Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Morgan:

**ORDINANCE 2020-588**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A SECOND ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR THE CONTINUING MANATEE PROTECTION STUDIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, AND TO INCLUDE THE CONTINUING TASK FOR A BOATER SPEED ZONE COMPLIANCE STUDY, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville has engaged Jacksonville University to provide marine science support, particularly in developing and refining the City’s Manatee Protection Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the University’s A. Quinton White, Ph.D., a highly-regarded expert on marine mammals, especially manatees, has been the principal scientist under the contract with Jacksonville University; and

**WHEREAS,** conflict, such as the differing regulatory approaches to manatee protection and the debate over the status of the manatee, indicates the continuing need for marine science support; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council authorized the contract with Dr. White through Ordinance 2018-540-E, which invoked Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code*, to waive competitive solicitation and bidding due to Dr. White’s expertise, and through Ordinance 2019-645-E; and

**WHEREAS,** the contract approved by Ordinance 2019-645-E was set to expire on October 3, 2020 but provides for three (3) one (1) year renewals; and

**WHEREAS**, a revised Task 8 for a Boater Speed Zone Compliance Study (the “Study”) was outlined in the first amendment to the contract, which was to be competed within the 2019/2020 fiscal year for the amount of $90,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** due to lengthy discussions with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FWC”) regarding the scope of work for the Study as required by the City of Jacksonville Manatee Protection Plan, 4th Edition, dated November 2017, and delays brought on by COVID-19 which disrupted the University’s ability to perform the data collection for the Study, the Study was initiated in FY 2019/2020, but not completed; and

**WHEREAS,** because the Study was only partially completed in FY 2019/2020 and because the funding is obligated and thus will carry over from FY 19/21 to FY 20/21, no additional funds will be needed for the Study in FY 20/21, which will bring the total contract amount to $360,000 ($90,000 for FY 18/19 annual contract + $90,000.00 for FY 19/20 annual contract, + $90,000.00 for the Boater Speed Zone Compliance Study + $90,000 for FY 20/21 annual contract); and

**WHEREAS**, at its September 9, 2020 meeting, the Waterways Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed contract extension and the delayed services for the Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council would like to exercise the second extension to renew the contract for an additional one-year renewal to October 2, 2021, and to include the continuation of work on the Study to its completion; now therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Authorizing the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to Execute a Second Amendment to the Contract for Continuing Manatee Protection Studies, dated October 4, 2018.** Subject to appropriation by the City Council, the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary are authorized to execute a Second Amendment to the contract with Jacksonville University to exercise the second one (1) year renewal of the contract term for the services of Dr. A. Quinton White and Dr. Gerard Pinto for continuing manatee protection studies in substantially the same form as contained in the documentattached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

**Section 2.** **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/S/ Susan C. Grandin\_\_\_\_\_

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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