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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-297

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

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$388,200 in revenues from adult video arcade inspections from a revenue account to a variety of expenditure accounts within the budget of the Environmental and Compliance Department.

Background Information: The City Council enacted an adult video arcade regulation and inspection program in 2010 and began collecting inspection fees. This bill appropriates the fee revenue to a variety of expenditure accounts within the Environmental and Compliance Department's budget to pay the expenses of the program.

Policy Impact Area: Adult arcade inspection and licensing

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$388,200 from a revenue to various expenditure accounts

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-298

Introducer/Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: F; PHS

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$3,600 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville, Inc.

Background Information: The ordinance states that funds are appropriated in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes.

Policy Impact Area: Police Athletic League

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$3,600 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-299

Introducer/Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: RCD; F

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$7,102,937 in federal funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 as authorized under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. Provision is made for the carryover of appropriated funds from year to year until such funds are expended or lapse according to the originating program grant.

Background Information: The program is designed to mitigate the negative impact of the economic decline and housing market collapse, and to stabilize and revitalize communities hardest hit. Information on file indicates that the program will assist Duval County in mitigating the community impact of foreclosures by redeveloping foreclosed and abandoned properties. The targeted area is the Eastside/Springfield neighborhood.

Policy Impact Area: Neighborhoods; Community Development

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$7,102,937 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-300

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

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment; appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 23 – Central Operations Department – by deleting and replacing language and renaming Part 4 so as to eliminate the Equal Business Opportunity/Contract Compliance Division and to transfer the functions, personnel and budget of that division to the office of the Director of Central Operations as the new Jacksonville Business Assistance Office. The bill transfers the existing division's budget of \$1,924,077.68 to the budget of the Office of the Director, eliminates the vacant position of Chief of Equal Business Opportunity and Contract Compliance, and transfers 3 current employees to the Office of the Director.

Background Information: At the request of the Director of Central Operations, the Office of Inspector General performed and organizational review of the EBO/Contract Compliance Division and determined that personnel changes and administrative restructuring were warranted.

Policy Impact Area: Administrative reorganization

Fiscal Impact: The bill transfers the division's budget of \$1,924,077.68 to the budget of the Office of the Director and eliminates the position of Chief of Equal Business Opportunity and Contract Compliance

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-301

Introducer/Sponsor: Council President Pursuant to Chapter 380, Ordinance Code

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Bill Summary: This bill grants renewal of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CON) for Stericycle, Inc., to operate a medical waste sterilizer and transfer facility, subject to conditions.

Background Information: The Public Works Department supports issuance of the CON.

Policy Impact Area: Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity; Solid Waste

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-302

Sponsor: Council President Webb:

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: R; TEU

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2011

Type of Action: Street Designation; Ordinance Code Waiver

Bill Summary: This ordinance establishes an honorary street designation on the southwest corner of Edgewood Avenue West and Reed Street for Reverend Dr. Landon L. Williams, Sr.; provides for the installation of one honorary roadway marker at the southwest corner of Edgewood Avenue West and Reed Street in Council District 8; provides for conformance with Part I (General Provisions) of Chapter 745, *Ordinance Code* (Addressing and Street Naming Regulations) Ordinance Code; waiving the requirements of Section 745.105 (e)(2), *Ordinance Code*, regarding persons after whom honorary street designation may be named; directing Legislative Services to forward the ordinance to the Planning & Development Department.

Background: Reverend Dr. Langdon L. Williams Sr. has served as Pastor of the Greater Macedonia Baptist Church for the past 35 years. During his tenure, the church relocated from its original site on the eastside of Jacksonville to the current site on Edgewood Avenue. The Reverend Dr. Langford was instrumental in the development of the Agape Health Center and Rosalind Villas, a housing development complex with 122 units. Naming a portion of Edgewood Avenue and the placement of an honorary marker honors the Reverend Dr. Langdon's contributions to the community. The ordinance waives that stipulation of the Ordinance Code that allows for honorary designations for persons who have been deceased for a minimum of five years.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Streets/Ordinance Code

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-303

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2011

Type of Action: Easement Closure

Bill Summary: This ordinance closes and abandons and/or disclaims, an all utilities easement in Council District 6, established by Plat Book 34, Page 87, Spanish Oaks, at the request of George R. Knecht ("Applicant") so as to allow applicant to build a shed in the northwest corner of his property.

Background: This unused easement is 7.5 feet in width lying wholly within Lot 8. The applicant has paid an application processing fee of \$1,000.00. The easement is 7.5 feet wide and is not being used, and there is an encroachment into the easement by a concrete slab and a portable metal storage container. This request was routed to all municipal agencies having an interest and there were no objections.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: The applicant has paid a fee in the amount of \$1,000 for the easement closure.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-304

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2011

Type of Action: Right-of-Way Closure; Surplus Declaration; Ordinance Code Waiver

Bill Summary: This ordinance closes and abandons, and/or disclaims, the northerly 500.31 feet of Fish Road West, an opened and improved right-of-way in Council District 8 (the "subject property"), deeded to the City as record in Deed Book 1627, pages 468 and 470, of the Official Public Records of Duval County, Florida, at the request of Jones Road Landfill and Recycling, Ltd. ("Applicant"); declares the subject property to be surplus to the needs of the City; waives Section 122.423, *Ordinance Code*, to authorize the Mayor to convey the subject property to applicant for the appraised value of \$4,000 in order for applicant to be in compliance with Zoning Exception E-07-40; reserving an all utilities easement over the subject property in the name of the City and JEA.

Background: The applicant requested this closure so as to be in compliance with proper zoning code regulations. The request was sent to various municipal agencies which might have an interest in the matter; there were no objections to the closure. The applicant has paid a Closure Application Fee in the amount of \$1,500.00. A perpetual unobstructed easement on, over, across, under and through the subject property has been reserved to the City and JEA for all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, electric and drainage.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: A Closure Application Fee of \$1,500 has been paid by the applicant for the right-of-way closure.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-305

Introducer/Sponsor: Council Member Corrigan

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Authorization of Perpendicular Parking Spaces

Bill Summary: This bill finds a need for 127 perpendicular parking spaces on both sides of Ionic Avenue between Ortega Boulevard and Baltic Street and the east side of Ortega Boulevard between Oxford Avenue and Corinthian Avenue, adjacent to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and St. Mark's Episcopal Day School. Authorization is given for said parking spaces.

Background Information: Florida Statutes allows local authorities to permit angle parking on any local roadway by ordinance. This will allow for additional parking to serve the church and school facilities.

Policy Impact Area: Parking

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; the ordinance states that St. Mark's Episcopal Church and St. Mark's Episcopal Day School shall be responsible for all costs related to the proposed perpendicular parking spaces

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-306

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Jones

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

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

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Stadium lease amendment

Bill Summary: The bill approves Amendment No. 11 to the stadium lease between the City and the Jacksonville Jaguars for the team's use of EverBank Field in order to release to the Jaguars the City's rights to utilize a stadium suite and purchase certain suite tickets and to utilize certain other tickets by virtue of a previous lease amendments and advertising rights agreements. The waiver of the City's rights to these tickets will give the Jaguars the opportunity to sell these tickets to the public as part of their overall ticket inventory.

Background Information: The original stadium lease provides that the City shall have the right to the use of a reserved suite for all stadium events upon purchase of tickets for the seats in the suite. Amendment 5 to the lease (Super Bowl improvements) reserves 25 seats in the South End Zone Super Suite for the City's use during Jaguar games and gives the City the right to purchase the 25 seats for other stadium events. Amendment 9 to the lease (naming rights and advertising revenues) reserves 10 seats in either the East or West Touchdown Club for the City's use during Jaguar games and gives the City the right to purchase the 10 seats for other stadium events. For the last 2 years the City has declined to purchase tickets for use of the reserved suite and has made only limited use of the 35 reserved End Zone Super Suite and Touchdown Club seats, so the this bill proposes to amend the stadium lease to release these suite and ticket rights back to the Jaguars so that they can be offered for sale to the public and offer an additional revenue opportunity to the team.

Policy Impact Area: EverBank stadium lease

Fiscal Impact: None directly; relinquishes the City's right to utilize certain suite and club seat tickets for Jaguar games and to purchase tickets for the same seats for non-Jaguar events.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2011-307

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

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Introduction of tentative budget and millage rates

Bill Summary: The bill submits a tentative proposed budget as required by the Ordinance Code, estimates the “rolled back” millage rate and tentatively proposes new millage rates for the City and each of its Urban Service Districts (the Beaches cities and Baldwin).

Background Information: Ordinance Code Section 106.200 – Tentative General Government Budget – was created in 2009 and requires the mayor to submit a tentative operating and capital budget and millage levy to the City Council by May 1st of each year, in advance of the formal budget presentation which is required by July 15th each year. The tentative General Fund budget projects revenues of \$954,472,323 and expenditures (including transfers to other funds and debt service payments) of \$1,001,465,599. The capital projects budget is projected at \$62,160,000 for FY11-12 with a majority being for ash site cleanup and other environmental uses (\$34,250,000) and roadway resurfacing (\$12,000,000).

The tentative estimated rolled-back millage rates are 10.9211 for the General Services District (citywide), 7.0414 for USD’s 2-4 (Beaches cities) and 9.2122 for USD 5 (Town of Baldwin). The tentative proposed millage rates are 10.0353 for the General Services District (citywide), 6.7466 for USD’s 2-4 (Beaches cities) and 8.4472 for USD 5 (Town of Baldwin).

Policy Impact Area: Tentative budget preparation

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2011-308

Sponsor: The Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee:

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2011

Type of Action: Committee Recommendation Adoption

Bill Summary: This resolution concerns the appeal by Liberty Property Limited Partnership of a decision of the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee to re-assign an out of sequence address number currently located at 6600 Southpoint Parkway and assigning a new address to be located at 6680 Southpoint Parkway, in Council District 4, pursuant to Sections 745.221-745-223, Ordinance Code and the City of Jacksonville addressing and street naming policy; adopts recommended findings and conclusions of the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee; directs Legislative Services.

Background: The 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee has determined that Liberty Property Limited Partnership property currently located at 6600 Southpoint Parkway contains an out of sequence address number. The 911 Committee is charged with the responsibility to identify and correct numerical street address sequences for public safety purposes; those addresses that are not in numerical sequence hinder or prevent the ability of Emergency Medical Services, Fire & Rescue and local law enforcement personnel's efforts to accurately and promptly locate the property. Liberty Property Limited Partnership contends that changing its current address is a hardship and is appealing the findings of the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee.

Policy Impact: Planning & Development Department/Addressing

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2011-309

Sponsor: The Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee:

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2011

Type of Action: Committee Recommendation Adoption

Bill Summary: This resolution concerns the appeal of Alan Fetner, Fetner & Hartigan Periodontics of a decision of the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee to re-assign an out of sequence address correctly located at 4211 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 2 and assigning a new address to be located at 7043 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 2 in Council District 4, pursuant to Sections 745.221-745.223, Ordinance Code and the City of Jacksonville addressing and street naming policy; adopts recommending findings and conclusions of the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee; directs Legislative Services.

Background: The 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee has determined that property owned by Alan Fetner, Fetner & Hartigan ("Property Owner") currently located at 4211 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 2, contains an out of sequence address number. The 911 Committee is charged with the responsibility to identify and correct numerical street address sequences for public safety purposes; those addresses that are not in numerical sequences hinder and prevent the ability of Emergency Medical Services, Fire & Rescue and local law enforcement personnel's efforts to accurately and promptly locate the property. Fetner & Hartigan Periodontics contends that changing its current address is a hardship and is appealing the findings of the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee.

Policy Impact: Planning & Development Department/Addressing

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-310

Sponsor: Council President Webb

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 10, 2011

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Frederick R. Pozin to the Duval County Tourist Development Council (TDC), as a tourist accommodation representative, for a second four-year term ending June 30, 2015.

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 the nine members of the TDC shall be appointed by the Council in various categories including owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks or other tourist accommodations.

Mr. Pozin received a degree in hotel and restaurant management from Florida State University and is the Vice President and General Manager of the *Ramada Inn Mandarin Conference Center*. He resides in the Mandarin area within Council District #6.

Attendance: According to records provided by the staff for the Tourist Development Council, Mr. Pozin has attended 95% of the meetings of the board since his initial appointment in 2007.

	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held
2007	3	3
2008	3	4
2009	8	8
2010	5	5
2011	1	1
Total	20	21

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Tourist Development Council operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2011-311

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 10, 2011

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of James F. Bailey, Jr. as a member of the Downtown Development Review Board (DDRB), as a downtown owner representative, for a third two-year term ending June 30, 2013.

Background Information: The DDRB is established pursuant to Section 656.361.7, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review and make decisions with respect to all applications for development and redevelopment within the Downtown Overlay Zone. The nine voting members of the board are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, in various categories including downtown property owners or owners of or full time employees at a business or professional office located within the downtown area.

Mr. Bailey attended Mercer University and is the President and owner of *Bailey Publishing & Communications, Inc.*, a firm located within the Downtown Zoning Overlay. He has previously served on the Sports & Entertainment Board, the Jacksonville Waterways Commission and the Downtown Design Review Committee. Mr. Bailey resides in the Monclair area within Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Development Review Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2011-313

Sponsor: Council President Webb

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 10, 2011

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Warren T. Alvarez to the Jacksonville International Airport (JIA) Area Redevelopment Agency Board, replacing Richard Berry as the representative for School Board District #6, for a first full four-year term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015.

Background Information: The JIA Area Redevelopment Agency Board is an advisory board to the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission. Per Ordinance 90-409-293, which created the board, the seven members are appointed by the Council, one each from the seven School Board districts.

Former Council Member Alvarez is a retired dairy farmer. During his two consecutive terms on the Jacksonville City Council, Mr. Alvarez served on various committees and as Chair of the Finance Committee, the Public Health and Safety Committee, the Special Committee on Small and Disadvantaged Business, and the Value Adjustment Board. Prior to his election to the City Council, Mr. Alvarez served on the Agricultural Advisory Board. He resides in the Jax North Estates area within Council District #11 (School Board District #6).

Policy Impact Area: JIA Area Redevelopment Agency Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-315

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

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

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2011

Type of Action: Covenant Approval

Bill Summary: This ordinance approve and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant between the City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to effectuate the purposes of the Restrictive Covenant for property known as the Marine One Fire Station Property located at 469 Trout River Drive, so as to place environmental restrictions on the site.

Background: When the site contractor was doing a preliminary site clearing for the fire station construction in August 2002, soils with a suspicious odor were noted. The results of a Phase II environmental Site Assessment in September 2002 indicated the presence of petroleum, metals and pesticide impacts to the soil and groundwater on the property. Remediation included removing and properly disposing of the hazardous lead waste soils located on the site and installing an engineering control of a cap across the site. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has required that the City enter into a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant that essentially places environmental restrictions on the site. The Declaration restricts the use of groundwater, the installation of wells and requires a dewatering plan to ensure the proper handling of any contaminated groundwater. The Declaration further requires the placement of an impermeable cap on top of the contamination found in the pond area on the site and requires that the entire property be permanently covered and maintained with either 2 feet of clean fill soil or an impermeable material (such as pavement or a building). The fire station is located in Council District 11.

Policy Impact: Environmental Protection/Jacksonville Fire & Rescue/Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-316

Introducer/Sponsor: Land Use and Zoning Committee

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Consideration of Sign Waiver Application

Bill Summary: This bill considers sign waiver application SW-11-04, directing Legislative Services to mail copies of the enacted legislation to the applicant and other interested parties.

Background Information: The application is for property owned by Beach VGIP, LLC, and located at 5800 Beach Boulevard (between University Boulevard and F.O.P. Way). The request is to reduce the minimum setback from 10 feet to 5 feet in the PUD zoning district. The action of the City Council will be reflected in the legislation by later amendment.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Zoning; Sign Waivers

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-317

Introducer/Sponsor: Land Use and Zoning Committee

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Consideration of Sign Waiver Application

Bill Summary: This bill considers sign waiver application SW-11-05, directing Legislative Services to mail copies of the enacted legislation to the applicant and other interested parties.

Background Information: The application is for property owned by Edward Waters College and located at 1658 Kings Road (between Pearce and Powhattan streets). The request is to increase the number of signs from 1 to 2 and reduce the minimum setback from 200 feet to 128 feet in the PBF-2 zoning district. The action of the City Council will be reflected in the legislation by later amendment.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Zoning; Sign Waivers

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-318

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

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Ratification of prior funding allocations; agency removal from grantee non-compliance list

Bill Summary: The bill ratifies and validates funding allocations made by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville to the St. Johns River City Band during fiscal years 1995 through 2009 as part of the Cultural Services Grant program and directs the Council Auditor to remove the St. Johns River City Band from its grant non-compliance list in order to make the band eligible for future City funding.

Background Information: The St. Johns River City Band was founded in 1984 and designated by resolution 85-762-224 as the City's official band. It has played at numerous City functions over the years in addition to an active concert schedule as a full big band ensemble and in its various constituent parts (River City Satin Swing Band, River City Dixie Jax Dixieland band, River City Brass Band, etc.). The band has applied for and received city Miscellaneous Appropriations (now Cultural Service Grants) since the 1980s and has always complied with audit reporting requirements on those grants. Beginning in the mid-1990s with the restructuring of Miscellaneous Appropriations program into Public Service and Cultural Service Grants, the City administration directed the Cultural Service Grant Council to set aside a line item appropriation for the River City Band. The Council Auditor has determined that Chapter 118 of the Ordinance Code does not permit directed appropriations of Cultural Service Grant funds outside of the competitive application process, and has also determined that the directed grant appropriations should have been subject to a separate financial reporting requirement. This bill retroactively validates any directed appropriations of Cultural Services Grant funds to the St. Johns River City Band which may have been in violation of the provisions of Chapter 118, and directs the Council Auditor to remove the band from the Auditor's Office's non-compliance list.

Policy Impact Area: Cultural Service Grant regulation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2011-319

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

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2011

Committee(s) of Reference: RCD, F

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2011

Type of Action: Appropriation; approval of economic development agreement

Bill Summary: The bill approves an economic development agreement between the City, JEDC and Destined For A Change, Inc. for the provision of an economic development incentive to the company to pay for pre-development expenses for the creation of a retail complex entitled Eastside Emporium at the corner of Phoenix Avenue and 8th Street in the Eastside neighborhood. The bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Trust Fund as a grant to Destined For A Change, Inc.

Background Information: Destined For A Change, Inc. is a community-based not-for-profit organization promoting social and economic change in Jacksonville's Eastside area. The organization proposes to convert an abandoned manufacturing building into a 46,000 square foot retail complex with a chain grocery store and other needed retailers in the underserved area. Phase One of the project, for which this grant is requested, involves final environmental assessment of the contaminated site, soil removal and remediation, and design and engineering costs for the project. Phase Two, for which additional City funding will be sought, will be the construction of the facility. The developer will commit to hiring 50 new full-time positions and 20 part-time positions within 36 months of project completion. Total project cost is estimated at \$6.7 million, with the owner providing \$2.35 in private equity and the remainder coming from a variety of government grants and loans.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Trust Fund as a grant.

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