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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-155

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Boyer, Anderson, Carter and Redman

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment; appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 30 – Planning and Development Department – to create a position of Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator within the Development Services Division. The bill appropriates \$39,000 from the Special Council Operating Contingency – Planning Department account to fund the salary and benefits for the position for the remainder of FY12-13.

Background Information: The position is being recommended by the Context Sensitive Streets Committee as one part of its legislative initiative to make Jacksonville’s roadways more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly, to reduce cyclist and pedestrian deaths, and to encourage more biking and walking for mobility purposes. The position is intended to be at a senior planner level, and the employee will review proposed public and private development plans, road project designs, etc. to ensure that full consideration is given to the needs of all transportation modes, not purely vehicles. The Special Council Operating Contingency – Planning Department account was created by the Finance Committee during the FY12-13 budget process to segregate the funding originally proposed for the salary and benefits of a Chief of Community Planning position in the Planning Department’s budget. The committee recommended that the vacant position not be funded until the administration could prove that it was needed and the resources for that position were placed “below the line” in this reserve account.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Department operations

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$39,000 from the Special Council Operating Contingency – Planning Department account

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-156

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Holt

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 111 – Special Revenue and Trust Accounts – to create a new Neighborhood Enhancement Trust Fund which will be funded with the revenues from card room pari-mutuel wagering (poker rooms) and which will be used to provide funding for capital improvements within 5 miles of the pari-mutuel facility producing the revenue.

Background Information: Jacksonville has the largest poker room in the state of Florida in the Best Bet Poker Room on Monument Road in the Regency Square area. The bill sponsor proposes that the state-shared revenues the City receives from the operation of the facility be deposited into a fund to be used for improvements (including but not limited to park improvement, road or landscaping improvements) that benefit the area immediately impacted by the presence of the facility in the same way that a portion of the landfill host fees are used to benefit the communities in the immediate vicinity of the landfill. The state rebates the City its portion of the pari-mutuel revenue after the close of the state's fiscal year at the end of June. In late 2012 the City received \$60,000 in revenue from the first 4 months of operation of the facility (March – June 2012). Without a longer history of operations there is no way to accurately forecast whether that represents a reliable revenue stream.

Policy Impact Area: Community improvement funding

Fiscal Impact: The City received \$60,000 in revenue for the first 4 months of operation of the poker room in 2012.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-157

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Bishop

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 129 – Salaries of Public Officials and Employees – to provide that the Council President, rather than the City Council Executive Committee, shall have the power to assign appointed employees and officials of the City Council to an appropriate pay grade, in consultation with the Council Secretary and Council Auditor. The bill also provides that the Council President, rather than the Executive Committee, shall advise the Council Secretary and Council Auditor on setting the salary for each Council employee and official.

Background Information: The Code currently provides that the City Council's Executive Committee, composed of the Council President, Vice-President and the Chair of the Finance Committee, shall determine the pay grades for Council employees and officials and shall advise the Council Secretary and Council Auditor as they set the salaries of the employees under their direction.

Policy Impact Area: City Council administration

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-158

Sponsor: Council Member Jones:

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R; RCD

Date of Analysis: March 15, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance addresses the disposal of waste tires; the ordinance amends Chapter 609 (Code Enforcement Citations), Section 609.109 (Applicable Chapters and Parts), *Ordinance Code*, to classify offenses made with respect to the disposal of waste tires within the city's existing Uniform Fine Schedule and to specifically delineate the City's enforcement authority of Chapter 260 (Disposal of Waste Tires), *Ordinance Code*.

Background Information: The nuisance of waste tires being dumped in neighborhoods has gotten out of hand. This ordinance amendment seeks to address and resolve the concern by amending the *Ordinance Code* to add the disposal of waste tires to the offenses enumerated in *Ordinance Code* Section 609.109; the illegal disposal of waste tires is added to the offenses for which citations can be issued.

Policy Impact: Ordinance Code; Code Enforcement

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-159

Sponsor: Council Member Gaffney:

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: March 15, 2013

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$49,783.00 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund to plant 225 trees along the North portion of the S-Line which is abandoned rail road, Rails-to-Trails from 31st Street to Gateway Mall located in Council District 7, Jacksonville, Florida 32206 and 322208; Procurement Directive utilizing the continuing contract of Davey Tree Service; providing for the Public Works Department to oversee the project.

Background Information: The S-Line Urban Greenway was formerly railroad tracks that have been converted into an urban trails system for recreational use and amenities. The trail winds through Council Districts 7, 8 & 9. The trail meanders from Beaver Street, across Myrtle Avenue, passes by Oaks at Durkeeville, past 8th Street, under I-95, picks up north of the 20th Street Expressway, continues past Evergreen Cemetery and ends behind Norwood Plaza at the CSX railroad yard.

Policy Impact: Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund/Urban Greenway

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$49,783.00

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-160

Sponsor: Council Member Brown:

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: March 15, 2013

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$42,645 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust fund to plant 144 trees along Bakersfield Drive, Jacksonville, Florida, 32210; Procurement Directive utilizing the continuing contract of Davey Tree Service; provides for the Public works Department to oversee the project.

Background Information: Bakersfield Drive is located in Council District 10. The particular trees and cost include: 41 Like Oak Cathedral @ \$310 each (\$12,710); 35 River Birch @ \$225 (\$7,875) each; 29 Allee Elms @ \$300 each (\$8,700); 33 Ligustrum @ 350 each (\$11,500); and 6 Magnolia @ 310 each (\$1,860). Davey Tree Company is authorized under a continuing contract (valid through September 30, 2013) to purchase, plant and maintain the 144 trees.

Policy Impact: Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$42,645.00.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-161

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Love

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Approving non-ad valorem special assessment roll, assessment levy, and collection

Bill Summary: The bill approves the implementation of a non-ad valorem special assessment for the conversion of overhead utilities to underground in the 1800 block of Seminole Road in the Avondale area. It adopts the non-ad valorem assessment roll and authorizes the JEA, Tax Collector and Property Appraiser to undertake the actions necessary to accomplish the utility line relocation and to levy and collect the special assessment.

Background Information: By Ordinance 2011-592-E the City authorized the conversion of overhead utilities (electric lines, telephone and television cables) to underground in the 1800 block of Seminole Road at the property owners' expense via special assessment. The total project cost is \$87,064.10 to be divided among 10 property owners.

Policy Impact Area: Special assessment levy

Fiscal Impact: The bill authorizes collection of special assessments totaling \$87,064.10 to be divided among 10 property owners (9 properties paying \$8,506.61, one paying 10,504.61 for addition on-site work).

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-163

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Yarborough

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Amendment to Council Rules

Bill Summary: The bill amends Council Rule 3.102 – Preparation of Bills – to require the legislation introduced with a request for emergency specify whether the sponsor intends to request that the City Council take up the matter and vote on it at the time of initial introduction, or whether it is the sponsor’s intent to request action after the legislation has been through one committee cycle and returns to Council for second reading.

Background Information:

Policy Impact Area: City Council rules of procedure

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-164

Sponsor: Council Member Brown:

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R; PHS

Date of Analysis: March 15, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: This ordinance amends Chapter 462 (Animals), Part 2 (Cruelty to or Neglecting Animals), Section 462.204 (Restraint by Tethering), *Ordinance Code*, amending the requirements for the tethering of animals.

Background Information: It has been established that there is a link between animals that are left tethered in one location and increased aggressiveness. Dogs that have been held in place by chains, often at considerable lengths of time, often without food or water and in inclement weather are a threat to public safety. This legislation addresses the issue with changes in the conditions for the tethering of animals. The changes require that the tether is constructed of material sufficient to restrain an animal without placing the animal in danger or injury. The changes would require that a tethered animal is within visual range of the owner; that a tethered animal is at least one year of age or older and is not sick or injured. When aggressive and dangerous tethered dogs are in areas without a secured fence or enclosure and is accessible by children or the public, the changes authorize animal control officers and/or law enforcement officers to remove dangerous and aggressive tethered dogs and impound such animals.

Policy Impact: Animals/Dogs/Public Safety/Ordinance Code

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-165

Sponsor: Council Member Crescimbeni:

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 15, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: This ordinance amends Chapter 93 (St. Johns River Ferry Commission), Section 93.103 (Membership; Terms; Composition), *Ordinance Code*, to add the Superintendent of the Timucuan Ecological Preserve, as an Ex Officio Member of the St. Johns River Ferry Commission.

Background Information: The Commission feels that there is considerable merit in having the Superintendent of the Tumucuan Ecological Preserve as an ex officio member of the Commission. A portion of the ferry's riders are tourists whose destination is the Preserve. Moreover, the current Superintendent, Barbara Goodman, has been attending Commission meetings (and previously, Ferry Task Force meetings) and making valuable contributions, particularly in sharing her knowledge and experience about potential federal grants for funding the ferry's operations.

Policy Impact: St. Johns River Ferry Commission; Ordinance Code

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Daniels

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS, RCD

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 191 – Special Events and Entertainment District – to expand the Entertainment District created in Part 2 of the chapter so as to include the Sports Complex area, Metropolitan Park, portions of the Commodore’s Point area east of the Sports Complex, the Jacksonville Shipyards property and East Bay Street, and portions of the southern edge of the Eastside neighborhood north of the Mathews Bridge Expressway in the district.

Background Information: The Entertainment District was created by Ordinance 2005-453-E and exempts the properties within the district from enforcement of the City noise ordinance, alcoholic beverage open container ordinance, and Zoning Code minimum distance limitations on establishments selling alcoholic beverages during periods when a defined list of events are being held. The list includes athletic events in the various Sports Complex venues, the World of Nations Festival, the Jacksonville Jazz Festival, events at the Arena, Fourth of July fireworks/Skyblast, 12 ticketed events at Metropolitan Park, and any other event the City Council may deem to be a special event for this purpose.

The Entertainment District currently covers the properties immediately abutting A. Philip Randolph Boulevard south of the Mathews Bridge Expressway to Bay Street, and the portion of the Eastside area from the Mathews Bridge Expressway on the south to 1st Street on the north and from Palmetto Street on the west to Van Buren Street on the east. The district does not currently include the Sports Complex, Metropolitan Park or other venues where the events actually take place. The expansion adds the Sports Complex area, including EverBank Field, Veteran’s Memorial Arena, the Baseball Grounds, and the Jacksonville Agricultural Fairgrounds; Metropolitan Park and the WJCT studios; the Jacksonville Shipyard property and East Bay Street west to Catherine Street; one city block bounded by Palmetto, Phelps, Ionia and First Streets; and the blocks between Grant Street and the Mathews Bridge Expressway from Van Buren Street on the west to Bryan Street on the east.

Policy Impact Area: Entertainment District expansion

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Sponsor: Council Member Crescimbeni:

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R; F

Date of Analysis: March 15, 2013

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance amends Chapter 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Section 602.612 (Organization), *Ordinance Code*, to eliminate Ethics Compliance and Oversight office staff eligibility for the General Employees Pension Plan.

Background Information:

Policy Impact: Ordinance Code; General Employees Pension Plan

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-168

Sponsor: Council Member Gaffney:

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: March 15, 2013

Type of Action: Street Naming; Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance renames 1st Street West, extending approximately 1.5 miles from Jefferson Street north to Main Street north, in Council District 7, to "Reverend Henry T. Rhim Blvd."; waives the requirements of Section 745.105(e) (2), *Ordinance Code*, regarding person who streets may be named after; waives the requirements of Section 745.105 (f), *Ordinance Code*, regarding abbreviations in proposed street name; directing Legislative Services to forward ordinance to the Planning Department.

Background Information: For over forty years, the Reverend Henry Thomas Rhim has been Pastor of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Rhim has been a church and civic leader. He serves as a Board of Trustees member of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Duval County and surrounding communities; has served 10 consecutive terms as president of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. Rev. Rhim is a representative of the Congress of National Black Churches. He is an active member of the NAACP, the Jacksonville Urban League and, in 1986, was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Black Family by Governor Bob Graham.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Streets

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-169

Introducer/Sponsor(s): LUZ Committee

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Ruling on appeal of a decision of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Bill Summary: The bill rules on an appeal filed by Charles Alderman on behalf of Riverside Baptist Church challenging a decision by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with conditions for the church to replace 137 windows in its Education Building.

Background Information: Riverside Baptist Church has applied to the Historic Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the windows in the church's education building with modern, energy-efficient windows. The Commission granted the COA but with a condition requiring that the replacement windows must match the more elaborately-styled windows of the church building rather than the simpler 1-over-1 style, single-hung, sash-style windows the church proposes.

Policy Impact Area: Historic preservation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-170

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gulliford

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Petition to Florida Legislature

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City Council's opposition to any state legislation that would restrict, reduce or eliminate municipal revenues collected via the Communications Service Tax. It directs the Legislative Services Division to transmit the resolution to the Florida Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House in addition to the members of the Duval Legislative Delegation.

Background Information: The state adopted the Communications Service Simplification Act in 2001 which consolidated 7 state and local telecommunications taxes into a single statewide uniform tax composed of 2 revenue allocations, one for the state and one for the localities. Last year the state convened a Communications Services Tax Working Group which recently released its final report to the Governor and the House and Senate leadership. The group's report recognized that revenue from the tax is falling each year as new technologies are developed and communication shifts from devices and services that are taxed to devices and services that are not taxed. The report calls for greater efficiency, transparency and fairness in the levy and collection of the tax, and recognizes the need for revenue neutrality so that the state and local governments are not subject to even further revenue reductions resulting solely from changes to the tax. The Working Group recommended a "holistic replacement" option that would reduce the telecommunications tax percentage and make up for the lost revenue by raising the state sales tax to 6.34 percent.

Policy Impact Area: City revenue protection

Fiscal Impact: Jacksonville received \$39.3 million in telecommunications tax revenues from the state in FY11-12.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-171

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 11, 2013

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of John S. Clarkson, as a member of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board, filling the seat formerly held by John Scott, III, as a pool and spa contractor, for a first term ending September 30, 2014.

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

Section 62.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the 18 members of the board are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, and that one of the members shall be a state certified swimming pool contractor.

Mr. Clarkson received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Miami. He is a state certified pool / spa contractor and President of *Pools by John Clarkson*. Mr. Clarkson previously served on the Construction Trades Qualifying Board (2000-2005). He resides in the North New Berlin area within Council District #11.

Policy Impact Area: Construction Trades Qualifying Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-172

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 11, 2013

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of John M. Peavy, Sr., as a member of the Jacksonville Fire Museum Advisory Board, replacing Carol Alexander, for an unexpired first term ending September 30, 2015.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Fire Museum Advisory Board is established pursuant to Chapter 31, Part 8, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to advise the Executive Director as to the administration of funds within the Fire Museum Trust Fund; advise the Executive Director with respect to the maintenance, operation and improvement of the Fire Museum; advise the Executive Director as to the needs, services and operation of the Fire Museum; and create, promote and sponsor programs to raise donations and obtain subscriptions to the Fire Museum.

Section 31.801, *Ordinance Code*, provides that seven members of the board are appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council.

Mr. Peavy received an associate's degree from Florida Community College at Jacksonville and retired from the City of Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department in 2003. Mr. Peavy was an original member of the Jacksonville Fire Museum Board, serving from 1992 to 1998. He is a Duval County resident.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Fire Museum Advisory Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-173

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 11, 2013

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Jennifer A. Mansfield, as a member of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, for a second full three-year term ending March 4, 2016.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 76, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to conduct an ongoing survey and inventory of historic buildings, areas, and archaeological sites in the City of Jacksonville and to plan for their preservation; identify potential landmarks and potential landmark sites and to make recommendations to the City Council as to whether such should be officially designated; recommend that the City Council designate specified areas as historic districts and to identify which structures should be considered to be contributing structures; develop specific guidelines for the alteration, construction, relocation or removal of designated property; promulgate standards for architectural review which are consistent with standards for rehabilitation established by the United States Secretary of the Interior; approve or deny applications for certificate of appropriateness for alteration, construction, demolition, relocation or removal of landmarks, landmark sites, and property in historic districts; initiate plans for the preservation and rehabilitation of individual historic buildings; undertake public information programs including the preparation of publications and the placing of historic markers; conduct public hearings to consider historic preservation issues, the designation of landmarks, landmark sites, and historic districts, applications for certificate of appropriateness and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; and administer Chapter 307, *Ordinance Code*.

Section 76.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission shall be residents of the City of Jacksonville for their entire term and shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Ms. Mansfield received a law degree from the University of Miami and is a Partner with *Holland and Knight LLP*. She resides in the Riverside area within Council District #9.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Historical Preservation Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-178

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Bishop, Anderson, Boyer, Brown, Carter, Clark, Crescimbeni, Daniels, Gaffney, Gulliford, Holt, Jones, Joost, Lee, Love, Lumb, Redman, Schellenberg & Yarborough

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference:

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Petition to Florida Legislature and Governor; requesting emergency approval

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City Council's support for House Bill 721 and Senate Bill 922 which would authorize an additional \$2 million sales tax rebate to provide funding for capital improvements to stadiums that house professional sports franchises when the operators of such stadiums propose to use the funds to make improvements to a stadium with a long-term professional sports tenant so as to meet league-wide standards for stadium quality and when such stadium produces over \$4 million per year in sales taxes from stadium operations.

Background Information: If the bills pass the Legislature and are approved by the Governor, Jacksonville would be eligible for a second \$2 million per year sales tax rebate due to the economic impact of EverBank Field hosting the Jacksonville Jaguars franchise, assuming that events at the stadium can be proven to produce over \$4 million per year in sales tax revenue and assuming that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell certifies in writing a set of "facility standards" for NFL stadiums throughout the league which the Jaguars' proposed improvements would be meeting. The bills require that in order for a sports facility to be eligible for the additional \$2 million rebate, the professional sports franchise occupying the facility must have been in existence for at least 15 years, must have a signed lease for at least another 15 years in the facility, must produce an independent analysis or study showing that the facility will generate over \$4 million per year in sales taxes from its operations, and there must be a plan for improvements to the facility of at least \$80 million to meet or exceed facility standards applicable throughout the tenant's league as certified by the league commissioner.

The City already has received a \$2 million per year rebate since the Jaguars franchise began play in 1995. That 30 year rebate will expire in 2025. The combination of the new state sales tax rebate along with the existing sales tax rebate, tourist development tax allocation to the stadium, lease revenue and a financial contribution from the Jaguars would provide the funding for substantial capital improvements to the stadium proposed by the Jaguars.

Policy Impact Area: Stadium improvement funding

Fiscal Impact: The bills, if passed by the legislature, would authorize an additional \$2 million per year sales tax rebate to the City, provided the operation of EverBank Field produces over \$4 million per year in sales tax revenue to the state.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2013-179

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Schellenberg

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

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

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Lease authorization

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes a lease agreement between the City and GIV Imeson, LLC for 50,000 square feet of space in a building at One Imeson Park Boulevard for use by the Supervisor of Elections as the election operations center for a term of 10 years.

Background Information: The lease rate for the facility would be \$39,999.96 for the first year (representing common area maintenance fees only – no rent) and \$260,199.96 in year two, escalating by 3% per year thereafter through year 10. The base rent would be \$4.38 per square foot in year two, plus the CAM fee, escalating to \$5.55 p.s.f. in year 10. The lease provides that the landlord will make a specified list of tenant improvements (interior office build-out) to the space valued at up to \$650,000 and will pay \$100,000 in moving expenses to relocate the Supervisor of Elections' current facility from the Gateway Center to One Imeson.

Policy Impact Area: Supervisor of Elections' operations

Fiscal Impact: The lease agreement provides that the landlord will make interior tenant improvements valued at up to \$650,000 before occupancy and will pay up to \$100,000 in moving costs. It provides for no rent in year one (common area maintenance fee only) and an escalating rent and CAM fee in years 2 through 10, ranging from \$260,199.96 in year 2 to \$329,613.52 in year 10.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-180

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

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Approval of economic development agreement; support for QTI application

Bill Summary: The bill approves an economic development agreement between the City and Cory's Thunder, Inc. and expresses the City's support for a Qualified Targeted Industry with High Impact Sector Bonuses grant application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to incentivize the company to create 35 jobs in the city. The City commits to funding up to \$49,000 in local match to the state's \$196,000 in QTI incentives, and finds that the project complies with the City's economic incentives policy. The Office of Economic Development is designated as the oversight agency for the project.

Background Information: Cory's Thunder Inc. produces training simulators used in the nuclear power and railroad/subway industries. The company proposes to relocate its current headquarters and 31 employees from St. Mary's, Georgia to Jacksonville and to expand the workforce by 4 additional employees by December 31, 2015. Average wage for the company's workforce is \$107,133, plus \$16,000 in benefits. The company proposes to lease 25,000 square feet of space on Tradeport Drive in the JIA Community Redevelopment Area and to make \$450,000 of leasehold improvements to the building.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development incentives

Fiscal Impact: The bill commits the City to funding up to \$49,000 to match a state QTI grant with High Impact Sector Bonus of up to \$196,000 for the project. The state will also provide a \$52,500 workforce quick response training grant of \$52,000.

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2013-181

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Bishop, Brown, Boyer, Carter, Clark, Crescimbeni, Gulliford, Love, Schellenberg and Yarborough

Date of Introduction: March 12, 2013

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2013

Type of Action: Petition to Florida Legislature

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City Council's support for Duval County School Board's 2013 legislative priorities agenda and for the passage by the Florida Legislature of pending House bills 189 and 1031 and Senate bills 1370, 1388 and 1076 which address those priorities.

Background Information: The Duval County School Board presented the City Council with its legislative priorities agenda at a joint City Council/School Board meeting on March 12th. The School Board's priorities include the following:

- Restore an appropriate share of PECO funds for non-charter public schools to make needed capital improvements without raising local property taxes.
- Allow 100% of textbook funding to be used to purchase digital content and materials.
- Allow the class size amendment to be calculated at the school level rather than the classroom level.
- Allow the End of Course exams to constitute 50% rather than 100% of the of the final course grade that determines whether a student is awarded graduation credit for the course.
- Revise the middle school acceleration denominator to include only students who achieved a Level 4 or 5 on the Grade 7 math FCAT exam.
- Revise state graduation regulations to include special diploma students as graduates in the 4-year rate.

Policy Impact Area: Support for public education

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements