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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-691

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: Designation of historic landmark

Bill Summary: The bill declares the Old Duval High School building at 605 North Ocean Street as a City historic landmark, directs the Zoning Administrator to enter the designation on the zoning atlas and directs the Chief of the Legislative Services Division to notify several parties and have the designation recorded in the public record.

Background Information: The building, constructed in 1907, was the first high school in Florida and served as Duval County's only high school until 1927 when Robert E. Lee, Andrew Jackson and Landon Junior/Senior High School opened and Duval High School was closed. The building now houses a senior living facility and meets four of the seven standards required for designation as a local landmark: a) is valuable as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural or archaeological heritage of the city; d) is identified as the work of a master builder, designer or architect (Wilbur Camp) whose individual work has influenced the development of the city, state or nation; f) has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style (Renaissance Revival) valuable for the study of a period, method of construction or use of indigenous materials; and g) suitability for preservation or restoration.

Policy Impact Area: Historic landmark designation

Fiscal Impact: None to City.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-692

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gulliford

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 380 – Solid Waste Management – to add a new subparagraph 380.405(f) providing for an exemption from the collection of a solid waste facility host fee from facilities that recycle or recover construction and demolition debris and then dispose of remaining non-recyclables outside of the county.

Background Information: The Solid Waste Code currently provides that each ton of solid waste deposited or transferred in or through every solid waste disposal or management facility within Duval County whether publicly or privately owned or operated shall be subject to the payment of a solid waste host fee of \$7.16, some of which is deposited into an appropriate landfill mitigation account (\$0.50), some deposited in a contamination assessment and remediation account (\$0.24), some deposited into a landfill closure fund (\$1.98), and the remainder (\$4.44) is deposited into the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to help pay for the operation of the City's solid waste system. This bill provides that a facility recycling or recovering construction and demolition debris for subsequent re-use shall not be charged a host fee on the tonnage of C&D debris brought to the site that is subsequently disposed of as waste material outside of Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Solid waste host fee

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; would exempt non-recyclable C&D debris from the \$7.16 per ton host fee if disposed of outside the county.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-0693

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

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2015

Type of Action: Amending *Ordinance Code* Chapter 518

Bill Summary: This bill amends Chapter 518 (Jacksonville Property Safety and Maintenance Code), *Ordinance Code*:

- Section 518.111 (Definitions), to provide a new definition for “debris,” “tarpaulin” and “trash”;
- Section 518.135 (Vacating of declared building), to require unsafe structures to be vacated within such reasonable time as determined by the Chief of the Municipal Code Compliance Division;
- Section 518.141 (Unlawful to refuse or restrict lawful entry), to prohibit interference with authorized access to perform lawful actions and assign a penalty for violating same;
- Section 518.202 (Conditions prohibited and declared public nuisances; penalty), to add a new subsection regarding nuisance conditions relating to obstructive growth, dead trees and dead tree limbs and branches and bushes, shrubbery or other overgrowth on vacant buildings and structures;
- Section 518.304 (Abatement by City), to limit repairs by the City to minor repair or other minor work;
- Section 518.403 (Compliance standards/permitted repairs), to authorize limited use of tarpaulins or other similar temporary coverings for temporary weatherization of an unstable structure; and
- Section 518.419 (Foundation, walls and roof), to authorize limited use of tarpaulins and to declare the presence of a roof tarpaulin to be a rebuttable presumption of an unsound or unstable roof condition

Background Information: Regulatory Compliance Department’s Municipal Code Compliance Division initiated the revision of Chapter 518 in order to add clarity to several definitions of existing terms; ensure property maintenance of certain conditions to vacant structures to discourage vagrancy; and establish standards for utilization of tarpaulins (“tarps”).

Policy Impact Area: Regulatory Compliance Department, Municipal Code Compliance Division, Public Works Department, Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-694

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$7,500 in funding from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for the care of animals in the City of Jacksonville, as initiated by B.T. 15-107; it provides for a carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Background Information: The grant is a reimbursement for the expenses incurred by the City's Animal Care & Protective Services for a 2014 hoarders' confiscation of 61 sick dogs and cats from a Murray Hill property. There were 50 dogs and 11 cats that required medical attention. All of the animals had to be heartworm tested and vaccinated; some required surgery.

Policy Impact: Animal Care & Protective Services/Regulatory Compliance Department

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$7,500.00

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-695

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2015

Type of Action: Agreement Amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for an on behalf of the City, the First Amendment to Parking Rights Agreement between the City and the Jesse Ball DuPont Fund for parking for the former Haydon Burns Library Building.

Background Information: Under the terms of the Parking Rights Agreement between the City and the Jesse Ball DuPont Fund approved by Ordinance 2014-437-E, the City provides parking for up to 200 vehicles at the Yates Building Parking Garage for a token payment of \$1 per year. The amended Agreement will provide an additional 50 spaces and extend the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2020. The additional spaces will accommodate new tenants in the former Haydon Burns Library building such as YMCA United Way, Leadership Jacksonville, Hands On Jax, and the Speech/Hearing Clinic. Under the amended Agreement, the total value of services is \$840,000.00 (\$600,000 for the original 200 spaces for the original term, \$90,000.00 for the original 200 spaces for the nine month extension to December 31, 2020, and \$150,000 for the additional 50 spaces for the period from January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2020.

Policy Impact: Office of Economic Development

Fiscal Impact: The City is providing additional parking spaces valued at \$150,000 for a token \$1 per year payment.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-697

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gulliford

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: Council Rules amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Council Rule Chapter 4 – Procedures – to prohibit council members from replying to any text message from a lobbyist, union member or representative, or City administration employee received during any full City Council meeting. Any council member receiving a text during a full Council meeting from a lobbyist, union member or representative, or City administration employee regarding any item on the agenda for that meeting is required to disclose the receipt of the text prior to voting on the item to which the text pertains, and must file the contents of the text with the Legislative Services Division within 48 hours after the council meeting during which the text was received.

Background Information: Florida's Government in the Sunshine Act regulates the conduct of public business by two or more members of any collegial body and requires that any substantive communication between board members on an item that already is or could foreseeably come before the body for action must be done in a properly noticed meeting open to the public and for which minutes are produced. The law also prohibits the use of third parties as conduits or intermediaries to convey information from one member to another outside of the sunshine in violation of the law. This bill is intended to prevent the occurrence of communication among council members via third parties by means of text messages in violation of the spirit of the Sunshine Law and to disclose the contents of texts received by council members from interested parties during meetings at which items are being debated and voted upon.

Policy Impact Area: Government in the Sunshine adherence

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2015

Type of Action: Agreement Authorization

Bill Summary: The ordinance supersedes Ordinance 2011-430-E; it approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute from time to time a new standard agreement for construction and maintenance of improvements with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction and maintenance on FDOT rights-of-way with no further action by City Council required; it provides for oversight by the Department of Public Works.

Background Information: This legislation authorizes the Mayor to execute a new form agreement with FDOT which will allow the City to construct and maintain landscaping and other amenities of FDOT right-of-way that vary from the standard roadway improvements constructed by FDOT. Ordinance 2011-430-E authorized the current standard agreement. The current standard form agreement has been revised for the purposes of clarifying the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Mowing & Landscape Maintenance Division

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-700

Sponsor: Council Member Love:

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation; Agreement Authorization; CIP Amendment; Designation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$100,000 from District Council Bond funds for the installation of a dog park at Riverside Park, located at 753 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204, in Council District 14; it approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc. for the installation of a dog park at Riverside Park; it provides oversight by the Department of Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Community Services; it amends the 2016-2020 five-year Capital Improvement Program, approved by Ordinance 2015-505-E, to increase funding for the project entitled "Riverside Park – Dog Park"; provides a carryover of funds into subsequent fiscal years; it names the portion of Riverside Park with the dog park the "John Gorrie Dog Park."

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to provide funding for the site preparation/demolition, earthwork/grading/utilities, decomposed granite surface and one (1) light pole for a dog park at Riverside Park. Born in Nevis, Leeward Islands, West Indies in 1803, John Gorrie was spent his childhood in South Carolina; he received his medical education in Western New York. He moved to Apalachicola, Florida in 1833 where he was resident physician at two hospitals. A junior high school erected in the Riverside-Avondale area of Jacksonville in 1923 was named John Gorrie Junior High School. The structure has been converted into condominiums. John Gorrie is considered the father of air conditioning.

Policy Impact: Departments of Works and Parks, Recreation & Community Service/Riverside Avondale Preservation, Inc.

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$100,000

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-702

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Schellenberg

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: City Charter amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends City Charter Article 5 – The Council – to change the current limitation of two consecutive full terms for City Council members to three terms, subject to voter approval of a referendum on the amendment. The Supervisor of Elections is directed to place the referendum on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot on March 15, 2016 and the Council Auditor is directed to convene a referendum financial impact estimate committee as provided by the Charter upon passage of the ordinance.

Background Information: The Task Force on Consolidated Government in its report *Blueprint for Improvement II* issued in 2014 recommended that the term limit on council members be extended from 2 to 3 consecutive full 4-years terms in order to better utilize the hard-won institutional knowledge developed by council members over the course of their terms and to allow continuity in the execution of important long-term policies. The Task Force heard numerous arguments on both sides of the term limit issue and arrived at the 3-term limit suggestion as a compromise between the advocates of retaining the 2-term limit and the proponent of unlimited terms. There was general consensus among the group that it usually takes at least a year or two for new council members to fully grasp the complexities of city governance and to learn how to become effective council members able to make the machinery of government serve the needs of their constituents.

Policy Impact Area: Term limits

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-703

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Schellenberg

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$64,553 from a Special Council Contingency – Non-collective Bargaining Salary Restoration account (\$43,690) and the Council's Operating Contingency fund (\$20,863) to provide funding to make salary restorations/increases for the City Council's executive council assistants to undo the effects of the City's 2% salary reduction of 2010.

Background Information: In 2010 the City imposed a 2% across-the-board salary reduction on all non-collectively bargained City employees and in 2010 and 2011 negotiated similar salary reductions with many of the collective bargaining units. In the FY15-16 budget the Mayor proposed and the City Council approved allocations of \$2.3 million for future collectively bargained pay increases and \$737,000 for restoration of the 2% reductions for non-collectively bargained employees who have not had those reductions restored since 2010. This bill provides funding for restoration of the 2% reduction to two ECAs on the Council staff in 2010 who are still employed with the Council and to provide funds to allow City Council members to increase the salaries of the other ECAs above the 2% reduced pay range cap that has been in effect since 2010.

Policy Impact Area: 2% pay reduction restoration

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$64,553 from a designated salary restoration account and the Council's annual operating contingency account.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-704

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Schellenberg

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation; budget ordinance amendment

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$25,037 from a Special Council Contingency – Non-collective Bargaining Salary Restoration account (\$2,593) and the Council's Operating Contingency fund (\$22,444) to provide funding to make salary restorations/increases for the City Council members to recoup the 2% pay reduction imposed in 2010. The bill also amends the FY15-16 budget bill to attach a Second Revised Attachment B showing the restored council member salaries.

Background Information: In 2010 the City imposed a 2% across-the-board salary reduction on all non-collectively bargained City employees and in 2010 and 2011 approved collective bargaining agreements with similar salary reductions for many of the collective bargaining units. In the FY15-16 budget the Mayor proposed and the City Council approved allocations of \$2.3 million for future collectively bargained pay increases and \$737,000 for restoration of the 2% reductions for non-collectively bargained employees who have not had those reductions restored since 2010. This bill provides funding for restoration of the 2% reduction to two council members still on the Council since 2010 and to provide funds to allow the other City Council members to receive their statutory salaries as provided by the Ordinance Code. The budget bills since 2010 have included a waiver of the Ordinance Code provision establishing council member salaries to allow the members to be paid 2% less than the ordinance requires.

Policy Impact Area: Council member salary restoration

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$25,037 from a designated salary restoration account and the Council's annual operating contingency account.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-705

Sponsor: Council Member Boyer:

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2015

Type of Action: Resolution of Support

Bill Summary: The resolution is in support of the installation of two (2) hour parking signs by the Florida Department of Transportation at certain locations on the southwest side of Beach Boulevard, between Walton Street and Palmer Terrace.

Background Information: In the construction of the I-95 Overland Bridge Replacement Project, FDOT removed several two (2) hour parking signs in the St. Nicholas area, particularly around the southwest side of Beach Boulevard between Walton Street and Palmer Terrace. Merchants and business in that area have requested that FDOT either install or replace two (2) hour parking signs. Council Member Boyer met with local merchants in the St. Nicholas area on September 10, 2015; with the exception of one owner and the tenant of that building, all of the local merchants are supportive of the request to FDOT to either replace or install the two (2) hour parking signs.

Policy Impact: Parking Signs/St. Nicholas/Florida Department of Transportation

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-0713

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

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Delores Kesler, as a member of the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) Board, replacing Lisa Strange Weatherby for an unexpired term ending February 28, 2016, followed by a first full term to expire February 28, 2020.

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. JEA is created for the express purposes 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), Municipal Charter, provides that the seven members of the JEA Board are to be city residents and electors appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Ms. Kesler is the Chairman & CEO of Adium, LLC. She is a veteran entrepreneur and founded Associated Temporary Staffing, a company that eventually became MPS Group Inc. and then sold to Adecco Group. Ms. Kesler resides in Duval County and has been a registered voter since 1991.

Policy Impact Area: JEA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-0714

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

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Petway, III as a member of the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) Board, replacing Peter E. Bower for a first full term to expire February 28, 2020.

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. JEA is created for the express purposes 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), Municipal Charter, provides that the seven members of the JEA Board are to be city residents and electors appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Mr. Petway, III received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida State University School. He received FSU's prestigious Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for his leadership and accomplishments. Mr. Petway, III resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: JEA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-0715

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Kenneth E. Lathrop as the Chief of Information Technology/Chief Information Officer.

Background Information: Ordinance 2006-1194-E, signed by the Mayor on December 14, 2006, established the Information Technology Department. The requirements for this position are a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and five or more years of progressively responsible related experience in information technology, systems, strategic planning and project management or any equivalent combination of education, experience and training that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Mr. Lathrop received a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Arkansas State University and has been employed with the City since 1987. His most recent position was Assistant Information Technologies Officer (Technology Infrastructure Manager) since 2012. Mr. Lathrop resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Information Technology Department operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Employee Services, the salary range for the position is \$101,751 to \$166,125 annually.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-0716

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Craig Thompson as Director of Intra-Governmental Services.

Background Information: Section 23.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Director shall have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university and at least five years of experience in an administrative or executive position with a business, corporation, or governmental body or have a law degree or other commensurate training and experience.

Mr. Thompson received a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in finance from Florida State University. He was previously employed with Baker County Board of County Commissioners as the County Manager since 2010. He resides in Baker County.

Policy Impact Area: Intra-Governmental Services

Fiscal Impact: According to Employee Services, the salary range for this position is \$101,751 to \$166,125.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-0717

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Twane L. Duckworth as the City's Risk Manager.

Background Information: Section 24.402, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Risk Manager shall have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in business, insurance, and/or risk management or a law degree and at least five years' experience in insurance and risk management activities, including workers compensation, automobile and general liability matters, at a professional level.

Mr. Duckworth received a law degree from Georgetown University. His employment with the City of Jacksonville began in 2009 as an Assistant General Counsel. In 2012, he was appointed as the Risk Manager. He was previously employed as an Assistant Attorney General with the *Office of Attorney General* and as a Program Analyst with the *Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs*, both in Washington, D.C. Mr. Duckworth resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Finance Department / Risk Management Division operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Employee Services, the salary range for this position is \$80,774 - \$131,875 annually.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2015-0718

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2015

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Joey Greive, CFA, CFP as the City Treasurer within the Finance Department.

Background Information: Section 24.202, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Treasurer shall have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in finance, accounting, business management or a related subject and shall have substantial experience in the area of public or private financial management.

Mr. Greive received bachelor's degrees in both finance and real estate from Florida State University. His employment with the City began in 2010 as the Chief Investment Officer. In 2012, he was appointed to the City Treasurer. Prior to his employment with the City, Mr. Greive was a Financial/Investment Advisor with *Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.* He resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Finance Department / Treasury Division operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Employee Services, the salary range for this position is \$80,774 - \$131,875 annually.

Analyst: Mitchell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-719

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Crescimbeni

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: R, LUZ

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: Expression of City Council support

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City's support for an application seeking the designation of the Norman Silent Film Studios on Arlington Road as a National Historic Landmark.

Background Information: The Norman Studios (originally Eagle Film City) was constructed in the early 20th century when Jacksonville was known as the "Winter Film Capital of the World" because of the concentration of silent film studios and production companies in the city which turned out over 300 movies before the industry left Jacksonville for Hollywood. The Norman Studios is unique in being one of the few remaining intact silent film studios of that era, and is also unique as a remaining example of a studio that produced "race films" – high quality, non-stereotypical films with full African-American casts depicting black life in positive and heroic ways for the enjoyment of African-American audiences. The application for National Historic Landmark designation will be heard by the National Park Service's National Landmarks Committee on November 16th in Washington D.C.

Policy Impact Area: Historic landmark designation

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2015-720

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Newby

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2015

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2015

Type of Action: Appropriation; designation of oversight agency; reporting requirements; authorizing employee positions

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$266,210.07 in Jacksonville Journey contingency funding to an as-yet undesignated Jacksonville Public Library account to provide funding for the Library Enhancement Access Program (LEAP). It requests that the Mayor designate the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee as the City's oversight agency for the project and authorizes 4 full-time and 1 part-time position and 1,248 part-time hours in the library budget to operate the program. The Jacksonville Public Library is required to report monthly to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee and quarterly to the Finance Committee on the attendance at and effectiveness of LEAP programs.

Background Information: LEAP is a project to provide literacy and education enhancement programs in Health Zone One (urban core), including story times for young children and their parents, pre-GED classes for young adults beyond high school age, and digital literacy technology classes for teens and young adults. It is intended to help address the urban core's literacy issues, improve academic performance and GED completion and thereby help to reduce crime. Programs will be conducted in 6 libraries in Health Zone 1 – Brentwood, Bradham-Brooks, Brown-Eastside, Dallas Graham and Westbrook branches and the Main Library, along with outreach activities in numerous parks, community centers and PAL facilities. The authorized positions include 1 E-Specialist, 2 literacy program specialists and 1 early childhood specialist, along with a half-time part-time position for a second E-Specialist.

Policy Impact Area: Education assistance and crime prevention

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$266,210.07 in Jacksonville Journey contingency funds.

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