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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-983

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F, PHS

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 120 – General Employees and Corrections Officers Retirement Plan – to reduce the time service requirement for retirement of corrections officers without incurring an age penalty for retirement before age 55 from 25 years of service to 20 years. The bill also reduces the waiting time for a corrections retiree to begin receiving an annual cost-of-living increase from the current 2 years to 1 year from the date of retirement, effective December 1 of that year.

NOTE: Sec. 106.108 of the Ordinance Code – Future Pension Benefits and Pension Funding – provides that pension plan enhancements may only be approved if the pension plan is at least 90% actuarially funded at the time the enhancement is approved, and a 90% actuarial funding rate of the plan shall be a prerequisite to the filing of any legislation that would authorize such an enhancement. Any exceptions to the provisions of this section may only be approved by the Council after a public hearing and a 2/3 majority vote.

Background Information: This bill is the third annual installment of a series of corrections officer pension enhancements agreed to by the City and the Fraternal Order of Police in contract negotiations in 2006. The contract agreed to in 2006 established pay raises for 3 fiscal years and obligated the Mayor to introduce and the City Council to consider revisions and enhancements to the correctional officers' pension, which is a portion of the General Employees Pension Plan. The General Employees Pension Plan was nearly 90% funded at the end of the fiscal year in September 2007, but the subsequent steep stock market decline has taken the actual funding percentage well under 90% at the present time.

Policy Impact Area: Correctional officer pension

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-990

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

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

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation/Waiver

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$5,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to allow up to 10 members of the Environmental Quality Division staff and personnel from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to receive on-site training and certification in noise measurement procedures from a trainer brought to Jacksonville from Rutgers University. The provisions of sections 111.755 and 360.602, Ordinance Code, concerning the Environmental Protection Fund and its uses, are waived to authorize the Environmental Protection Board to utilize funds generated from environmental fines to pay for said training.

Background Information: Information on file states that noise complaints are the number one source of citizen complaints received by Environmental Quality Division staff. It is also stated that bringing the trainer to Jacksonville, rather than sending 2 or 3 staff members to Rutgers University for training, will be most cost effective. In previous years, staff has been sent to Rutgers for training and certification.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental Quality; Noise; Office of the Sheriff

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$5,000 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-991

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; PHS

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$89,995 (a \$68,152 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and \$21,843 from the Reserve for Federal Programs) to provide funding for the Fire and Rescue Dept. to retrofit 9 fire stations with aluminum storm panels and window systems. Authorization is given for the Mayor, or designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute agreements and take necessary action to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

Background Information: The retrofitting is being done to reduce the vulnerability of the fire stations to property losses caused by high winds and rain.

Policy Impact Area: Fire and Rescue; Emergency Management

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$89,995 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-992

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCD

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$67,200 to transfer revenues collected on behalf of the Duval County School Board as part of the Education Mitigation-Educational Assessment Fee for the Bartram Park Development of Regional Impact. Provision is made for the carryover of appropriated funds from year to year.

Background Information: The funds were originally deposited into the Concurrency Management System operating account, and subsequently transferred to Fund Balance at the end of the fiscal year, to provide funding to the Duval County School Board for use on capital expenditures for schools serving Bartram Park residents, pursuant to Ordinance 2000-451-E.

Policy Impact Area: School System; Concurrency; Developments of Regional Impact

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$67,200 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCD

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$87,500 from a Special Council Contingency-Bob Hayes account to provide funding for the Bob Hayes Track Meet for fiscal year 2009. It is required that the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission oversee the project.

Background Information: Information on file states that funding was included in the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, but was placed below the line until certain previous obligations were fulfilled by Bob Hayes Track Meet. The organization has now satisfied its obligations and has been removed from the noncompliance list.

Policy Impact Area: Budget and Accounting; Special Council Contingency

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$87,500 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-994

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; PHS

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$8,746 from fiscal year 2008 public service grant recipient residual funds to fund the Cold Night Shelter operated by Presbyterian Social Ministries, Inc. Authorization is given for the Mayor, or designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute the 2008-2009 Public Service Grant Agreement and take further action to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance. It is required that the Dept. of Recreation and Community Services oversee the project, and it is further required that the recipient file a report with the Council Auditor by November 15, 2009.

Background Information: The Public Service Grant Council did not include this grant in fiscal year 2009 funding due to a clerical error.

Policy Impact Area: Public Service Grants; Community Services

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$8,746 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-995

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor and by Council Members Clark, Joost, and Redman

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$425,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund to provide supplemental funding for trees, grass, irrigation systems, and other improvements to Laura Street and Bay Street. Provision is made for the carryover of appropriated funds into the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Background Information: Of the total appropriated amount, \$300,000 is for the Laura Street project and \$125,000 is for the Bay Street project. These funds will supplement capital funds being utilized for other improvements to Laura Street and Bay Street.

Policy Impact Area: Landscaping and Tree Protection

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; \$425,000 is appropriated by this ordinance

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-996

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Property Purchase Authorization

Bill Summary: This bill approves the purchase of certain real property from Florida Land and Timber Corporation and Ro-Dale Investment, LLC. The Mayor, or designee, and Corporation Secretary are authorized to execute closing documents and take necessary action to effectuate said purchase in accordance with the terms of an Option to Purchase. No further Council action is required, provided that all documents shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or designee, and all other appropriate official action required by law.

Background Information: Two parcels are being purchased for use as a pond site in connection with the Paul Avenue Pond construction project. The property is being purchased for \$850,000 plus closing costs.

Policy Impact Area: Real Estate; Streets and Drainage

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined; the property is being purchased for \$850,000 plus closing costs

Analyst: Campbell

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-997

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Authorization for Conveyance Acceptance

Bill Summary: This ordinance accepts and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute all documents related to the acceptance of a portion of the Girvin Road right-of-way at the intersection of Girvin Road and Wonderwood Drive to be conveyed by the Florida Department of Transportation to the City of Jacksonville.

Background: This legislation accepts the conveyance of a right-of-way to the City from FDOT. The right-of-way is part of the new Girvin Road intersection at Wonderwood Drive. The project site is located in Council District 3.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-998

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Road Closure

Bill Summary: This ordinance closes and abandons an excess portion of Soutel Drive right-of-way created by the realignment of Soutel Drive. The legislation declares the abandoned right-of-way to be surplus to the needs of the City and authorizes its sale to Soutel Drive Properties, LLC, the lone abutting property owner, for the appraised value of \$17,500. The Mayor and Corporation Secretary are authorized to execute any and all documents associated with the sale.

Background: The excess portion of Soutel Drive R/W abandoned and sold by this legislation is located in Council District 10. The Real Estate Officer (Public Works) has determined that no "need" exists for the property/right-of-way.

Policy Impact: Public Works/Real Estate

Fiscal Impact: This bill authorizes the sale of a right-of-way declared abandoned and closed for the appraised value of \$17,500.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-999

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Sheriff's appointment of Maxine L. Person as Chief of Budget and Management, within the Sheriff's Office, effective December 20, 2008.

Background Information: Section 37.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that Division Chiefs in the Sheriff's Office shall have a college degree or at least five years' training and experience.

Ms. Person received a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in accounting both from the University of North Florida and is a Certified Public Accountant. She has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 2003, working her way up from Internal Auditor to Principal Auditor, a position she has held since 2004.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Human Resources, the salary range for this position is \$82,422 - \$131,875 annually.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1000

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Sheriff's appointment of Carol J. Hladki as Director of Police Services, within the Sheriff's Office, effective December 20, 2008.

Background Information: Section 37.106(b), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Director of Police Services shall have a college degree or at least five years' experience and commensurate training.

Chief Hladki received a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. She has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 1985, working her way up from Correctional Officer to Assistant Chief in 1995, a position she held until her appointment as Chief of Support Services in 2001.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Human Resources, the salary range for this position is \$96,137 - \$153,819 annually.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1001

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Sheriff's appointment of Gregory C. Burton as Chief of Support Services, within the Sheriff's Office, effective December 20, 2008.

Background Information: Section 37.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that Division Chiefs in the Sheriff's Office shall have a college degree or at least five years' training and experience.

Asst. Chief Burton received a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Edward Waters College. He has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 1994, working his way up from Police Officer to Police Lieutenant in 2005, a position he held until his appointment as Assistant Chief.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Human Resources, the salary range for this position is \$82,422 - \$131,875 annually.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1003

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Isabelle C. Lopez as a member of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, filling the slot formerly held by Rashad Shahid, for a first full three-year term ending December 31, 2011.

Background Information: Section 60.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the 20 members of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Council and shall reside or be employed in the City for their entire term. Ms. Lopez received a law degree from the University Florida and is a Senior Attorney with *Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.* in Jacksonville. She resides in St. Johns County.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Human Rights Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1004

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Edythe M. Abdullah to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full four-year term ending December 31, 2012.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Dr. Abdullah received a law degree from the University of Florida and is the Downtown Campus President at *Florida Community College at Jacksonville*. She currently serves on the Duval Job Opportunity Board and has previously served on the Construction Trades Qualifying Board, Water & Sewer Infrastructure Task Force and the Jacksonville Housing Commission. Dr. Abdullah resides in the Oceanway area within Council District #11.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1005

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Jeff Chartrand to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full two-year term ending December 31, 2010.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Mr. Chartrand is a graduate of New York University and the Executive Director of *The Chartrand Foundation*. He serves on the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Children's Zone Committee. Mr. Chartrand resides in the Avondale area within Council District #14.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1006

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Terrance E. Freeman to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full three-year term ending December 31, 2011.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Mr. Freeman received a master's degree in exercise science and health promotions from the California University of Pennsylvania and is Principal of *Eagle's View Academy*. He resides in the Arlington Hills area within Council District #1.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1007

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of William "WC" Gentry to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full three-year term ending December 31, 2011.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Mr. Gentry received a law degree from the University of Florida and was recently elected to the Duval County School Board. He was a member of the Jacksonville Journey Steering Committee, currently serves on the Early Learning Coalition of Duval and previously served on the Jacksonville Ethics Commission. Mr. Gentry resides in Council District #5.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1008

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Charles L. Griggs to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full three-year term ending December 31, 2011.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Mr. Griggs is the Communications Director for the *Duval County Health Department*. He served on the Jacksonville Journey Neighborhood Safety and Stability Subcommittee and previously served on the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission and the Art in Public Places Commission. Mr. Griggs resides in the Biscayne Terrace area within Council District #8.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1009

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Curtis L. Hart to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full two-year term ending December 31, 2010.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Mr. Hart received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Florida and is Vice President of *The Collins Group, Inc.* He has previously served on the Jacksonville Planning Commission and the Stormwater Advisory Committee. Mr. Hart resides in the Hogan area within Council District #4.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1010

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Betty S. Holzendorf to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full four-year term ending December 31, 2012.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Sen. Holzendorf received a master's degree in education administration from the University of North Florida and a master's degree in bio-chemistry from Atlanta University. She served as Co-Chair of the Jacksonville Journey Steering Committee and currently serves on the Jacksonville Children's Commission. She is a former State Senator and State Representative and has previously served on the Jacksonville Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Sen. Holzendorf resides in the Edgewood Manor area within Council District #10.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1011

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Paul I. Perez as Chair of the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full two-year term ending December 31, 2010.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members, including the Chair, to be appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Mr. Perez received a law degree from George Washington University and a master's degree in Latin American studies from the University of Florida. He is the Chief Compliance Officer with *Fidelity National Financial* and served on the Jacksonville Journey Steering Committee. Mr. Perez resides Atlantic Beach within Council District #13.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1012

Sponsor: Council President Fussell and at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's and Mayor's joint appointment of Susie Wiles to the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee, for a first full four-year term ending December 31, 2012.

Background Information: Ordinance 2008-555-E established the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee with nine members appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor. Ms. Wiles served as a senior staff member with Mayors Peyton, Delaney and Austin and is an active member of the board of St. Johns Forever, Jacksonville Woman's Network and Fresh Ministries. She resides in St. Johns County.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1013

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCD

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This ordinance appropriates \$757,140.94 in prior year HOME Development Funds to a Home Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program in order to assist Duval County households in obtaining affordable rental housing, as initiated by B.T. 09-025; providing a carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2009-2010; authorizing the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver documents and take further action to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

Background: The Tenant Based Rental Assistance program, authorized by the HOME Investment Partnership Program will target households with annual gross income of between 30% and 50% of median income for the Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area that are at risk of homelessness due to temporary economic hardship. The program will be administered through a contract with the Jacksonville Housing Authority. HOME funding is from the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development.

Policy Impact: Housing & Neighborhoods Department/Housing Services Division/HOME Program

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance appropriates \$757,140.94

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1014

Sponsor: RCD Committee

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Approval of historic preservation ad valorem tax exemption

Bill Summary: The bill approves a 10-year historic preservation ad valorem property tax exemption on the value of restoration and renovation of the structure at 2253 Oak Street which is determined to be a contributing structure to the Riverside/Avondale historic district.

Background Information: The structure is a 6-unit apartment building at the corner of Oak and Osceola Streets. The owners have documented renovation and rehabilitation costs of \$350,869, of which at least the lesser of \$2,500 or 15% of the total cost was for qualifying improvements to the building exterior.

Policy Impact Area: Historic preservation tax exemption

Fiscal Impact: The bill exempts the cost of the qualified renovation and rehabilitation from the City's portion of the ad valorem tax levy for a period of 10 years. The owners have documented renovation expenses of \$350,869; the Property Appraiser will determine the final value of the improvements that will be exempt from taxation.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1015

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Wayne E. Johnson, II as a member of the Jacksonville Planning Commission, as a Planning District #1 resident, for a second full three-year term ending October 1, 2011.

Background Information: Sec. 30.201(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Jacksonville Planning Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, and one member shall be a resident of or own a business in the Urban Core Planning District. Mr. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in structural engineering and mechanics of materials from Mississippi State University and is the President of Construction & Development with *SRG Homes & Neighborhoods*. He also serves on the Tower Review Committee and has previously served on the Municipal Code Enforcement Board. Mr. Johnson resides in the Springfield area within Council District #7 (Planning District #1).

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1016

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Meredith W. Hines as a member of the Jacksonville Planning Commission, as a Planning District #4 representative, for a first full three-year term ending October 1, 2011.

Background Information: Sec. 30.201(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Jacksonville Planning Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, with one member appointed from and a resident of each of the six City Planning Districts. Ms. Hines received a bachelor's degree in geography and economic development from Florida State University and is a Project Coordinator with *Kendale Design/Build*. She resides in the Ortega Forest area within Council District #14 (Planning District #4).

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2008-1017

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 7, 2008

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of W. Marc Hardesty as a member of the Jacksonville Planning Commission, as a Planning District #6 representative, for a second three-year term ending October 1, 2011.

Background Information: Sec. 30.201(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Jacksonville Planning Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, with one member appointed from and a resident of each of the six City Planning Districts. Mr. Hardesty received a law degree from Mercer University and is a partner with *Hardesty, Tyde, Green & Ashton, P.A.* He resides in the Little Marsh Hill area within Council District #11 (Planning District #6).

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Welsh

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1018

Sponsor: Council Member Holt

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 111 – Special Revenue and Trust Accounts – to provide that the interest earnings on fair share funds deposited in fair share sector accounts shall automatically accrue to the particular sector accounts that generated the revenue. The bill also distributes \$4,741,276 in accumulated interest earnings to the various sector funds on the basis of each sector’s accrual.

Background Information: The ordinance that established the fair share process and sector accounts provided that the fair share contributions would be deposited into the appropriate accounts but did not specify that the interest accrued on those deposited funds would be allocated on the same basis. Currently all interest earnings are deposited into a single fair share interest earnings account. This bill amends the code to establish the practice of separate interest deposits and distributes the accumulated interest earnings to sector interest accounts which will be established by the General Accounting Division. Ordinance 2005-1377-E appropriated \$1.4 million of the collective interest earnings for the purpose of conducting a countywide transportation study and a Baymeadows area transportation sector study.

Policy Impact Area: Fair share contribution allocation

Fiscal Impact: The bill provides that \$4,741,276 in accumulated interest earnings be allocated to the various sector funds on the basis of each sector’s accrual.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1019

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$430,000 from the FY2007-08 Federal Matching Grants account to the SMG/ACC Championship Game Contractual Services account to reimburse the Gator Bowl Association for its payment to the Atlantic Coast Conference for a ticket revenue shortfall resulting from the 2007 ACC football championship game. The bill also requires the Gator Bowl Association to submit to the Mayor and Council Auditor its 2007 and, if available, 2008 audited financial statements as well as such other financial accounting information as may be requested by the City to document the association's financial position and ability to meet all or a part of the remaining 2007 championship game ticket deficiency.

Background Information: The City's agreement with the ACC for hosting the conference football championship game included a provision that the City and the Gator Bowl Association would be contingently liable to pay the Atlantic Coast Conference up to \$1,250,000 should ticket sales for the championship game fail to meet the guaranteed minimum, with the GBA being responsible for the first \$500,000 of any shortfall and the City assuming responsibility for the next \$750,000. The first \$250,000 of the City's responsibility would be appropriated from Tourist Development Council funds, and the remaining \$500,000 from the City operating budget.

Ticket sales for the 2007 game resulted in an additional deficit of \$719,146.25 beyond the \$1,250,000 guaranteed reimbursement. The Gator Bowl Association has negotiated with the ACC to accept an alternative payment of \$430,000 to settle the City/GBA liability, which the GBA has paid. The Federal Matching Grant account was chosen to fund the payment because the fund had a sufficient fund balance at the end of FY07-08 to allow the payment to be made from the budget of the fiscal year within which the liability was incurred. The Federal Matching Grant account is a pool of funds set aside to provide matching funds to obtain federal grants as they may be successfully applied for during the fiscal year.

Policy Impact Area: Sports/tourism promotion

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$430,000 in fund balance from the FY07-08 Federal Matching Grants account.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1020

Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the Mayor:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCD; JWW

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This ordinance appropriates \$16,000 in Florida Boater Improvement Program Grant funds through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Grant Agreement for Duval County derelict vessel removal, match funds in the amount of \$27,000 having been appropriated previously, as initiated by B.T. 09-017. The funds carryover to Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and provides for City oversight by the Planning & Development Department.

Background: Vessels are often abandoned in waterways throughout the County. These derelict vessels become eyesores and are often a hazard to navigation. JSO's Marine Unit (and the U.S. Coast Guard) attempts to identify the vessels' owners. Failing to do so, the authorities remove derelict vessels and are reimbursed by funding through the State. The law enforcement component of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission determines whether or not a vessel is classified as derelict.

Policy Impact: Planning & Development Department/Waterways

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$16,000. \$27,000 had been previously appropriated for the program.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1021

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$109,000 from the Special Council Contingency/PSG/Cultural Council account to a JEDC rental payment account to provide the funds to pay the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's rental of Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts for the 2008-09 orchestra season.

Background Information: During the budget hearings prior to the adoption of the FY08-09 budget a request was made for the City to forgive the symphony's annual rent for Jacoby Symphony Hall. Several alternative mechanisms to accomplish that end were discussed, the Council appropriated \$109,000 "below the line" in a contingency fund, and directed the symphony to present the request to the Cultural Council to review the request and offer an opinion on its appropriateness. The Cultural Council has reviewed and endorsed the rent forgiveness proposal and encourages the adoption of legislation to that effect.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown economic activity; public facility rent forgiveness

Fiscal Impact: The bill moves \$109,000 "above the line" from a special council contingency fund to a rental payment account.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1022

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$925,807 from the Special Council Contingency/IT Systems Development account to a variety of Information Technology Department project accounts to authorize the expenditure of the funds on the following projects:

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| Payroll Disaster Recovery \$46,800 | Lobbyist Registration Database \$46,500 |
| Stormwater Mgmt., Water Quality & NPDES Database \$13,600 | Development, Evaluation & Research – Interfacing Databases \$64,500 |
| TMDL Database \$23,800 | Work Order/Service Request Management System \$36,000 |
| Implement Paper Clip Attachment and Scanning Capabilities \$52,582 | Complete the New Hire Self Service Enrollment Setup \$33,000 |
| Implement Certification Requirements \$19,500 | Building Inspection Computer System – Phase II \$83,550 |
| Automate the Planning and Land Development Application Process \$197,000 | Concurrency Database – Phase II \$128,625 |
| Upgrade – Maximo \$77,600 | Online Contractor Bidding \$31,500 |
| Consolidated Client Tracking System \$71,250 | |

Background Information: During the Finance Committee budget hearing process the committee recommended, and the Council approved in the final budget adoption, the appropriation of these funds “below the line” into a designated contingency account requiring the IT Department to return to Council with more detailed justification for the projects before appropriation of the funds for expenditure.

Policy Impact Area: Information Technologies project accomplishment

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$925,807 from “below the line” in a designated contingency account to 15 project expenditure accounts.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1023

Sponsor: Council Member Yarborough:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; TEU

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP Amendment

Bill Summary: This ordinance appropriates \$802,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund account for landscaping along Wonderwood Connector Segment 3; amends the 2008-2013 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, approved by Ordinance 2008-555-E, for the "Wonderwood Segment 3 Landscaping" project. The bill designates the Public Works Department to oversee the project.

Background: The tree planting and landscaping for the project will be within the Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way between SR9A and Monument Road, a public area. The funds are allocated for shade trees, flowering trees & palms; planting soil, plant establishment maintenance (12 months) and irrigation (roadside & ponds). The project site is located in Council District 1.

Policy Impact: Landscaping

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance appropriates \$802,000

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1034

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCD

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Development Agreement Second Amendment

Bill Summary: This ordinance authorizes the execution of a Second Amendment to a Development Agreement between the City of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission and Interline Brands, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, as successor-by-merger to Barnett, Inc., an agreement authorized by Ordinance 1997-85-E; the amendment allows the developer an extension of time to submit plans, obtain permits and complete construction of Phase II of the project, and in the event that the developer fails to meet the revised deadlines set forth in the amendment or alternatively shall make a no-cost conveyance to the City of the western half of the project site, designating JEDC as contract monitor and technical amendments.

Background: In 1997, the City entered a Development Agreement with Barnett, Inc., now known as Interline Brands, Inc., to relocate and expand in Jacksonville with construction of a new corporate headquarters in the LaVilla area. Over the last year and a half, the City and the Developer have been in discussions regarding the requirement in the Development Agreement to build a second phase of development. Due to the downturns in the current economy, the developer has determined that it is not in their immediate plans to construct the second phase but instead will continue to address their additional space needs by leasing 70,000 square feet of space in one consolidated downtown location. The City has agreed to extend the current Agreement an additional seven years to give Interline additional time to weather the current economic downturn. The amended Agreement stipulates that (1) the developer shall submit plans for Phase II to the DDRB on or before December 31, 2013 (2) the developer shall obtain construction permits on or before December 31, 2014 and (3) the developer shall complete construction on or before June 20, 2015. If the developer fails to meet those requirements, Interline Brands will transfer half of their property located on Bay Street to the City, at no cost.

Policy Impact: Jacksonville Economic Development Commission

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1035

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F; RCD

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Authorization for Economic Development Agreement

Bill Summary: This ordinance authorizes the execution of an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Jacksonville, JEDC and Millard Refrigerated Services, Inc., to support a project within the Brownfield Area at Imeson International Industrial Park for the construction and management of a refrigerated warehouse and distribution center comprising of 185,000 square feet with expansion capability (up to 425,000 square feet) and authorizing City public investment in a City Brownfield Bonus match of \$46,000. The ordinance recommends that the company be approved by the State of Florida's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development a participant in the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refund Program and evidences a commitment of City support in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 as local financial support, under the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus, payable over multiple years per OTTED guidelines, with a State match for the Brownfield Program of \$184,000 for a total City and State Brownfield amount of \$230,000 for 92 jobs.

Background: -The State of Florida Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus program was created to encourage redevelopment and job creation within designated Brownfield areas. The program provides tax refunds up to \$2,500 per new job created in Brownfield-designated areas. Millard Refrigerated Services, an international refrigerated warehouse and distribution company, proposes to purchase 25.42 acres and construct a 3 phase refrigerated warehouse and distribution center totaling a maximum of 425,000 square feet. The proposed development site is located west of Busch Drive within the Imeson International Industrial Park within Jacksonville's Enterprise Zone, Empowerment Zone and State of Florida designated Brownfield Area. There are clawback provisions in the event that the company fails to hire the number of new full time employees with the wages stipulated in the Development Agreement. The project site is located in Council District 7.

Policy Impact: Economic Development /JEDC

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance commits the City to a Development Agreement requiring the City to commit a match of \$46,000 as local financial support under the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus program.

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1036

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F, RCD

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$329,125 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development fund (in the form of a loan in the amount of \$211,325 and a grant of \$117,800) to First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) to fund the renovation of an existing building on Norwood Avenue for its local headquarters and to serve as a veterinary clinic for the organization's spay and neuter program. The organization commits to use good faith efforts to utilize participants in the Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business (JSEB) program to perform work valued at \$62,534, or 19% of the City's contribution to the project.

Background Information: FCNMHP provides low-cost spay and neuter services on a sliding fee schedule based on income in order to reduce the number of stray animals in the city, and thus the number of animals that must be captured, treated, housed and euthanized by the Animal Care and Control Division. FCNMHP has arranged public and private financing for the \$1,316,515 project which will purchase and renovate a 16,000 square foot building, will retain 4 existing full-time jobs and 2.5 part-time jobs, and anticipates hiring up to 54 new full-time positions within 3 years of construction completion. The NWJEDF grant will pay for infrastructure improvements such as water/sewer connections and landscaping, elevator, fire and security systems for the building, and the loan will pay for a portion of the building purchase and gap financing for renovation costs. The loan is at an interest rate of 3% amortized over 25 years with a balloon payment at year 10.

Policy Impact Area: Stray animal reduction; Northwest Area economic redevelopment

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$329,125 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development fund in the form of a loan in the amount of \$211,325 and a grant of \$117,800.

Analyst: Clements

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1037

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission:

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

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

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2008

Type of Action: Grant Approval; Appropriation; CIP Amendment; Ordinance Code Waiver

Bill Summary: This ordinance regards a State Road Fund Grant to assist in the cost of making roadway improvements related to the construction of the United States headquarters for Pilot Corporation of America (“company”), as described in an Economic Development Project approved by Ordinance 2008-370-E. The ordinance approves and authorizes the execution of all necessary agreements for a State of Florida Economic Development Transportation Fund Grant (“EDTF”) to the City of Jacksonville; appropriates a not-to-exceed sum of \$127,900 (as initiated by B.T. #09-023) from the said EDTF grant (plus company payments) for the construction of a cul-de-sac and related roadway improvements at the intersection of Regent Boulevard with the company’s proposed headquarters; cost overruns assumed by the company. The ordinance amends the 2009-2013 Five Year Capital Improvement Program, approved by Ordinance 2008-555-E, to authorize Priority 1 Status for the Regent Boulevard Road Project. The ordinance provides for the waiver of Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*; designates JEDC as contract monitor of the EDTF Agreements; provides for further authorizations and authorizing approval of technical amendments by the Executive Director of JEDC.

Background: Pilot Corporation of America is the US manufacturing company owned by Pilot Corporation of Tokyo, Japan. Pilot currently operates a manufacturing plant and distribution center in Jacksonville employing approximately 200 persons. The corporate headquarters is currently located in Trumbull, Connecticut. Pilot is contemplating relocating its US headquarters from Connecticut to Jacksonville. Pilot, under the name of “Project Grip,” applied for and was previously awarded up to \$264,000 in Qualified Target Industry tax refunds as a financial inducement to relocate their corporate headquarters to Jacksonville (Ordinance 2008-370-E). The proposed relocation would result in 66 new full time positions created over a 36 month time frame. The availability of the proposed EDTF grant in the amount of \$127,000 to assist with Regent Boulevard roadway improvements would enable the company to construct a cul-de-sac and reconfigure the ingress and egress to the proposed corporate headquarters. The private capital investment associated with the corporate relocation is \$7.6 million. There are built-in clawbacks related to both the number of jobs and actual salaries and time frame in the Development Agreement. The proposed 50,000 square foot office building at 3901 Regent Boulevard is located within Council District 3.

Policy Impact: Economic Development/JEDC

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates a not-to-exceed sum of \$127,900 from a State grant.

Analyst: Jackson

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2008-1038

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 10, 2008

Committee(s) of Reference: F, PHS

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2008

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 490 – Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority – to insert language providing for the payment of an application fee, issuance fee and special review counsel fee by borrowers desiring to utilize the Health Facilities Authority’s bond issuance capability. Fee revenues are to be directed to a designated account in the City General Fund and any excess fee revenues remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year after payment of bond issuance expenses are to be expended for the purpose of assisting in the provision of indigent health care services.

Background Information: Although state law authorizes the Health Facilities Authority to levy fees for its services in issuing health facilities revenue bonds on behalf of qualified borrowers, the Ordinance Code does not currently contain a provision levying such fees. This amendment will apply the same fees charged by the City in conjunction with the issuance of industrial development revenue bonds in another chapter of the Code – a \$10,000 non-refundable application fee and an issuance fee of 0.25% of the principal amount of the bond issue, plus the cost of special bond counsel review and any inordinate closing costs (travel, express mailing of documents, etc.).

Policy Impact Area: Health facilities revenue bond issuance costs.

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements