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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-633

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

Date of Introduction: November 13, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 15, 2012

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 111 – Special Revenue and Trust Accounts – to repeal Sec. 111.330 – Sheriff’s Investigative Trust Fund.

Background Information: The bill’s preamble states that the uses for which this trust account existed are to be subsumed under the Criminal Investigative Services Trust Fund (Ordinance Code Sec. 111.333). The Sheriff’s Investigative Trust Fund was used to purchase and/or replace investigative equipment or supplies. The account was funded by court-ordered payments and donations. The Sec. 111.333 Criminal Investigative Services Trust Fund is the account used to supply cash to undercover officers for use in vice squad and drug operations.

Policy Impact Area: Sheriff’s Office fiscal operations

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-634

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

Date of Introduction: November 13, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: November 15, 2012

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 740 – Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters – to clarify the responsibilities of property owners with respect to the construction and maintenance of sidewalks, curbs and gutters abutting their property. The bill removes the requirement that each property owner must construct and maintain sidewalk, curb and gutter along any part of their property that abuts a street, park or other public place in the City. The amendment establishes several options for voluntary construction and maintenance of such amenities by the property owner or by the City, and authorizes the City Engineer to waive the construction of such facilities upon showing of good cause.

Background Information: The City Council's Special Committee on Context Sensitive Streets heard from the City Engineer that the City has not enforced the current provision regarding mandatory construction and maintenance by property owners for many years. This bill changes the Code to reflect current practice and to provide an option for the City Engineer to waive the requirement to provide sidewalks, curbs and gutters where such facilities clearly don't make sense (i.e. when a single family residence is constructed on a large lot with no surrounding sidewalks or curbs and gutters with which to connect). The bill provides options for the owner to construct the facilities at his/her expense, with appropriate permits from the City, or for the City to construct the facilities (resources permitting) at the request of a City Council member or a school principal or pursuant to the Public Works Department's Sidewalk Construction Guidelines.

Policy Impact Area: Sidewalk construction and maintenance

Fiscal Impact: None; codifies current practice and provides for an exemption from construction where such facilities do not make logical sense.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-635

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

Date of Introduction: November 13, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: November 15, 2012

Type of Action: Authorizing use of angled parking; direction to Subdivision Standards and Policy Advisory Committee

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the use of angled and reverse-angle parking on all roadways within the City of Jacksonville (except state roadways) subject to the authorization of the City Engineer, who shall base his/her decision on criteria found in the City's Mobility Plan, 2030 Comprehensive Plan, Context Sensitive Streets Street Design Guidelines and Land Development Procedures Manual standards. The bill directs the Subdivision Standards and Policy Advisory Committee to prepare criteria and standards for incorporated into the Land Development Procedures Manual to facilitate the safe use of angled parking where appropriate.

Background Information: State law provides that all on-street parking in Florida must be parallel parking along the curb or roadside unless specifically authorized by local government on any road that is not a state road. The City Council's Special Committee on Context Sensitive Streets has determined that angled parking may be appropriate in several areas of the City, particularly in neighborhood commercial areas where street level retail establishments could be served by angled parking where relatively low-speed traffic makes it practical.

The committee also heard that some cities around the U.S. are experimenting with reverse-angle parking in which motorists come to a stop past their parking space and back into the space. Proponents of this system say it has several advantages over front-angle parking. First, it is safer for the parked motorist to exit out of the space and pull back into traffic because visibility is much greater, particularly if parked next to a large vehicle that obscures all vision of oncoming traffic. Second, it is safer for bicyclists who are much more easily visible to a motorist pulling forward out of a parking space than backing out into traffic and potentially into the path of an oncoming cyclist. Third, it is safer for drivers to access their trunk to load packages, etc. from the sidewalk than from the edge of the travel lane.

Policy Impact Area: Parking on public streets

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-636

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Office of General Counsel:

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: November 30, 2012

Type of Action: Settlement Approval

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves the settlement of pending Federal Court litigation between the United States of America and the City of Jacksonville under the Americans With Disabilities Act DJ 204-17M-398; approving and authorizing the execution of a proposed settlement; authorizing the General Counsel and her designees to take all further actions to conclude the lawsuit.

Background Information: Since 1999, the United States Department of Justice has audited local governments for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). In May 2010, the Department of Justice released the results of an audit that it had conducted in Jacksonville and offered a standard settlement agreement. The Office of General Counsel has been negotiating the terms of the settlement agreement for the past 12 months. The settlement agreement enumerates remedial actions to be taken by the City to be in compliance with ADA. Terms of the settlement include: repairs to survey facilities, repairs to non-surveyed facilities, repairs and installation of curb-outs at sidewalk-street intersections, employment issues, law enforcement issues, elections issues, emergency management issues, and other issues. Excluding items relating to the Supervisor of Elections, the estimated cost of the proposed settlement agreement will be approximately \$37,260,000. The settlement language allows the City to defer the more costly items until later in the 6-year settlement term.

Policy Impact: Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA")/Office of General Counsel

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-643

Sponsor: Council President pursuant to Chapter 380, *Ordinance Code*:

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: November 30, 2012

Type of Action: CON Issuance

Bill Summary: The ordinance grants the application of Bayard One, LLC for an initial Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CON) to operate the South Jacksonville Clean Concrete Recycling Facility; provides conditions for the certificate.

Background Information: The recycling facility is located at 11669 Philips Highway, in Council District 13. The Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department supports approval of the application for the initial CON provided that the applicant agrees to accept and comply with specific operating conditions that include: requiring all haulers to identify any materials transported to the facility from outside Duval County; ensuring that all operators and spotters at the facility are properly trained; Bayard will post trained spotters at the unloading area(s) during all hours of operation to ensure that unacceptable wastes are barred; monthly Waste Analysis Reports of operations are required to be submitted to the Solid Waste Division; a minimum of 80% by weight of the authorized waste received at the facility shall be recycled; adherence to noise control, sediment and erosion control, litter control and odor control.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Solid Waste Division

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-644

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: November 30, 2012

Type of Action: Street Closure

Bill Summary: The ordinance closes, abandons and disclaims a portion of an unopened and unimproved 10-foot wide alley west of Flanders Street and south of 17th Street, in Council District 7, between Lots 24 and 43 in Conroy's Addition to West Springfield, Plat Book 7, page 21, dated January 15, 1920, in the public records of Duval County, Florida, at the request of Abdullah Shah ('applicant') so as to allow him to combine his properties and effect renovations and expansions to the existing residential buildings, subject unto the City of Jacksonville of an easement over the closed alley for ingress and egress for all utilities.

Background Information: The applicant owns abutting properties along both sides of the portion of the alley to be closed; the closure would enable the applicant to combine his properties for renovation and expansion work. The closure request has been reviewed and approved by the various agencies that may have an interest.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: The applicant has paid a required \$1,500.00 processing fee.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-705

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: F; PHS

Date of Analysis: November 30, 2012

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This ordinance concerns a continuation grant; the ordinance appropriates \$62,315 in additional federal pass-through funding received from the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, such funding representing a nine month extension to June 30, 2013, of the High Risk Family Specialist Project portion of the current contract, as initiated by B.T. 13-008.

Background Information: This appropriation funds program support focused on assisting high risk children and is administered by the Jacksonville Children's Commission. Funding from the program comes from the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, a public-private partnership founded in 1989 to invest in community-based programs that serve at-risk children and their families. The appropriation funds a High Risk Family Specialist position at the Children's Commission. The specialist visits homes and works directly with families in efforts and with programs to reduce child abuse. The specialist works in the homes of newly-born infants to ensure that the babies are provided a pathway for a healthy growth environment.

Policy Impact: Jacksonville Children's Commission

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$62,315 in federal pass-through funding.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-706

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS; F

Date of Analysis: November 30, 2012

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This ordinance appropriates \$178,062 in one-time grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that will allow the Environmental Quality Division staff to establish a permanent near-road nitrogen oxide monitoring site that will meet design and siting criteria. Provision is made for a carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Background Information: The Environmental Quality Division administers an Ambient Air Quality monitoring network to measure and record concentrations of carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, lead and particulate matter in the outdoor atmosphere in accordance with federal regulations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires the establishment of a near-road nitrogen oxide monitoring site. The site will be located in a heavy traffic area. The specific monitoring site has not been determined. Monitoring data from the site location will provide valuable information relative to NOx emissions, or the formation of poisonous gases (ozone). The EPA has established that short term exposure to gaseous emission concentrations for as short as 30 minutes can be linked to: increased asthma symptoms; worsened control of asthma; increase in other respiratory illnesses; and increased emergency room visits for respiratory illnesses, especially in children, the elderly and asthmatics.

Policy Impact: Neighborhoods Department/Environmental Quality Division/EPA Grant

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates an EPA grant in the amount of \$178,062

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-707

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

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: November 29, 2012

Type of Action: Authorizing extension of license agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes a new license agreement between the City and the Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library, Inc. for the organization to continue utilizing 12,357 square feet of space at the University Park Branch Library for storage and sale of books at a token rate of \$1 per year until December 31, 2017.

Background Information: The Friends of the Library have been utilizing at the University Park Library to store and sell books, CDs, tapes, and other media to raise money for the benefit of the library system since 2003. The original agreement was for 3,500 square feet of space at \$1 per year for 5 years, when the Friends stored, sorted and prepared books and other materials at the site for the annual sale at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds downtown. The Friends of the Library now conduct large sales on a quarterly basis at the library rather than renting the Fairgrounds building downtown. Due to changes in personnel on both sides, neither the City nor the Friends noticed when the original agreement expired and the organization has been occupying an expanded space in the library branch without a formal agreement since 2008. This bill approves a new license agreement for 5 years.

Policy Impact Area: Friends of the Library operations

Fiscal Impact: The lease rate is a token \$1 per year. In January 2012 the Friends of the Library donated \$260,000 to the library system as a result of its fund-raising efforts.

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Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: PHS; F

Date of Analysis: November 30, 2012

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$1,089,492, as initiated by B. T. 13-007; it authorizes the redistribution of funds for the 2010 USAI Homeland Security Grants within specific city accounts, such movement of funds resulting from the cancellation of two major projects and a reduction in expenses for other projects and, in turn, causing the reprioritizing of funds within the grants.

Background Information: The ordinance redistributes funds for the 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative (USAI) Homeland Security Grants and the reprioritization of funds within the grants, primarily from professional services and costs for grant funded employees, rental fees and the purchase of capital equipment. The reprioritized funds have been approved by the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) AND State Administrative Agency. None of the funds for projects required matching City funding.

Policy Impact: Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department/Emergency Preparedness Division

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$1,089,492; the funds are redistributed within specific City accounts.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-709

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Clerk of Courts:

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: F; PHS

Date of Analysis: November 30, 2012

Type of Action: Appropriation; Authorization for Subcontractor's Agreement

Bill Summary: This ordinance concerns a continuation grant. The ordinance appropriates \$199,961 from the Substance Abuse – mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Department of Health and Human Services for the Teen Court Program, as initiated by B.T. 13-009; the ordinance provides for a carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2013-2014; the ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute the Subcontractor's Agreement between River Region Human Services, Inc. and the Fourth Judicial Circuit Duval County Teen Court.

Background Information: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations has awarded the grant appropriated by this ordinance to the Teen Court Program. River Region Human Services has been and will continue to be the treatment services provider. River Region will provide screening and assessment of all referrals to Teen Court. Treatment and services include group counseling, individual therapy, mental health evaluations, mental health individual counseling and medication management assistance.

Policy Impact: Teen Court Program/Fourth Judiciary District/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates a grant in the amount of \$199,961. There are no matching funds requirements.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-710

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carter

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: November 29, 2012

Type of Action: Authorizing lease agreement and property purchase option

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes a lease agreement between the City and Old Plank Road Baptist Church for the church to utilize the former Marietta Health Clinic building at 8264 Old Plank Road for a term of 10 years with one 5-year renewal option. Rent will be paid by the church in the form of an in-kind investment of \$150,360 over the course of 10 years (the equivalent of a \$6.00 per square foot rental rate) for capital improvements to the facility (\$20,400), maintenance of the building and property (\$102,264), and insurance (\$36,000). The agreement provides that at the conclusion of the lease term, the church shall have the option to purchase the building from the City for its 2012 value as determined by the Property Appraiser.

NOTE: The lease attached to the bill does not reflect some of the terms described in the ordinance (including the length of the original term and the license fee). The OGC advises that a revised lease will need to be attached by amendment during the committee process.

Background Information: The lease provides that the church may utilize the facility for educational programs, community services and recreational services for the community a minimum of 5 days per week. The building is located approximately one-half mile east of the church, near the corner of Old Plank Road and Bulls Bay Highway, close to Thomas Jefferson Park.

Policy Impact Area: Re-use of surplus property

Fiscal Impact: The church will pay the equivalent of a \$6.00 p.s.f. lease rate in the form of capital improvements and in-kind maintenance over a period of 10 years.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-711

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Office of Economic Development

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, F

Date of Analysis: November 29, 2012

Type of Action: Authorizing lease agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes a lease agreement between the City and Clear View Products Southeast Inc. for Building #905 at Cecil Commerce Center for a period of 1 year with 4 additional 1-year renewal options at a base monthly rent of \$8.50 per square foot plus a \$200 common area maintenance fee (\$4,066.08 initial monthly lease rate).

Background Information: Clear View Products Southeast Inc. manufactures custom outdoor screens. The company wishes to lease 5,458 square feet of space at Cecil Commerce Center to add 25-30 new jobs to its existing operation next door. The company is expanding from an adjacent building already leased from the City. The lease provides for an annual lease rate adjustment of either 3% or the actual Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The initial lease rate is \$4,066.08 per month, with an annual CPI adjustment.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-712

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

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: November 29, 2012

Type of Action: Authorizing economic redevelopment agreement and REV grant

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes a redevelopment agreement between the City and Schratte Foods, Inc. (d/b/a Anco Fine Cheese) for a REV grant of up to \$130,000 to incentivize the company to relocate its southeast regional headquarters and distribution center from Miami to Jacksonville.

Background Information: According to its web site, Anco Fine Cheese is the largest importer of specialty cheeses in the United States, currently employing 85 people in Florida. Pursuant to this agreement the company would move 25 employees from Miami to Jacksonville and hire an additional 50 employees for a total of 75 jobs in Jacksonville at an average wage of \$57,000 plus benefits (141% of the statewide average wage). The company would construct and equip a 90,000 square foot office and distribution building (including warehouse and freezer/cooler) in the Tradeport on Airport Road at an estimated cost of \$10.1 million. The REV grant would be calculated to be equal to 35% of the incremental increase in city and county real and personal property taxes for a period of 5 years.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: The bill authorizes a REV grant not to exceed \$130,000, payable over 5 years.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-713

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Daniels

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

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

Date of Analysis: November 29, 2012

Type of Action: Petition to Mayor

Bill Summary: The bill urges the Mayor to utilize the City's procurement processes to solicit and identify a private entity interested in occupying, restoring and using the former National Guard Armory building at 851 North Market Street.

Background Information: The building was built during World War I and was utilized as the National Guard armory until 1973, after which the City Recreation Department occupied the building until 2000, since which time it has been vacant. Due to its location adjacent to Hogan's Creek, the building's lower floor has suffered from periodic flooding over the years. The building was designated as a local historical landmark in 2001. During its years as an armory, the building was also one of Jacksonville's largest enclosed venues and was used for concerts, dances, sporting and other events prior to the construction of the Coliseum and the Civic Auditorium in the early 1960s.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown revitalization; historic preservation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-714

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 26, 2012

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Carol J. Hladki to the Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board, as the law enforcement agency representative, for a second four-year term ending December 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board is established pursuant to Chapter 501, *Ordinance Code*, and Section 290.0056, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to assist in the development and implementation of the strategic plan; oversee and monitor the implementation of the strategic plan and make quarterly reports to Council; identify and recommend to Council ways to remove regulatory barriers; identify to Council the financial needs of, and local resources or assistance available to, eligible business in the zone; and manage the implementation of the Empowerment Zone Strategic Plan. Section 501.104, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the board shall be appointed by the Council and that one of the members shall be a representative from the law enforcement agency.

Director Hladki received a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University and is the Director of Police Services with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Attendance: According to information provided by the staff for the Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board, Director Hladki has attended 64% of the meetings of the board since her initial appointment in 2009.

	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held
2009	2	4
2010	2	3
2011	2	3
2012	1	1
Total	7	11

Policy Impact Area: Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2012-715

Sponsor: Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: November 27, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 26, 2012

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints F. Scott Shine to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, as a general public representative, for a second three-year term to end December 31, 2015.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Waterways Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 95, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations to the Council with respect to the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River and all tidal waters in Duval County; formulate an overall plan for dealing with any problems that exist concerning the St. Johns River; devise methods of developing future uses of the St. Johns River; serve as the Duval County committee to review rules proposed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission governing speed and operation of motorboats to protect manatees; advise governmental units and the public concerning the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River; and act as a coordinating agency for programs and activities affecting the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River.

Section 95.103(c), *Ordinance Code*, provides that nine of the members of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission shall be members of the general public appointed by the City Council.

Mr. Shine received a bachelor's degree in marketing from Virginia Commonwealth University and owns the *Shine Agency, Inc.* He resides within Council District #3.

Attendance: According to information provided by the staff for the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, Mr. Shine has attended 93% of the meetings of the commission since his initial appointment in 2010.

	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held
2010	8	9
2011	10	11
2012	10	10
Total	28	30

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Waterways Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2012-718

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Bishop

Date of Introduction: November 13, 2012

Committee(s) of Reference:

Date of Analysis: November 15, 2012

Type of Action: Authorizing participation in intergovernmental organization; committing future funding subject to annual appropriation; establishing maximum funding amounts and period; providing for repeal

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the City's participation in the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission when such a body is created by the Florida Legislature pursuant to Chapter 2010-212, Laws of Florida. The bill pledges a City contribution of \$96,745 toward the start-up costs of the commission, and thereafter an annual contribution for 5 years of \$0.30 per capita, up to a maximum of 45% of the commission's budget in any year, and subject to annual appropriation by the City Council. The bill provides that this ordinance shall be automatically repealed if the Florida Legislature fails to create the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission during the 2013 legislative session. It also provides for automatic sunset of the commission 5 years after its effective date unless it has adopted a regional transportation plan that Jacksonville and Clay, Nassau and St. Johns counties have all officially endorsed and adequate funding sources to carry out the initial phase of the plan have been secured.

Background Information: In its 2010 session the Florida Legislature created a Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Study Commission to examine the needs and potential delivery systems for multimodal transportation in the region consisting of Jacksonville and Baker, Clay, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties. The study commission determined that the region would benefit from planning and funding its transportation infrastructure on a regional basis and will make that recommendation to the 2013 Florida Legislature, along with a recommendation that a Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission be created and funded on a per capita basis by the member counties.

Policy Impact Area: Regional transportation planning and implementation

Fiscal Impact: The bill commits the City to future appropriations of \$96,745 toward the start-up costs of the commission (if created), and thereafter an annual contribution for 5 years of \$0.30 per capita, up to a maximum of 45% of the commission's budget in any year, and subject to annual appropriation by the City Council.

Analyst: Clements