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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-664

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Gulliford, Bishop and Yarborough

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends the Ordinance Code by creating a new Chapter 14 – Office of Legislative Counsel to provide for the City Council to hire legal counsel to support its legislative needs. The office may be staffed by attorneys working for the City on a full-time or part-time basis or by private attorneys working for the Council pursuant to engagement agreements. The bill sets out 4 “guiding principles” for the relationship between the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Office of General Counsel: 1) traditional legal services and staffing provided to the Council by the OGC shall continue; 2) the two offices shall, to the maximum extent practicable, cooperate and share legal resources, opinions, research, experts and expertise and maintain open and active lines of communication; 3) the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Council Director/Secretary shall coordinate with the OGC to make available hard copy and electronic research in the most cost effective manner; and 4) nothing in this chapter is intended to limit the General Counsel’s authority to issue binding legal opinions as provided by the City Charter.

Background Information: City Councils have from time to time expressed an interest in utilizing the authorization provided in the Charter for the council to hire its own legislative counsel to provide legal research, advice and legislative support independent of the assistance provided by the Office of General Counsel, particularly in instances where the City Council and a mayoral administration have very differing views on a particular matter. In such instances the Council may desire to independently verify information or legal advice it is given by the OGC to ensure the impartiality of the information or to explore alternatives that may not have been proposed or recommended by the OGC. The Council did create an Office of Legislative Counsel for a brief period in the mid-1980s and hired Jim Robinette as Legislative Counsel; the office was disbanded a year later.

Policy Impact Area: City Council

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-665

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Joost

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 220 – Vehicles for Hire - to add the Sheriff and his designee(s) as enforcement agents for the chapter in addition to the Chief of Public Parking and provides that civil penalties collected shall be used to fund enforcement of the chapter. The bill creates a new Part 5 – Administration; Enforcement – in Chapter 220 setting forth procedures for seizure and impoundment of motor vehicles operated in violation of the chapter; for administrative hearings, citations, appeals and vehicle forfeitures; and for disposition of abandoned vehicles.

Background Information: The bill is being introduced to deal with allegations that companies using Internet services to connect riders with non-taxi vehicles for hire are skirting the City's vehicle-for-hire ordinance. The bill expands enforcement efforts by authorizing the Sheriff's Office to participate in enforcement and authorizes the seizure and impoundment of vehicles suspected of violating the ordinance until an administrative hearing can be convened.

Policy Impact Area: Vehicle-for-hire regulation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; the amendment provides that civil penalties collected from enforcement efforts shall be allocated to funding the enforcement activities.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-666

Sponsor: Council Member Boyer:

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: October 17, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Amendment

Bill Summary: This ordinance amends Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code) *Ordinance Code*; Creating New section 804.406 (Speed Limit Reduction on Local Roads by Petition), *Ordinance Code*, to Provide for a Petition Process for Reduction of Speed Limits on Local Roads.

Background Information: Residents are seeking opportunities to lower speed limits on public residential streets similar to the lower posted speed limits found throughout the City on private streets. As freeways and arterial routes in the City become more congested, motorists often seek alternative routes, utilizing local streets; neighborhoods are impacted with additional traffic. This proposed legislation would enable a neighborhood homeowner's association or group of residents to petition to have the speed limit on a local road within a residence district reduced from 30 miles per hour to a maximum speed limit of 20 or 25 miles per hour on local streets. The petition form would be generated by the Department of Public Works. The process would entail the neighborhood group filing the petition to contact their Council Member; the Council Member would proceed to schedule a public meeting with the Traffic Engineering Division and JFRD to discuss the proposed petition. After the scheduled meeting, the neighborhood group has to circulate the petition to affected property owners (owners of property along the road segment of the local road in question). At least 75% of the property owners of the local road segment impacted must be in accord with the proposed speed limit change. Once the petition process is completed, the Public Works Department will invoice the neighborhood for 50% of the costs for signage and other applicable costs. To complete the process, the City Highway Engineer has to determine if the changes conform with FDOT criteria for speed zoning and are reasonable; the Sheriff's input and approval is required, as well.

Policy Impact: Speed limits on local streets

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-667

Sponsor: Council Member Boyer:

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: October 17, 2014

Type of Action: Ordinance Code Amendment

Bill Summary: This ordinance amends Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), *Ordinance Code*, to create new Sections 804.801 (Jurisdictional Application), 804.802 (Intent), 804.803 (Basic Justification for Marking of a Crosswalk), 804.804 (City Council Request Process) and 804.805 (Funding for Crosswalk Locations), *Ordinance Code*, to provide for a process for requesting a signalized intersection crossing, also known as a crosswalk, at specific intersection locations on local roads; provides for renumbering of existing code provisions; provides for codification instructions.

Background Information: The intent of the ordinance code amendments is to provide a safe pedestrian environment to traverse the City and County roads while providing and encouraging a manner for pedestrians and bicyclists to share the roadways with vehicular traffic. A process is created that enables a City Council Member to request the installation of a marked crosswalk. Upon a review of input from the community, a Council Member can request the Public Works Department to install an un-signalized intersection crossing, also known as a crosswalk, at specific intersection locations on local roads. Legislation to appropriate funding to install a marking device and signage would be required.

Policy Impact: Ordinance Code/Public Works Department

Fiscal Impact: Minimum

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-668

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

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Reappointment confirmation; Ordinance Code waiver; appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill confirms the reappointment of Carla Miller as the City's Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight (ECO) for a term of 3 years ending December 5, 2017 and waives the requirement that the Director of ECO must be a registered Duval County voter. The bill authorizes execution of an employment agreement between the City Ethics Commission and Ms. Miller for the 3-year period and appropriates \$7,500 from retained earnings to provide additional funding for Ms. Miller's salary

Background Information: Carla Miller was appointed the City's Ethics Officer in December 2011 and was confirmed by Council as the first Director of ECO in March 2012. Ms. Miller, a resident of St. Johns County, serves on a part-time basis at an hourly rate of \$85, with a total annual salary cap of \$75,000. The employment agreement provides that she shall not work more than 25 hours per week without advance approval of the Chair of the Ethics Commission and that no work week shall exceed 40 hours. The position is not entitled to pension or insurance benefits.

Policy Impact Area: Ethics, Compliance and Oversight Office operations

Fiscal Impact: The employment agreement provides for an hourly rate of \$85, with a total annual salary cap of \$75,000

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-669

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

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$46,410.02 in federal Housing for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds to River Region Human Services, Inc. for mental health and substance abuse counseling services to persons with HIV/AIDS and to pay a portion of the salaries of River Region personnel. The bill authorizes funds to be carried-over to future fiscal years until fully expended and authorizes the Mayor to execute grant documents.

Background Information: The appropriation reallocates grant funds from FY12-13 originally directed to projects that have since been completed leaving a remaining fund balance. This bill appropriates those unused funds for similar purposes.

Policy Impact Area: Services to persons with HIV/AIDS

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$46,410.02 in fund balance from completed grant projects to similar authorized uses.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-670

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

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$135,878.28 in federal HEARTH-Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) grant funds to the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless for housing and case management services for the homeless and shelter operational costs, including salaries. The bill authorizes funds to be carried-over to future fiscal years until fully expended and authorizes the Mayor to execute grant documents.

Background Information: The appropriation reallocates grant funds from FY12-13 originally directed to projects that have since been completed leaving a remaining fund balance. This bill appropriates those unused funds for similar purposes.

Policy Impact Area: Services to the homeless

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$135,878.28 in fund balance from completed grant projects to similar authorized uses.

Analyst: Clements

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Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization; authorizing employee positions

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$5,474,285 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant funds to provide community building services to targeted neighborhoods and to fund the administrative costs of the Housing and Community Development Division of the Planning and Development Department. The bill authorizes funds to be carried-over to future fiscal years until fully expended and authorizes the Mayor to execute grant documents. It authorizes 23 employee positions and 10,024 part-time hours to be funded in whole or in part with CDBG funds.

Background Information: \$1,118,859 of the City's annual CDBG allocation will be used for administrative and support costs; \$353,008 will be allocated to project-related delivery costs; \$655,386 will be used for public service grants to 17 not-for-profit agencies ranging from the Clara White Mission and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid to The Bridge of Northeast Florida and Pine Castle, and to the cities of Neptune Beach and Jacksonville Beach; \$1,993,017 will be allocated to capital improvements by the City and several private organizations (Daniel Memorial, Clara White Mission, Operation New Hope); \$82,194 will be allocated to the City of Atlantic Beach for a park project; \$43,225 will be allocated to the Northside Small Business Center via the Jacksonville Chamber Foundation; \$150,000 will be allocated to demolition and clearance of abandoned structures; and \$1,078,596 will be allocated to housing-related activities (utility tap-in program, Oaks at Durkeeville, and housing rehabilitation).

Policy Impact Area: Annual CDBG allocation

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$5,474,285 to a variety of authorized uses.

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Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$4,015,023 in State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) grant funds to several affordable housing programs and to the administrative costs of operating the City's affordable housing program. The bill authorizes funds to be carried-over to future fiscal years until fully expended and authorizes the Mayor to execute grant documents.

Background Information: The appropriation allocates the City's annual SHIP allocation as follows: \$401,502 to administrative costs (salary and benefits, insurance, travel, training, supplies, etc.); \$2,205,516 to home rehabilitation forgivable loans; \$105,000 to homebuyer counseling; \$500,000 to forgivable loans for downpayment assistance; and \$803,005 to forgivable loans for housing rehab for persons with disabilities.

Policy Impact Area: Affordable housing programs

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$4,015,023 in State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) grant funds

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Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization; position authorization

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$2,303,001 in federal Housing Opportunities For Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds to 5 not-for-profit agencies operating 6 programs offering housing assistance services to persons with HIV/AIDS and to the administrative costs of the program. The bill authorizes funds to be carried-over to future fiscal years until fully expended and authorizes the Mayor to execute grant documents. It authorizes 1 grant-funded position to manage the program.

Background Information: The appropriation allocates the City's annual HOPWA funding as follows: \$69,090 for salary and administrative costs; \$930,000 to Catholic Charities for short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance; \$65,969 to Gateway Community Services for housing referral services; \$132,271 to Lutheran Social Services for the AIDS Care and Education (ACE) housing program; \$646,643 to the Northeast Florida AIDS Network for short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance; \$202,296 to Northeast Florida AIDS Network for permanent housing placement assistance; and \$252,741 to River Region Human Services for housing with comprehensive support.

Policy Impact Area: Housing programs for persons with HIV/AIDS

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$2,303,001 in federal Housing Opportunities For Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-674

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

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization; position authorization

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$2,256,024 in state Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grant funds to various affordable housing programs and to program administration. The bill authorizes funds to be carried-over to future fiscal years until fully expended and authorizes the Mayor to execute grant documents. It authorizes 3 grant-funded positions to manage the program.

Background Information: The appropriation allocates the City's annual HOME funding as follows: \$225,602 for program administration (salaries, benefits, supplies, etc.); \$1,000,000 to the HAND targeted area program; \$50,000 to Operation New Hope; \$401,204.80 to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHODOs) for their affordable housing programs; and \$579,217.20 for the Head Start to Homeownership (H2H) program.

Policy Impact Area: Affordable housing programs

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$2,256,024 in state Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grant funds

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-675

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 17, 2014

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This ordinance concerns a continuation grant; it appropriates \$461,109 in Federal Emergency Solutions Grants Program (HEARTH-ESG) funding for administrative costs, data collection and analysis, housing assistance, and related supportive services within Duval County, as initiated by B.t. 15-005; it provides for a carryover of funds from year to year until such funds are expended or lapse according to the originating state or federal program grant; it provides for the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver documents to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.

Background Information: The Federal Emergency Solutions Grants Program is administered pursuant to 24 CFR (Code Federal Regulations) § 576, Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (2010). The fund will assist the following agencies in Northeast Florida: Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition, I.M. Sulzbacher Center and the Salvation Army.

Policy Impact: Homeless

Fiscal Impact: The Ordinance appropriates \$461,109.00 in federal grant funds; no local match is required.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-676

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; F

Date of Analysis: October 17, 2014

Type of Action: Maintenance Agreement Authorization & Approval

Bill Summary: This ordinance approves authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") for the installation by FDOT, at no cost to the City, of the Duval County School Zone-Crystal Springs Elementary School variable message signs on Crystal Springs Road just west of Hammond Boulevard.

Background Information: The Crystal Springs Elementary School is located in Council District 12. Upon completion of the project, the City shall own, operate and maintain, and repair the improvements at its sole cost and expense.

Policy Impact: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined (Installation of message signs at the expense of FDOT; subsequent maintenance and repair work at City's expense).

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-677

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Crescimbeni and Yarborough

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCDPHS

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Authorization to execute lease and management agreement amendments; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill approves a Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Golf Course Lease and Management Agreement between the City and Comstock Golf Management for the company to operate the Blue Cypress Golf Course in Arlington to waive payment of certain revenues for two years. The bill designates the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services as the City's oversight agency for the contract.

Background Information: Comstock Golf leased a portion of the site of the former Blue Cypress Golf Club on University Boulevard North when the City constructed a new park on the closed course and constructed a new 9-hole golf course on the site. The original lease term was for 20 years with two 10-year renewal options. Comstock has been struggling to make the golf course a going concern in recent years and the City has previously amended the lease to make the financial terms more achievable for the company. Comstock was unable to make its gross revenue percentage payments for 2012/13 and 2013/14. This Second Amendment releases Comstock Golf from its obligation to pay the City 2% of its gross revenue (as defined) from operations from June 2012 through May 2013 and 3% of gross revenue from June 2013 through May 2014. The original terms provide that Comstock is still obligated to pay the City 4% of gross revenue for operations from June 2014 through May 2015 and 5% on gross revenue from June 2015 through May 2016 and for each year thereafter through the completion of the lease term.

Policy Impact Area: Golf course lease agreement

Fiscal Impact: Comstock's gross revenues percentage payment due for FY12-13 was \$7,610.94 and for FY13-14 was \$11,624.07.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-681

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Brown

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Clarification to prior ordinance

Bill Summary: The bill clarifies the intent of previous Ordinance 2014-151-E authorizing a straw ballot referendum on the question of whether the City should institute a county residency requirement for employees to make clear that such a residency requirement would apply to employees hired on or after January 1, 2016, not to current employees.

Background Information: The City Council previously approved Ordinance 2014-151-E which directs the Supervisor of Elections to place a straw ballot referendum on the March 24, 2015 City election ballot asking whether the voters approve of establishing a residency requirement for employees and appointees of the City, its independent agencies (excluding the Duval County School Board) and constitutional officers. The wording of the previous ordinance did not make clear that the Council intended the prospective residency requirement, if implemented, to apply only to employees hired on or after January 1, 2016 and not to current employees and appointees. This bill clarifies that Council's intent with regard to the straw ballot wording.

Policy Impact Area: Employee residency requirement

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-682

Sponsor: Council President Yarborough

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 10, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment; Code Waiver

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Jodi L. Chambers-Wilson, to the Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board, replacing Cheryl Taylor as a representative of the regional workforce board, for a term ending December 31, 2017. Section 50.102, *Ordinance Code*, requiring board members to be residents of Duval County, is waived.

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 290.0056(2), *Florida Statutes*, provides that one of the members shall be a representative from the regional workforce board.

Ms. Chambers-Wilson is a Business Consultant with *CareerSource of Northeast Florida*, the regional state employment agency. She resides in Clay County and works in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board Operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-683

Sponsor: Council Member Love:

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 17, 2014

Type of Action: Expression of Support

Bill Summary: This resolution expresses the Council's support for Local Bill J-2, to be considered by the Duval County Legislative Delegation for the 2015 Legislative Session, which would amend Chapter 2014-70, Laws of Florida; it provides for an exemption to Section 327.37(6), Florida Statutes, for kite surfing or kite boarding activities in Huguenot Memorial Park in the City of Jacksonville.

Background Information: In Spring 2014, Senate Bill 320 was introduced in the Florida Senate; the bill would regulate and restrict kite surfing. The bill was subsequently enacted and signed into law by the Governor. The bill (effective October 1st) restricts kite surfing at Huguenot Park because of the park's close proximity to an air strip at Naval Station Mayport. Naval Station Mayport spokesperson indicated that the Navy has no problem with kite surfing or kite boarding at Huguenot Park. This proposed J-Bill would exempt Huguenot Park from the restrictions and penalties that are in the White-Miskill Act.

Policy Impact: Legislature/Huguenot Park

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-684

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gulliford

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Expression of support for legislative bill J-3

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City Council's support of proposed local legislative bill J-3 which would amend Section 17.04 of the City Charter to clarify the Civil Service Board's authority, as a quasi-judicial body, to hear appeals, grievances and complaints regarding grievable Civil Service and personnel rules and regulations authorized by ordinance or by the Charter.

Background Information: The J-bill would amend City Charter Article 17 – Civil Service – to clarify that the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Board extends to persons covered by civil service rules and regulations who initiate a grievance alleging violations of grievable civil service rules and regulations authorized by ordinance or Charter, not to all employees or prospective employees alleging violation of any term or provision of the City's employment, hiring, promotion or disciplinary regulations.

Policy Impact Area: Civil Service Board jurisdiction

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-685

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Nelson D. Caparas as the Chief of Traffic Engineering (City Traffic Engineer) within the Public Works Department.

Background Information: Section 32.902, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Chief shall be a registered professional engineer and shall have at least five years' traffic engineering experience in a responsible capacity.

Mr. Caparas received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Kansas State University and is Professional Engineer registered in New Jersey and Missouri. He was a Project Manager with *Jacobs Engineering Group* (Sept. 2003 to Aug. 2014). Mr. Caparas resides in Flagler County.

Policy Impact Area: Public Works Department / Traffic Engineering Division operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Employee Services, the salary range for this position is \$74,790 - \$120,107 annually.

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-686

Sponsor: Council President Yarborough

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2014

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Harold D. Briscoe, Jr. to the Public Service Grant Council, in a seat established via Ordinance 2013-116-E, for a first term ending December 31, 2016.

Background Information: The Public Service Grant Council is established pursuant to Chapter 118, *Ordinance Code*, and charged with the review and evaluation of all Public Service Grant applications and responsibility for making funding recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for Public Service Grants. Ordinance 2013-116-E, enacted March 12, 2013, increased the membership of the Public Service Grant Council from seven to thirteen voting members, including three additional members appointed by the City Council President and confirmed by the City Council.

Mr. Briscoe received master's degrees in theological studies and in public service and administration. He is an Adjunct Professor with the *University of North Florida* and a Pastor with *Southpoint Community Church*. He resides Council District #3.

Policy Impact Area: Public Service Grant Council operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Merritt

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2014-689

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

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2014

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

Date of Analysis: October 16, 2014

Type of Action: Authorization of application for Florida Sports Development Program incentive fund application; requesting one cycle emergency

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes and supports an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a Florida Sports Development Program sales tax rebate incentive as a result of qualifying improvements made to EverBank Field. The bill requests emergency approval of the bill on one cycle in order to meet a November 1 application deadline for the incentive.

Background Information: In the 2014 legislative session the Florida Legislature passed a law providing for state financial assistance in the form of a sales tax rebate to local governments that construct, reconstruct, renovate or improve facilities (stadiums, arenas, racetracks, etc.) that host professional sports franchises or "signature events". The assistance is provided via a competitive application process to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and must ultimately be approved by the Florida Legislature. The assistance takes the form of a rebate of 75% of the new sales taxes generated by events held at the new or renovated facility, with an annual cap based on the cost of the construction or improvement project. The Jacksonville Jaguars intend to apply to an incentive based on the recent and upcoming improvements to EverBank Field. The deadline for applying for assistance to be considered by the FDOE and the 2015 Florida Legislature is November 1, 2014.

Policy Impact Area: Financial assistance for stadium improvement costs

Fiscal Impact: Based on a project cost of at least \$100 million, the maximum assistance would be \$2 million per year if approved by the Florida Legislature.

Analyst: Clements