Planning for Future Development – to authorize the Planning and Development Department to charge an applicant for a comprehensive plan amendment the full cost of required publications and/or advertisement fees if the applicant desires to pursue an amendment outside of the City’s normal bundled application advertisement process. The bill also increases the fees for various Comp Plan amendment applications to reflect the results of the annual fee study required by Ordinance Code Sec. 106.112.

Background Information: The LUZ Committee heard from the Planning and Development Department in one of its workshop meetings that there are developers who sometimes wish to pursue Comp Plan changes (particularly Future Land Use Map amendments) outside of the City’s periodic process. The Code as currently written sets the price paid by an applicant at \$7 for each notification and required sign posting, and does not authorize a means by which the department could charge the full cost of required advertising in a newspaper of record as required by law. The City currently pays all of the advertising costs for future land use map amendments, and bundles the applications into semi-annual batches in order to minimize the cost of the advertising. This amendment would authorize the department to charge a developer the full cost of the advertising if the developer does not wish to wait until the next semi-annual batch advertisement.

Policy Impact Area: Comp Plan amendment process; facilitation of development processing

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined – will depend on how many developers wish to take advantage of the opportunity to advertise separately, which will reduce the City’s cost

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0005

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

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance concerns a continuation grant; it appropriates \$600,000 from State Housing Initiative Partnership ("SHIP") Program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to cover program administration (\$30,000) and Homeowner Rehabilitation Activities (\$570,000); the ordinance will allow the funds to carryover from year to year until expended or lapse.

Background Information: SHIP was created by the Florida Legislature in 1992 to enable local communities to address affordable housing needs. The program mandates that the State returns to local communities a portion of the taxes that the State levies on commercial property transactions (deed stamps). The State returns a portion of the deed stamp revenues each year in the form of SHIP funds for affordable housing. The funds are allocated to programs designed to expand the availability of decent and affordable housing for low and very low income individuals and families. Homeowner Rehabilitation activities include homebuyers counseling, down payment assistance, rental rehabilitation, emergency rental assistance and homeowner repairs and renovation.

Policy Impact Area: Neighborhoods Department/Housing & Community Development Division

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$600,000.00

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0006

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

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance concerns a continuation grant; it appropriates \$1,200,000 from HOME Investment Partnership Program Income for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to cover administrative cost (\$60,000) and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Development Program (\$1,140,000) to leverage completion of ongoing projects (1st Street - \$727,436.33 and 8th Street - \$412,563.67); the ordinance will allow the funds to carryover from year to year until expended or lapse.

Background Information: The HOME Investment Partnerships Program provide grants to states and units of general local government to implement local housing strategies designed to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities for low and very low-income Americans. Participating jurisdictions may use HOME funds for a variety of housing activities, according to local housing needs and may also be used for site acquisition, site improvements, demolition, relocation, and other necessary and reasonable activities related to the development of non-luxury housing.

Policy Impact Area: Neighborhoods Department/Housing & Community Development Division

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$1,200,000.00

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0007

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$10,000 from the 2013 Homeless Veterans Stand Down Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor to provide funding for critical social support, meals, clothing, medical care and job assistance for homeless veterans.

Background Information: Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops would assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, and a relative degree of safety before returning to the front. Today more than 160 organizations across the country partner with local businesses, government agencies and community- and faith-based service providers to hold Stand Downs for homeless veterans and their families in the local community. Stand Down grant funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote the self-sufficiency of homeless Veterans through paid work

Policy Impact Area: Veterans Services

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance appropriates \$10,000.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0008

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

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$55,568 from Jacksonville Journey to Duval County Teen Court Program to cover the salary of two part-time contracted employees in order to increase the number of first-time juvenile offenders serviced.

Background Information: In January of 2009, the Duval County Teen Court program was transferred from the State Attorney's Office, 4th Circuit to the Office of the Court Administrator, 4th Judicial Circuit. Teen Court is a diversion program designated for first-time, misdemeanor offenders between the ages of 10 – 17. It gives these juveniles a second chance yet holds them accountable for their actions. The program directs cases away from the juvenile courts and provides a forum for defendants (who have admitted guilt) to explain their involvement in a criminal offense. The program places a high priority on educating teens about citizenship and accepting responsibility for their actions. In some cases juvenile participants are given stern consequences for those actions.

Policy Impact Area: Neighborhoods Department

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$55,568.00

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0011

Sponsor: Office of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$136,136.00 from the Litter Trust Fund of which seventy percent (\$95,295.20) is transferred to Jacksonville Transportation Authority; and thirty percent (\$40,840.80) to cover expenses for hiring temporary employees to enforce Chapter 741, *Ordinance Code*; it authorizes 2,080 part-time hours for public right of way sign enforcement by temporary employees; it provides for a carryover of funds to fiscal year 2014-2015; and provides for oversight by the Neighborhoods Department, Municipal Code Compliance Division.

Background Information: The Litter Trust Fund is derived from fines collected from issuance of citations for violations to Chapter 741, *Ordinance Code*, Zero Tolerance to Litter.

Policy Impact: Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$136,136.00

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-12

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Holt

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorizing amendment to fair share contract; CIP amendment

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$867,139 from the Fair Share Sector 6-1 account to the Sector 6-1 Duval Road (between Airport Center Road and Main Street) project account to pay for a portion of the construction cost of the Duval Road widening project. The bill approves a 4th Amendment to the fair share contract acknowledging the additional fair share contribution to the project and providing for a corresponding reduction in fair share credits to the private developer for the project. The bill amends the 2013-18 Capital Improvement Program to reflect the increased City contribution to the project.

Background Information: The Duval Road fair share agreement has been amended several times since its original adoption in 2008. In 2010 the responsibility for the private sector obligation was transferred from one party to another via a First Amendment. The Second Amendment in 2012 provided for a greater private sector contribution and a corresponding increase in the fair share credits to the developer. The Third Amendment in 2012 provided for a public contribution of \$3.4 million from the JIA CRA and a corresponding reduction in fair share credits to the developer. This Fourth Amendment reflects an additional City allocation to the project from Fair Share Sector 6-1 and another reduction in private developer credits.

Policy Impact Area: Road construction financing

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$867,139 in fair share sector funding the project

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0013

Sponsor: Council Member Clark

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$60,000 from the Executive Operating Reserve Joint Account to contract directly with Conventions, Sports and Leisure International, LLC, to update the 2007 feasibility study for an expanded/new convention center in Jacksonville and exempts excluding the procurement process from competitive bidding pursuant to an exception in the Procurement Code.

Background Information: The appropriation provides funding for Conventions, Sports and Leisure International, LLC, to update their original research completed in 2007 for the Visit Jacksonville & the Beaches and the Jacksonville Convention Center Task Force to provide current findings and recommendations for expansion or new development of a convention center in Jacksonville. The basic tasks include business demand, market support and infrastructure analysis; industry trend analysis; building program and event levels analysis, financial operating analysis; community economic impact analysis; and preparation of reports/presentations.

Policy Impact: Downtown Development Authority

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$60,000.00

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0016

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance designates the structure located at 410 Broad Street as a landmark structure; it directs the zoning administrator to enter the landmark designation on the zoning atlas; it directs the chief of legislative services to notify each applicant, the property owner and the property appraiser of the landmark designation and to cause said designation to be recorded in the public records.

Background Information: The structure was originally constructed between 1907 and 1912; its primary use was to house the Jacksonville Chapter of the Free Masons. At the time of listing in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, the temple was the official headquarters for more than 60,000 black Masons and Eastern Stars in the State of Florida. The Masonic Temple building is one of the most recognized landmarks in the LaVilla neighborhood, and was designed by Jacksonville architectural firm Mark & Sheltall, which is credited for many notable buildings in Jacksonville including Andrew Jackson Senior High School, Robert E. Lee Senior High School and Riverside Presbyterian Church.

Policy Impact: Historic Preservations

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0017

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance designates the structure located at 120 East Forsyth Street as a landmark structure; it directs the zoning administrator to enter the landmark designation on the zoning atlas; it directs the chief of legislative services to notify each applicant, the property owner and the property appraiser of the landmark designation and to cause said designation to be recorded in the public records.

Background Information: The structure was one of the first constructed after the Great Fire of 1901; its primary use was to house the New York Steam Laundry Company and became commonly known as an architectural style representative of the two part commercial building used for small and medium-sized commercial buildings at the turn of the Twentieth Century; it is one of the few remaining buildings downtown which reflect the style and is characterized by a horizontal division into two distinct zones, which is very different in character but harmoniously reflects a unique style.

Policy Impact: Historic Preservations

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-20

Introducer/Sponsor(s): LUZ Committee

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Amendment to prior DRI resolutions and DRI development order; finding of no substantial deviation from original DRI

Bill Summary: The bill amends the Freedom Commerce Center Development of Regional Impact to permit a change in land use on Map H and finds that the change does not constitute a substantial deviation from the original DRI.

Background Information: The Freedom Commerce Center DRI is located south of Baymeadows Road between U.S. 1 and I-95. A large portion of the DRI was determined to be undevelopable by the St. Johns River Water Management District due to wetlands issues. This amendment changes the land use of a parcel on Map H from a development category to a conservation/mitigation/preservation category. The change is deemed to be not a substantial deviation from the original DRI because it does not increase vehicle trips to the parcel and does not reduce open space or conservation areas.

Policy Impact Area: DRI amendment

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-21

Introducer/Sponsor(s): LUZ Committee

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Adoption of additional findings and conclusions regarding a previously-approved minor modification to land development criteria

Bill Summary: The bill resolves an appeal of conditions adopted by the Planning Commission to development conditions for Yellow Bluff, LLP for a single family home development on Yellow Bluff Road between Fritz Road and New Berlin Road.

Background Information: Matovina and Company requested a minor modification to the development conditions for a residential development on Yellow Bluff Road. The Planning Commission approved the modification subject to a condition that the minimum lot size be 60 feet in width and a minimum of 6,000 square feet in area. The developer objects to the condition and has appealed to the City Council to overturn the condition.

Policy Impact Area: Land development; minor modification appeal

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-0022

Sponsor: The Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCD; JWW

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Authorization for Grant Applications

Bill Summary: The resolution authorizes the Mayor to apply to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) FOR 2014-2015 grants for specified waterways-related projects; the Mayor and Corporation Secretary are authorized to deliver all necessary documents and grant agreements and acknowledge the City's willingness to meet funding requirements.

Background Information: FIND requires counties applying for grants to have resolutions accompanying the applications acknowledging the county's willingness to meet matching fund requirements. The projects compiled by the Planning & Development Department for recommended application for grants include: Pottsburg Creek (dredge) total cost \$825,000 (FIND-\$375,000; COJ \$450,000); Ortega River (mooring field) total cost \$330,000 (FIND - \$150,000; COJ \$180,000); Exchange Club Island Park (development) total cost \$249,150 (FIND - \$113,250; COJ \$135,900); Sisters Creek/ICW (dock redesign) total cost \$227,040 (FIND - \$103,200; COJ - \$123,840); County Dock Rd. (boat ramp improvements) total cost \$112,200 (FIND - \$51,000; COJ - \$61,200); Northbank Riverwalk (enhancement) total cost \$157,080 (FIND - \$71,400; COJ - \$85,680); Arlington Lions Club and Wayne B. Stevens (lighting at boat ramps) total cost \$331,980 (FIND - \$150,900; COJ - \$181, 080).

Policy Impact: Waterways/Florida Inland Navigation District/Planning & Development Department

Fiscal Impact: Minimal (resolution entails authorization for applications only).

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-23

Sponsor: Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Stephen E. Tocknell to the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee, as a representative of the urban priority area / urban area, for an initial term ending July 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 32, Part 7, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review and revise the City standard specifications, City standard details and rules, standards and policies set forth in the Land Development Procedures Manual and any other regulations, relating to transportation, traffic engineering and roadway design, and make recommendations concerning amendments to the Ordinance Code and 2030 Comprehensive Plan pertaining to such issues on or before March 1, 2014. Section 32.702(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*, provides for six of the thirteen members of the committee to be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a representative of the urban priority area as defined by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, pending Ordinance 2013-807 further expands the category to also include the urban area as defined by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Tocknell received a master's degree in transportation from Northwestern University and is the Manager of *Tocknell Planning Services, LLC*, a transportation consulting firm. He resides in the Avondale area, within Council District #14 and the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Urban Area designation.

NOTE: Passage of this legislation should be delayed until after pending Ordinance 2013-807, expanding the residency area to include the 2030 Comprehensive Plan urban area, is approved

Policy Impact Area: Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-24

Sponsor: Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Ramonda E. Fields, to the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission (JHCDC), replacing Charles Commander as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing, for a first term ending November 30, 2016.

Background Information: The JHCDC is established pursuant to Chapter 35, *Ordinance Code*, in accordance with Section 420.9076, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to act as an advisory committee, conduct any required public hearings, undertake the review, take any and all required actions for compliance, and make recommendations to the Council for adoption (and authorize the transmittal) as required by section 420.9076, *Florida Statutes*, regarding local affordable housing incentives. Section 35.703(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the eleven members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council, in various categories, including a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.

Ms. Fields received an associate's degree from Tallahassee Community College and is a Florida licensed Real Estate Sales Associate. She is a Multi-Family Specialist with *Coldwell Banker Commercial*. Ms. Fields resides within Council District #6.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-25

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Chief Judge's appointment of Leslie S. Jean-Bart to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, replacing Cynthia L. Irvin, for a term ending December 31, 2016.

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

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

Section 602.912, *Ordinance Code*, provides that one of the nine members of the commission shall be appointed by the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and confirmed by Council.

Ms. Jean-Bart received a law degree from the University of Miami and is an Attorney in private practice. She resides in the Oceanway area within Council District #11.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-26

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Ethics Commission

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Jacksonville Ethics Commission's reappointment of Ywana M. Allen as a member of the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, for a term ending December 31, 2016.

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

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

Section 602.912, *Ordinance Code*, provides that three of the nine members of the commission shall be Duval County registered voters appointed by the commission and confirmed by Council.

Ms. Allen received masters' degrees in public administration and education. She is the Chief Consultant and Strategist with *Ywana Allen Consulting*. Ms. Allen resides in the Golden Glades/The Woods area within Council District #3.

NOTE: Sec. 602.912(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that if a member serves less than two years during their initial term, that term shall not be considered a full term for purposes of reappointment. Because Ms. Allen's initial term was for less than two years, this bill may need to be amended to reflect that this appointment is for her first full term, not second term as is currently referenced in the bill.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-27

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Public Defender

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Public Defender's reappointment of Joseph W. "Joe" Jacquot to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, for a term ending December 31, 2016.

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

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

Section 602.912, *Ordinance Code*, provides that one of the nine members of the commission shall be appointed by the Public Defender for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and confirmed by Council.

Mr. Jacquot received a law degree from the University of Florida. He is a Senior Vice President with *Lender Processing Services* and a former Deputy Attorney General of Florida. Mr. Jacquot resides in the Miramer area with Council District #5.

NOTE: Sec. 602.912(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that if a member serves less than two years during their initial term, that term shall not be considered a full term for purposes of reappointment. Because Mr. Jacquot's initial term was for less than two years, this bill may need to be amended to reflect that this appointment is for his first full term, not second term as is currently referenced in the bill.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-28

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of David L. Engdahl as a member of the Art in Public Places Committee, as a Cultural Council representative, for a second term ending December 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Art in Public Places Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to choose art which is compatible with and which will enhance the architecture and general environment of the City; receive, review and act on the recommendations of the Art Selection Panels; seek to ensure that at least 15% of the artists selected for purchase or commission will be resident(s) in the Greater Jacksonville area (Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Clay and Baker Counties); and also encourage the selection of regional artists e.g. Florida and the Southeastern United States. Section 126.903, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the 11 members of the committee are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, with three of the members representing the Cultural Council Board.

Mr. Engdahl is a retired Architect and resides in the San Marco area within Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Art in Public Places Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-29

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Radwan B. Chowdhury to the Public Service Grant Council, for a term ending December 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Public Service Grant Council is established pursuant to Chapter 118, *Ordinance Code*, and charged with the review and evaluation of all Public Service Grant applications and responsibility for making funding recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for Public Service Grants. Section 118.803, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the composition of the council includes three members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

Mr. Chowdhury received a master's degree in business administration and international business management. He is the Founder/CEO of *UDiON Foundation*, a non-profit organization. Mr. Chowdhury also serves on the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board. He resides in the Briarwood area within Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Public Service Grant Council operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-36

Sponsor: Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Bernard C. Jorn to the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee, as a disabled person or advocate for disabled persons, for an initial term ending July 31, 2015.

Background Information: The Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 32, Part 7, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review and revise the City standard specifications, City standard details and rules, standards and policies set forth in the Land Development Procedures Manual and any other regulations, relating to transportation, traffic engineering and roadway design, and make recommendations concerning amendments to the Ordinance Code and 2030 Comprehensive Plan pertaining to such issues on or before March 1, 2014. Section 32.702(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*, provides for six of the thirteen members of the committee to be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a disabled person or advocate for disabled persons.

Chaplain Jorn received a master's degree in education from the University of North Florida and in a Chaplain with *Brooks Rehabilitative Hospital*. He resides in the Miramer area, within Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-37

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Gulliford

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: RCD, Jax Waterways Commission

Date of Analysis: January 16, 2014

Type of Action: Expression of Council sentiment; request for emergency action

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City's opposition to any proposal to allow interests in Central Florida to withdraw millions of gallons of water per day from the St. Johns River to serve the water needs of that region and urges the St. Johns River Water Management District to explore other alternatives for water supply in that region that do not imperil the health of the St. Johns River. The bill requests action as a 1-cycle emergency.

Background Information: The resolution was requested by the St. Johns Riverkeeper in response to a finding by the St. Johns River Water Management District's Water Supply Impact Study that 150 million gallons per day or more can be safely removed from the upper reaches of the St. Johns River to supply drinking water to Orlando and Central Florida, a finding which is disputed by independent scientists and experts from the National Research Council after reviewing the methodology of the study that produced the finding. The St. Johns Riverkeeper believes that the study's methodology does not adequately consider the potential salinity, siltation, and other negative ecological effects on the river and has urged the SJRWMD to implement more water conservation methods in Central Florida and to explore more alternative sources before tapping the St. Johns River as the next source for potable water and irrigation use.

Policy Impact Area: St. Johns River health

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements