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AMENDED

Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-756

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 27, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 2, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Daryl T. Joseph as the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Background Information: Section 28.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Director shall have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in recreation, sociology, psychology, public/business administration, management or similar field and at least five years of progressively responsible experience in a management or executive position, with certification within field of expertise preferred.

Mr. Joseph, a Duval County resident, received a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Florida. He has been employed with the City of Jacksonville since 2004, working his way up from Recreation Planner to Manager of Park Services, a position he has held since May 2014. Mr. Joseph has been the "interim" Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services since June 2015.

Policy Impact Area: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$103,685 - \$169,281 per year and, according to information provided by the Mayor's Office, Mr. Joseph will receive \$115,000 annually.

Analyst: Merritt

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Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 27, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 2, 2015

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of David M. "Dave" Herrell as the Sports and Entertainment Officer.

Background Information: Section 54.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Sports and Entertainment Officer shall have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university or college and shall possess at least 5 years professional experience in sports and/or entertainment management, with a preference given to a candidate with collegiate, Olympic, professional, or municipal sports experience.

Mr. Herrell received a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Missouri and has been employed within the sports industry for over 18 years. He has been employed with the City of Jacksonville since his appointment as Sports and Entertainment Officer in August 2014.

Policy Impact Area: Sports and Information Office operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$111,980 - \$182,824 per year and, according to information provided by the Mayor's Office, Mr. Herrell will receive \$155,000 annually.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-765

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

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2015

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance amends Chapter 602, *Ordinance Code*, (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Part 9 (Jacksonville Ethics Commission), Subpart C (Procedures and Due Process); to amend Section 602.939 (Statute of Limitations) to change the two (2) years Statute of Limitations to five (5) years to take action on an ethics complaint.

Background Information: The Ordinance Code change would extend the number of years to take action on an ethics complaint in the Jacksonville Ethics Commission from two (2) years to five (5) years. At its September 8, 2015 meeting, the Jacksonville Ethics Committee voted to recommend this change so as to be consistent with the statute of limitation in the State Ethics Code.

Policy Impact: Ordinance Code/Jacksonville Ethics Commission

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-768

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

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Authorizing execution of project agreements with FDOT; designation of oversight department

Bill Summary: The bill approves a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement between the City and the Florida Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Liberty Street bridge and Coastline Drive bridge structures utilizing, in part, Federal Highway Administration funding. The bill designates the Public Works Department as the City's oversight agency for the project.

Background Information: The total project cost to replace the Liberty Street and a portion of the Coastline Drive structures over the St. Johns River is estimated at \$37 million. The former courthouse parking lot will be removed and left as open water, and the Northbank Riverwalk will be rerouted around the new configuration of the over-water structures. Because the Coastline Drive and Liberty Street bridges are currently part of the FDOT's 5 Year Work Program, Federal Highway Administration funding can be utilized for the reconstruction. This bill provides for adoption of a Local Agency Program agreement that will provide a total of \$7.5 million in FHWA reimbursement to the project in FY20/21. The LAP must be approved and executed before the RFP for the repair project is released, which is scheduled for the end of January 2016.

Policy Impact Area: Federal funding utilization

Fiscal Impact: The bill authorizes execution of an agreement that will qualify the City to receive \$7.5 million in FHWA reimbursement of project costs in FY20/21.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-775

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2015

Type of Action: Authorization for Agreement First Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute, for and on behalf of the City, a First Amendment to the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Medtronic Xomed, Inc. ("Company"), to (1) include additional company owned real property into the definition of project parcel; and (2) to increase the 2010 base year assessed value from \$15,207,796 to \$15,930,972.

Background Information: The City and the Company have previously entered into an Economic Development Agreement ("EDA"), as authorized by Ordinance 2011-485-E, to support the expansion of the company's operations in Jacksonville, and providing certain incentives in connection with the project. The EDA identified the project parcel owned by the company as having an address of 6743 Southpoint Drive North, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. Due to an oversight at the time of the drafting of the EDA, additional, adjacent real property owned by the company was omitted from the definition of project parcel in the EDA. The company has requested that the EDA be amended to incorporate the additional real property into the definition of project parcel in the EDA, so that the company may otherwise qualify for the full amount of the Recaptured Enhanced Value grant ("REV Grant") as authorized by the EDA. Amended EDA increases the 2010 Base Year for calculation of the REV Grant from \$15,207,796 to \$15,930,972, with no increase to the total amount of the REV Grant previously authorized.

Policy Impact: Office of Economic Development

Fiscal Impact: The amended Economic Development Agreement increases the 2010 Base Year calculation of the REV Grant from \$15,207,796 to \$15,930,972.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-776

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2015

Type of Action: Approving Agreement First Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute, for and on behalf of the City, a First Amendment to the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and JA-RU, Inc. ("Company"), to (1) extend the completion of construction date by sixty days to March 1, 2016; and (2) to extend the final year of the REV Grant payout from 2026 to 2027.

Background Information: The City and company had previously entered into an Economic Development Agreement ("EDA"), as authorized by Ordinance 2013-711-A to support the expansion of the company's operations in the City and providing certain incentives in connection with the project. The EDA contemplated a private capital investment by the company in the amount of \$13,000,000 in the project. The company has been proceeding with the project. However, due to a shortage of building materials beyond the company's control, the construction schedule for the project has been delayed. The company has requested that the EDA be amended to extend the construction schedule in the EDA an additional sixty (60) days, to March 1, 2016 and to amend the final year of the REV Grant payout, from 2026 to 2027.

NOTE: In the first whereas clause of the ordinance's text, it references Ordinance 2013-711-A, when, it should correctly be *Resolution* 2013-711-A.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-777

Introducer/Sponsor(s): LUZ Committee

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Amendment to Downtown DRI development order

Bill Summary: The bill amends the Consolidated Downtown Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Order to conform the transportation mitigation requirements of the DRI to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Element in order to allow use of Phase II and Phase III development rights; to confirm that the project development rights granted under the DRI Order may be used at any time during the duration of the DRI; and to confirm that no additional DRI-related mitigation is required for the project development rights except what is provided for in this amendment. The amendment also incorporates a new DRI development order condition relating to development of marina slips in the Southside portion of the DRI, specifically relating to the former JEA Southside Generating Station property.

Background Information: The DIA in its capacity as the Master Developer of the Downtown DRI has granted project development rights to the JEA as the owner of the Southside Generating Station site on the Southbank, which the JEA intends to convey to Elements Development of Jacksonville, LLC to redevelop the site as a mixed use urban project containing 1,170 residential units, 200 hotel rooms, 125 marina slips, 288,500 square feet of commercial/retail space and 200,000 square feet of office uses. The allocation of development rights for the construction of the marina slips needs to be assigned to the JEA property and conditions added to reference acquisition of all relevant federal, state and local permits and approvals prior to construction and to require amendment of the Manatee Protection Plan (3rd edition) and the 2030 Comprehensive Plan to reference the location of these marina slips.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown redevelopment on the Southbank; assignment of Downtown DRI development rights to the Southside Component of the Downtown DRI.

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal for Comp Plan and Manatee Protection Plan amendments

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-779

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

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Approving economic development agreement, QTI and REV grant incentives; Public Investment Policy waiver; designation of oversight agency; request for emergency 1-cycle action

Bill Summary: The bill approves execution of an economic development agreement with Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc. to provide incentives for the company's expansion of operations in Jacksonville. It approves the City's commitment to a Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) match of up to \$360,000 and approves a Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grant of up to \$128,000. The bill approves a waiver of the Public Investment Policy to waive the minimum score on the Office of Economic Development's Project Evaluation Matrix required to approve a 50% REV grant for 10 years. The Office of Economic Development is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project. Emergency action on one committee cycle is requested.

Background Information: Fidelity Investments is one of the world's largest providers of financial services, including investment management, retirement planning and brokerage services for individuals and corporations. The company currently has approximately 800 employees in Jacksonville in an office park on the Southside and proposes to add 300 additional full-time jobs at an average wage of \$64,356 and to expand its offices from 107,000 to 165,000 square feet. The City proposes to partner with the state on a QTI incentive with a High Impact Sector Bonus for a total of \$6,000 per job (total of \$1.8 million - \$1.44 million from the state, City match of \$360,000) and to provide a REV grant of \$128,000 representing 50% of the company's increased tangible personal property tax over 10 years. The state is also committed to providing a Quick Response Training grant of \$690,000. The waiver of the Public Investment Policy is required because the 50% REV grant over 10 years requires a larger private capital investment.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The bill commits the City to a Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) match of up to \$360,000 and a Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grant of up to \$128,000.

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-780

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

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Approving economic development agreement, QTI and REV grant incentives; request for emergency 1-cycle action

Bill Summary: The bill approves an economic development agreement between the City and Project Revere (corporate identity still confidential) to provide incentives for the company's expansion of its operations in Jacksonville. It approves the City's commitment to a Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) match of up to \$250,000 and approves a Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grant of up to \$80,000. The bill designates the Office of Economic Development as the City's oversight agency, affirms that the proposed incentives comply with the City's Public Investment Policy, and requests emergency action on one committee cycle.

Background Information: Project Revere is described in the OED project summary as one of the world's largest privately held software and technology services companies. The company proposes to expand its existing Jacksonville operation by creating at least 250 new full-time information technology jobs with an average wage of \$49,340 over the next 5 years and investing at least \$2.2 million in new real estate improvements (\$1 million) and IT equipment and furniture (\$1.2 million). The City proposes to partner with the State on a QTI incentive for a total of \$5,000 per job (total of \$1,250,000 - \$1 million from the State with a City match of \$250,000) and to provide a REV grant of up to \$80,000 representing 50% of the company's increased tangible personal property taxes over 10 years. The REV grant will be paid from the proceeds of the Downtown Southbank Tax Increment Fund. The state also commits to a Quick Response Training grant of up to \$500,000. The fact that the project is located in the downtown area, is under the jurisdiction of the DIA, and is being paid from Downtown CRA tax increment district revenues differentiates it from the Fidelity Investments project with regard to needing a waiver from the City's Public Investment Policy regarding the percentage and term length of the REV grant.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The bill commits the City to a Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) match of up to \$250,000 and approves a Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grant of up to \$80,000.

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Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

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

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Approving Jacksonville Jaguars lease amendment; approving development agreements for team covered practice facility and amphitheater; authorizing commercial paper borrowing; Ordinance Code waivers; increasing Banking Fund borrowing authorization; CIP amendment; designating oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill approves Amendment #14 to the lease between the City and the Jacksonville Jaguars for EverBank Field. The amendment provides for the design, construction, ownership use, management, operations, cost and financing of improvements to the East and West club seats and club suites. The bill approves a development agreement between the City and the Jaguars for construction of a covered football practice facility adjacent to the stadium and approves a development agreement between the parties for construction and operation of an outdoor amphitheater and sign marquees. The approves related lease agreements between the City and American Thunder for operation and use of the amphitheater and with the Jaguars for operation and use of the covered practice field. The bill authorizes commercial paper borrowing of up to \$45 million for the City's portion of the project cost. It waives provisions of Chapter 126 – Procurement Code – to allow the City to directly purchase certain items related to the improvement projects on behalf of the Jaguar. It waives provisions of Ordinance Code Chapter 122 – Public Property – to permit the Jaguars and American Thunder to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus tangible personal property during the construction of the amphitheater.

The bill waives provisions of Chapter 320 – Construction Regulations and Building Codes/General Provisions – with regard to construction-related permitting fees. It amends Chapter 111 – Special Revenue and Trust Accounts – to create a new EverBank Field Amphitheater and Covered Field Maintenance and Improvements Fund. It amends Chapter 656 – Zoning Code – relating to the Sports and Entertainment Complex Sign Overlay Zone. It authorizes an increase in Banking Fund borrowing authorization to the extent needed to produce \$45 million in net new project funds. It amends the 2016-20 CIP to create a new project entitled EverBank Field Improvements Amend 14 and provides for oversight of the project by the Office of Sports and Entertainment.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Jaguars have proposed a package of improvements to EverBank Field and the surrounding Sports and Entertainment Complex area with an estimated construction cost of \$90 million, which the team proposes to fund with the City on a 50/50 basis. Improvements inside the stadium, estimated to cost \$25 million, involve removing some club seats and installing decks on the east and west sides allowing patrons of the Touchdown Clubs more open and free-flowing access from the interior club space to the stadium bowl. Other improvements inside the club spaces will make those spaces more usable for multiple purposes. Improvements outside the stadium include a 4,000 to 5,000 permanent seat amphitheater (with additional ground seating capacity) at an estimated cost of \$45 million and a covered Jaguars practice field (estimated cost \$20 million) which could also be used as multi-purpose hospitality space on stadium and amphitheater event days. The amphitheater and covered flex field are proposed to be constructed between the south end of the stadium and Gator Bowl Drive in the area currently occupied by the Pepsi Fan Zone. The Jaguars

will act as construction manager for the project and will be responsible for any costs exceeding the City's \$45 million commitment.

The bill also approves separate development, operation, management and lease agreements between the City and the Jaguars for construction and operation of the covered flex field and between the City and American Thunder LLC (a company controlled by Jaguars owner Shad Khan) under which the company will build and manage the facilities on behalf of the City. Both agreements are for terms of 30 years and both contain a blank placeholder under the heading Rental Fee.

The bill waives building permit fees related to the construction of the three projects and waives portions of the Procurement Code to permit the City to purchase certain construction materials on a sales tax-free basis on behalf the Jaguars and American Thunder LLC. It also waives provisions of the City's property code to permit surplus property removed from the stadium or the Sports and Entertainment Complex during the construction of the new facilities to be disposed of by a means other than by auction to the highest bidder.

The new EverBank Field Amphitheater and Covered Field Maintenance and Improvements Fund will receive the revenue from the ticket and parking surcharges collected in connection with events at those facilities and will be used to maintain, repair and improve those two facilities as well as the marquee signs, and may not be used for operating costs associated with those facilities.

The Zoning Code amendment adds Sports Complex Marquee Signs, defined as up to 3 changing message device signs subject to the review and approval of the DIA, to the list of signs permitted in the Sports and Entertainment Complex Sign Overlay Zone and strikes the words "subject to the restrictions and limitations" from Sec. 656.1337(b).

The bill authorizes new aggregate Banking Fund borrowing of \$45 million, resulting in a total aggregate Banking Fund borrowing authorization of \$653,875,535.

Policy Impact Area: Sports and entertainment development

Fiscal Impact: The bill commits the City to paying a maximum of \$45 million for the three improvement projects using borrowed funds, with the Jaguars being responsible for a like amount and any cost overruns.

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

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$330,779 from two Stormwater Services – Capital Projects accounts (DSR Capital Maintenance - \$231,545 and DSR Capital Improvements - \$99,234) to the Fire and Rescue Department to provide funding for salaries for Fire Department safety officers.

Background Information: This bill is a cautionary measure taken not as an admission of wrongdoing but out of an abundance of caution to address allegations in a recently filed lawsuit challenging the validity of the vote regarding the budgetary appropriation which provided funding for the salaries of the Fire Rescue Department.

Policy Impact Area: Fire and Rescue Department salaries

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$330,779 from two Stormwater Services – Capital Projects accounts to the Fire and Rescue Department's salary and benefits budget.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-784

Sponsor: The Recreation and Community Development, Public Health and Safety Committee:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2015

Type of Action: Tax Exemption Approval

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves an ad valorem tax exemption for the rehabilitation of the Riverside Avondale Historic District contributing structure located at 3404 St. Johns Avenue owned by Nicholas A. Narducci and Jessica R. Narducci; the exemption is for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of rehabilitation for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2025. The structure is located in Council District 14.

Background Information: This home is noted several times as one of the most historically significant homes in Jacksonville. The Mediterranean Revival home was designed by noted architect Jefferson D. Powell and built in 1928, shortly after he returned from a trip to Venice. The home was originally built for Max Knauer, a prominent hardware dealer. The property owner invested \$298,397.52 on rehabilitation work on the structure. The Planning and Development Department has determined that the property qualifies as a contributing structure in the Riverside Avondale Historic District and that the rehabilitation work is consistent with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Policy Impact: Historic Preservation/Tax Exemptions

Fiscal Impact: The estimated maximum loss in ad valorem taxes in the first year of the exemption is \$3,414.23.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-785

Sponsor: The Recreation and Community Development, Public Health and Safety Committee:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2015

Type of Action: Tax Exemption Approval

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves an ad valorem tax exemption for the rehabilitation of the Springfield Historic District contributing structure located at 152 East 4th Street owned by Hailing Zhong; the exemption is for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of rehabilitation for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 2016 to December 21, 2025.

Background Information: The building is located within the National Historic District of Springfield. The two-story, metal-roofed, unpainted Queen Anne style building, was constructed around 1902. Numerous Queen Ann style buildings were built in Springfield around the turn of the century. Only a few of these buildings remain in Springfield today. The building was used continuously as a residence. The owner expended \$250,067.88 on rehabilitation work on the structure. The Planning and Development Department has determined that the property qualifies as a continuing structure in the Springfield Historic District and that the rehabilitation work is consistent with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Policy Impact: Historic Preservation; Tax Exemptions

Fiscal Impact: The estimated maximum loss in ad valorem taxes in the first year of the exemption is \$2,861.68.

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-790

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 5, 2015

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Matthew Ryan Kane, to the Jacksonville Children's Commission, as an At-Large representative, for a second four-year term ending July 15, 2019.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Children's Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 51, *Ordinance Code*, and charged with the ongoing responsibility of improving the lives of Jacksonville's children by serving as the central focus for the evaluation, planning and distribution of the city's funds for children's services. Section 51.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the eleven voting members of the commission shall be citizens and residents of the City appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council and that four of the members shall be appointed at-large.

Mr. Kane received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Florida and owns the software development firm *Greenshades Software*. He resides in Jacksonville Beach within Council District #13.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Children's Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-791

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 10, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Edward E. Burr as a member of the JEA Board, replacing Wyman Winbush, for an unexpired term ending February 28, 2017.

Background Information: The JEA is established pursuant to Article 21, *Jacksonville Charter*, and authorized to own, manage and operate a utilities system within and without the City of Jacksonville. The JEA is created for the express purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, financing and otherwise have plenary authority with respect to electric, water, sewer, natural gas and such other utility systems as may be under its control now or in the future. Section 21.03(a), *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the seven members of the JEA Board are to be city residents and electors appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.

Mr. Burr, a Duval County voter, is the President / Chief Executive Officer with *GreenPointe Holdings, LLC* and Chairman of the *Jacksonville Civic Council*. He has previously served on the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Study Commission. Mr. Burr resides in Jacksonville Beach within Council District #13.

Policy Impact Area: JEA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-792

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 5, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Warren A. Jones as a member of the JEA Board, replacing John Hirabayashi, for an unexpired term ending February 28, 2019.

Background Information: The JEA is established pursuant to Article 21, *Jacksonville Charter*, and authorized to own, manage and operate a utilities system within and without the City of Jacksonville. The JEA is created for the express purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, financing and otherwise have plenary authority with respect to electric, water, sewer, natural gas and such other utility systems as may be under its control now or in the future. Section 21.03(a), *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the seven members of the JEA Board are to be city residents and electors appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.

Mr. Jones, a Duval County voter, is a former City Council member. During his eight terms on the City Council, Mr. Jones served two terms as President and on numerous committees dealing with finance and utilities. He resides in the Woodstock area within Council District #9.

NOTE: This bill may need to be amended to remove the "M" before Mr. Hirabayashi's name in the bill title.

Policy Impact Area: JEA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-793

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 10, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Deena Bateh Wallace, as a member of the Civil Service Board, replacing Vincent Cameron for a first term ending June 30, 2017.

Background Information: The Civil Service Board is established pursuant to Article 17, *Jacksonville Charter*, and charged to periodically review the operation and effect of the personnel provisions of the charter, the classification plan, and the pay plan, and report their findings to the council and the mayor; hear and determine appeals initiated by employees who are charged with personnel violations; hear and determine complaints by employees and prospective employees concerning alleged violations of civil service rules or regulations with respect to hiring and promotion; hear and determine the grievance of persons covered by the civil service rules or the grievance of persons who may be entitled to be covered concerning any action taken which pertains to employment rights. Section 17.02, *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the nine members of the Board shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Jacksonville, and five of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the confirmation by the City Council.

Ms. Wallace, a Duval County voter, received a law degree from Stetson University and was an Assistant Vice President with *Fidelity National Title Group*. She resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Civil Service Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 10, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Supervisor of Elections' appointment of Kara W. Tucker, as a member of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel, replacing Natalie Alden, for a partial term ending April 16, 2017.

Background Information: The Duval County Election Advisory Panel is established pursuant to Chapter 59, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations regarding the quality of voter registration and education efforts and ways to enhance the voter's election-day experience, including poll worker training, polling locations, ballot styles, and fraud prevention; evaluate and recommend improvements on the election effectiveness, including number of overvotes, undervotes and spoiled ballots, voter complaints, and voter turnout; review and comment on ballot styles, instructions and absentee ballot appearance; and make an annual report to Council on progress. Section 59.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel shall be Duval County registered voters and three of the nine members shall be designated by the Supervisor of Elections and confirmed by the City Council.

Ms. Tucker, a Duval County voter, received a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of North Florida and is Vice Mayor of Neptune Beach. She is a Coordinator with the *University of North Florida Office of Admissions* and resides in Neptune Beach within Council District #13.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Election Advisory Panel operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-795

Sponsor: Council Member Wilson

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 5, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Jill K. Preston to the Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs, as the representative for Council District #4, filling the seat formerly held by Joel Clark, for a partial term ending June 30, 2016.

Background Information: The Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs is established pursuant to Chapter 82, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to serve as an advocate for the older persons in the city, to the governmental agencies responsible for the various plans and programs designed to help older persons; assist in the implementation of plans and programs selected by regional organizations, as they relate to the city and its citizens; designate priorities among programs developed in the city by public, nonprofit and private providers concerning older persons. Section 82.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that fourteen of the members of the Council on Elder Affairs shall be appointed by the City Council, with one nominee from each of the District Council Members.

Ms. Preston is retired from *Bank of America* and is an active community volunteer. She resides in the Windy Hill area within Council District #4.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-796

Sponsor: Council President Anderson

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints of Richard G. Patsy, CFA as a member of the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Board of Trustees, replacing Adam Herbert, Jr., for an unexpired ending June 30, 2016.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Board of Trustees is established pursuant to Article 22, *Jacksonville Charter*, as the sole entity responsible for administering the Pension Fund. Sections 175.061 and 185.05, *Florida Statutes*, provide that two of the members of the board must be appointed by the legislative body of the municipality. Section 22.02(a), *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the trustees appointed by the City Council shall have at least 10 years of professional financial experience.

Mr. Patsy received a master's degree in business administration from the State University of New York at Albany and is a Chartered Financial Analyst with 19 years of investment experience with public and private pensions. He is the Assistant Vice President for Pensions and Investments with *CSX Corp.* Mr. Patsy has served as a Trustee for the Jacksonville Retirement System (GEPP) since 2013. He resides in the Lakewood area within Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Police & Fire Pension Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-797

Sponsor: Council President Anderson

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Jeffrey E. Bernardo, CFA as a member of the Board of Trustees of the City of Jacksonville Retirement System, replacing Richard Patsy, for a three-year term.

Background Information: The Board of Trustees of the City of Jacksonville Retirement System is established in accordance with Chapter 120, *Ordinance Code*, and charged with the responsibility for administering the Jacksonville General Employees Pension Fund and the authority and duty, to hire actuaries, investment managers, performance evaluators and such other professional, technical or other advisors as it deems necessary. Section 120.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that two of the members of the board shall be citizens, with professional experience in finance, investments, economics, pension management, pension administration and/or accounting, appointed by the Council.

Mr. Bernardo received a master's degree in business administration from Northwestern University and is a Chartered Financial Analyst. He is the President and CEO of *Augustine Asset Management* and resides in within Council District #3.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Retirement System Board of Trustees operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-798

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carter

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2015

Type of Action: Authorization to execute amended golf course management agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an amended golf course management agreement between the City and Cecil Field Golf Course, LLC for operation of the Cecil Field (formerly Fiddler's Green) golf course at Cecil Commerce Center. The amendments add the Lake Newman Center to the definition of the leased facilities and authorize the company to construct and operate a Frisbee golf course on the property. Another amendment provides that the operator may be reimbursed from the Fiddler's Green Golf Course Special Revenue Fund (Or. Code Sec. 111.145) from time to time for certain pre-approved expenses authorized by the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the district council member in whose district the golf course is located. The agreement is also amended to provide for a new base lease fee and annual percentage of gross revenues payment through the year 2020. The agreement is also amended to delete the requirement that the operators provide the City with an annual financial audit performed by an independent account and replaces it with a requirement that the company provide the City with monthly revenue statements and an annual unaudited financial statement, with the City retaining the right to require an independent audit of the financial statement for just cause upon recommendation by the Council Auditor.

Background Information: The City entered into a golf course management agreement with a private operator in 1999 for a term of 15 years which was extended for an additional 6 years (through 2020) in 2011. The management agreement has been assigned to 3 subsequent operators over the years with the City's permission. This bill provides for a base rental fee of \$10,000 for 2016 through 2018 (down from the \$30,000 per year due in 2012-2014) and \$20,000 per year in 2019-2020. It provides for a percentage of gross revenues payment of 1% in 2016 through 2018 (down from 2% per year due in 2012-2014) and 2% per year in 2019-20.

The Lake Newman Center being added to the leased premises is a currently vacant building facing a small pond adjacent to the Cecil Field Golf Course. The operator plans to utilize some of the adjacent property to construct a Frisbee golf course and plans to rent out the building for events and functions.

Policy Impact Area: Golf course operation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements