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FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET HEARING #5 MINUTES

August 23, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Location: City Council Chamber, City Hall – St. James Building; 117 West Duval Street,
In attendance: Council Members Nick Howland (Chair), Randy White, Raul Arias, Kevin Carrico, Reggie Gaffney Jr., Ju’Coby Pittman

Excused: Council Member Will Lahnen

Also: Council Members Ron Salem, Terrance Freeman, Matt Carlucci, Joe Carlucci, Tyrona Clark-Murray, Jimmy Peluso, Michael Boylan; Kim Taylor, Brian Parks, Heather Reber - Council Auditor’s Office; Mary Staffopoulos and Carla Lopera – Office of General Counsel; Barbara Hobson – Legislative Services Division; Mike Weinstein, Angela Moyer, Kathleen Collins – Finance and Administration Department; Steve Long – Public Works Department; Daryl Joseph – Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Meeting Convened: 9:03 a.m.

Chairman Howland convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record.

Page references from this point refer to Auditor’s Budget Hearing #5 handout.

Debt Affordability Study

Chief Financial Officer Mike Weinstein presented the annual debt affordability study. The purpose of the debt affordability study is not to determine how much could possibly be borrowed but how much can be borrowed responsibly given other financial needs. He explained that debt authorized for CIP projects is not borrowed immediately but is borrowed only as needed. The City pays for projects out of available pooled cash and then issues debt once a year to reimburse the pooled cash for those expenditures. The City is well within its adopted debt ratios and fund reserve targets. Jacksonville’s bond ratings are AA. Revenue growth is strong in part because development activity is strong and there are likely at least a couple of years of revenue growth coming from ad valorem taxes on new development. \$1.5B in authorized projects have been approved and accumulated over a number of years but not completed, and bond raters pay attention to that accumulating debt authorization. That accumulation of authorizations also impacts on the debt affordability ratios. Mr. Weinstein said there are 2 options for how to deal with

this accumulation of unused borrowing authorizations – 1) remove from the CIP the authorization for projects that are not realistically going to ever get done; and 2) make the future CIP more realistic in terms of the value of projects achievable in a reasonable time period.

In response to a question from Council President Salem, Mr. Weinstein said there was a City Council process done several years ago, led by Council Member Boyer, that reviewed the CIP and winnowed out completed or non-viable projects. In response to another question from Mr. Salem, Mr. Weinstein said that relying more on pay-as-you-go spending should be encouraged. CM White asked how much could realistically be reduced from the \$1.5B; Mr. Weinstein said \$290M in reduced spending has been identified over the next several years. The City can only spend \$200M a year so the CIP should be about that much each year.

Chairman Howland noted that the Mayor Curry administration said they had done a winnowing process to remove CIP projects from the plan; Mr. Weinstein said that was mostly aspirational and more needs to be done. Mr. Howland talked about using more pay-go, especially since the cost of borrowing has gone up in the last couple of years as interest rates rise, and said the City should try to use more pay-go to reduce borrowing costs. The Chair asked if the City's debt affordability ratios match what the bond raters are looking for; Mr. Weinstein said they are. The bond raters look at many, many factors that impact on the future potential to pay back borrowing, including the strength of the local economy, the city's management structure and personnel, etc. CM Carrico asked about getting a list of CIP projects that haven't gotten done. Heather Reber of the Council Auditor's Office said there is a list of projects not lapsed in the back of the CIP book.

Debt Management Fund

Kim Taylor said that \$314.8 million in projects is budgeted for construction in FY23-24. City Council approves project authorizations in the CIP adoption, then separately approves the borrowing that pays for those projects as they are constructed with General Fund dollars and then borrowing is done in arrears to replenish the General Fund. Outstanding debt is projected to grow from \$2.1B in FY22-23 to \$3.1B in FY27-28, with annual debt payments projected to increase from \$110.7M in FY23-24 to \$236M in FY27-28. These figures do not take into account a stadium renovation project or a potential new jail and/or police headquarters project.

Better Jacksonville Plan Fund

Ms. Taylor noted that the Better Jacksonville Plan sales tax will be transitioning to pension liability funding in the next several years so will no longer be contributing to debt payments.

Art in Public Places Trust Fund

Heather Reber reviewed the proposed budget. CM Pittman asked about the public art planned for the new Medical Examiner facility.

Capital Improvement Plan

Chairman Howland said it is important to carefully evaluate the need for proposed CIP projects in order to balance the need for facilities to serve the public with the debt burden those projects would incur.

Motion: on p. 12-21, tentatively approve Auditor's recommendations as follows:

#1 - Move funding budgeted for the Collins Road Sidewalks and Hogan Street Pedestrian Enhancements projects to the correct accounts within the respective projects – **approved unanimously**.

#2 - Create a new project number for the Duval County Health Dept. – Elevator Replacement project. The funding is currently under an existing project number that does not include an elevator in the scope. The

project number will also need to be changed on the project information sheet in the CIP book – **approved unanimously.**

#3 – Pursuant to Section 799.107 of the Municipal Code requiring 20% of the City’s 1 cent gas tax of the LOGT (1-6 Cent) to be used on bicycle and pedestrian improvements, use \$1,063,573 of the \$5,317,866 local option gas tax to partially fund the Hogan Creek Pedestrian Enhancements and reduce the borrowing for the project by the same amount to maintain the same level of funding. This will be offset with an increase in Roadway Resurfacing borrowing of \$1,063,573 to maintain the same level of funding – **approved unanimously.**

President Salem noted that projected revenue for the local option gas tax is flat from the previous year and asked if that is going to be a future trend. Ms. Taylor said that as electric vehicle use grows the gas tax revenue will begin declining.

#4 – Correct the amount for the Right of Way and Stormwater Maintenance Project to \$683,074 from \$3,752,956 as shown on the 5-year schedule; this will reduce the Grant Funding amount on the 5-year schedule – **approved unanimously.**

#5 - Include the American Rescue Plan Act funds of \$25,000,000 for the UF Health Capital Improvements in year one of the 5-year schedule and on the project information sheet in the CIP book. This will include the project and the funding amount for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the CIP – **approved unanimously.**

#6 – Clarify language on Schedule B1-C and state that the FIND projects are included in year 1 on the 5-year CIP General Capital Schedule and the funds will be appropriated when the grant award has been received and approved by MBRC.

President Salem asked about the \$20M Stadium Capital Reserve line item; Mr. Weinstein said it is being allocated in anticipation of a stadium renovation agreement being worked out with the Jaguars to be used either as pay-go for the beginning of the project or for initial debt service on future borrowing. It is the first installment on a savings account (\$20 - \$30M per year for the next couple of years) to prepare for a very large stadium project. Kim Taylor said it creates a contingency fund toward a future project that could be reallocated for other uses at Council’s discretion. Chairman Howland asked how the list of pay-go projects was chosen. Budget Officer Angela Moyer said it was directed to capital maintenance projects rather than new construction. CM Pittman asked about future funding for resilience projects when the Chief Resiliency Officer’s (CRO) citywide study is completed and projects are identified. Mr. Howland said the CRO could propose resiliency-related projects for potential FIND funding if they fit the FIND criteria. CIP Administrator Kathleen Collins said the CIP includes \$10M this year and next year for resiliency projects to be determined.

The motion was approved unanimously.

#7 – Reduce Drainage System Rehabilitation project by \$1,045,681 and increase the Duval Road (Wet Retention Pond) project by \$1,045,681 in FY 2023/24. Due to this adjustment, the FY 2024/2025 amount for the Duval Road (Wet Retention Pond) project will be reduced by a corresponding amount to keep the total amount of the project level – **approved unanimously.**

#8 - Correct the project name First Responder Safe Room to Hazard Mitigation – Safe Room – HMPG DR 4486-131-R on the 5-year schedule and project information sheet in the CIP book - **approved unanimously.**

#9 – Add the Thomas Creek Fish Camp Kayak Launch to the 5-year General Capital Schedule with \$200,000 in funding for FY 2024/25 as was intended; remove the \$200,000 in funding from FY 2024/25 for the Thomas Creek Trailhead project and then add \$300,000 in funding for Beyond 5 as was in the prior CIP - **approved unanimously.**

#10 - Correct the Previous Funding amounts on the 5-year General Capital schedule, the 5-year Stormwater schedule, and the project information sheets in the CIP book to reflect the correct total cost for each project - **approved unanimously.**

#11 - Correct the project information sheets in the CIP book to update Council Districts and project numbers for some projects. Also, make the other specific Auditor-recommended changes in the table on pp. 18-19 - **approved unanimously.**

#12 – Add the projects listed in the table on pp. 19-20 to the list in the CIP book with an explanation for the removal, delay, or substantial change - **approved unanimously.**

#13 – Authorize the Auditor’s Office to adjust project names, project numbers, and prior years funding amounts for schedule presentation purposes as necessary for continuity - **approved unanimously.**

CM White asked for clarification of which Chaffee Road project on page 20 is listed as delayed; Public Works Operations Director Steve Long identified the segment in question. Ms. Reber reviewed the list of projects removed from the prior year’s CIP, many of which have been moved up to the current fiscal year. President Salem asked for details on the Blue Cypress Park project; Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, said it is the artificial turf field project now completed. Kim Taylor provided clarification on the Medical Examiner facility, the funding for which has all been moved to the current fiscal year. In response to a question from CM White, Fire Chief Keith Powers described the construction of new fire stations and their impact on ISO insurance ratings, which will improve the rating from 10 to 1 in almost all areas of the city except for the far western edge. Another station is planned for that area in several years to close that gap. CM Joe Carlucci asked for clarification on the funding for the Fuller Warren Bridge Node project and about projects on the Southbank downtown. DIA CEO Lori Boyer explained the plan to remove the Southbank Nodes project from the CIP this year so that it can be eligible for Southbank CRA funding in three years pursuant to an Ordinance Code requirement.

President Salem asked for clarification of the new project listed as Healthcare Facilities Countywide. Angela Moyer said it is intended to pay for small (under \$100,000) repairs and capital maintenance at Health Department facilities located in City-owned facilities. CM Freeman asked about projections of funding needs for deferred maintenance items. CM Pittman asked about the percentage of CDBG funds used for capital projects and said she prefers that those funds be used for buildings rather than for sidewalk construction and road resurfacing.

Motion: on p. 34, tentatively approve Auditor’s recommendation to correct the CIP page for the project named Enterprise Park to correct the name, address and district number.

CM Carrico expressed hope that the Beach Boulevard Boat Ramp project can be funded and constructed as soon as possible, perhaps with FIND funding. CM Salem asked about the Norman Studios project listed on page 19; Daryl Joseph said it represents additional funding for the design and build-out of the second floor of the museum in several years.

The motion was approved unanimously.

At the request of Chairman Howland, Lori Boyer provided further information on the extension of the Southbank Riverwalk to the west from the Acosta Bridge to the Fuller Warren Bridge multi-use path. Chairman Howland posed a question about the sufficiency of funding allocated to repairs in the pre-trial detention facility. President Salem noted that CM White is chairing the working group on current conditions in the jail so will be examining that topic. CM Pittman asked if there is any funding allocated for Old Stanton High School in LaVilla; Kim Taylor said that it is not a City facility so would not be listed in the CIP. There is a separate City funding allocation for Old Stanton that will need to be carried-over to the next fiscal year. CM Freeman asked for information on the needs of the Mary Singleton Senior Center; Public Works Operations Director Steve Long said there is funding for replacement of the HVAC system. In response to another question from Mr. Freeman, Mr. Long discussed future parking garage improvement projects that are all planned for future years beyond FY23-24. President Salem asked about the project for the relocation, remaining, renaming or contextualizing of the monument to the Women of the South. Ms. Taylor said it is in the budget that was covered in Budget Hearing #1 in the same amount as previously allocated.

CM Gaffney asked about a project listing for a pool in Oceanway. Daryl Joseph said it is an existing pool in a city park that is being planned for renovations. In response to a question about the Northside Rowing Facility project, Mr. Joseph said the City has been exploring potential locations for a rowing center on that side of the city. CM Pittman asked about the Angel Lake sidewalk improvement project being pushed out an additional year. Steve Long said the project is still in the Beyond 5th Year listing and no work has been initiated on the project. Ms. Pittman said the constituents have been waiting for a long time and Mr. Gaffney asked what needs to happen for the project to be done sooner. Mr. Weinstein said the new administration carried the project over from where it was left by the previous administration and City Council now has the CIP before it to make whatever changes it feels are appropriate. CM Carrico asked for clarification about the process required to move a project to the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Taylor said the funding possibilities include using more debt, utilizing available funds in the Special Council Contingency, or shifting funding from other proposed uses. Mr. Weinstein cautioned that capital projects take considerable planning and design, land acquisition, potential rezoning, etc., so can't be arbitrarily assigned to a year for construction if the preliminary work couldn't be done to permit the project to go forward. CM Clark-Murray asked to see the list of CIP project suggestions submitted by the CPACs. CIP Administrator Kathleen Collins said that she would provide the lists.

The hearing was in recess from 11:34 to 11:55 a.m.

CM Clark-Murray asked about why a project on p. 44 labeled Fleet Management – Maintenance and Upgrades is considered a capital project. Ms. Moyer explained that the project is a capital project related to building improvements, not to Fleet Management's operations. Any project valued at over \$100,000 needs to be placed in the CIP and have its own project listing. In response to another question from CM Clark-Murray about a library landscaping project, Library Director Tim Rogers said the funds are for planning for future beautification work at library facilities. Ms. Clark-Murray said the District 9 project list consists of a great many projects that apply to public buildings that don't directly benefit the public as would sidewalk or park projects. She intends to lobby for more projects directly benefitting constituents. Heather Reber explained that there are several countywide project accounts that are subsequently allocated for district-specific needs that don't appear on the district project lists. CM Pittman asked about the process for a district council member changing the CIP priorities for their district and substituting one project for another. Mr. Weinstein said that Council controls the CIP and therefore what projects get listed and done, but council members should talk to the appropriate department head about potentially removing a planned project that may be connected to something else and would impair another project. Ms. Moyer noted that the proposed budget increased new sidewalk funding from \$1M to over \$5M.

Mike Weinstein requested several CIP amendments on behalf of the administration which have been identified in the last several weeks since the proposed CIP was presented.

Motion: On p. 29, move the University Boulevard Complete Streets/Arlington Road to Merrill Road project \$7M authorization from FY25-26 to FY23-24, adding \$7M to authorized borrowing – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: on p. 38, amend Baseball Grounds – MLB Requirements project to add \$3M in FY23-24 and \$4M in FY24-25 funded by debt for facility upgrades to 121 Financial Ballpark to meet AAA standards.

CMs Salem and Carrico advocated for the project because of the impact the Jumbo Shrimp franchise has on downtown. Jordan Elsbury representing the Jumbo Shrimp described the team’s growing attendance and economic impact and briefly described some of the proposed improvements.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Insert a new project in the CIP entitled Hopkins Creek Regional Stormwater Improvements to replace undersized culverts on Florida Boulevard in Neptune Beach for a total of \$8M funded by debt, authorizing \$704,000 in FY23-24, \$3,072,000 in FY24-25 and \$4,224,000 in FY25-26.

Mayor Elaine Brown of Neptune described the need for the project and its importance as an evacuation route from all 3 Beaches cities. The project is needed before the ongoing damage becomes too severe. Neptune Beach City Manager Richard Pike stated that a portion of Florida Boulevard is a county road. Mr. Weinstein said that the total project cost is approximately \$15M and a memorandum of agreement will be negotiated between the parties during the year of design work to deal with the remainder of the cost allocation and project management.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Allocate additional funding in the CIP to the project entitled Performing Arts Center – Audio, Visual, Scoreboard, Broadcast in the amount of \$750,000 funded by debt for FY23-24.

In response to a question from CM Pittman, Daryl Joseph said these funds are not part of the Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life’s list of recommendations.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Add a CIP project and allocate \$3M funded by debt for construction of St. Johns River Park/Bartram’s Garden adjacent to Friendship Fountain in FY23-24.

Daryl Joseph described the project and its potential to generate revenue through event rentals and a concessionaire opportunity. Council Member Joe Carlucci noted that the project is located in District 5, not District 7 as shown on the handout.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Add an additional \$20M funded by debt to the CIP project entitled UF Health Capital Improvements in FY23-24 (increasing total funding in FY23-24 to \$45M).

Mr. Weinstein explained the needs and continuing requests of UF Health with regard to increased funding for their operation of the City-owned hospital. President Salem noted that state law currently prohibits consolidated governments like Jacksonville from imposing a millage for indigent care as other counties

are permitted to do. He encouraged Chairman Howland to discuss with Lori Boyer the study process she undertook when she was on the City Council regarding the CIP. In response to a question from CM Boylan, Mr. Weinstein said that the additional City funding will be used for capital expenses that will then give UF Health the capacity to reallocate its funding to operating needs. Chairman Howland noted that the 6 motions being considered will add nearly \$40 million to CIP for FY23-24, thus highlighting the need to make the effort to scrub the CIP for unneeded projects that can be removed and the funding authorizations reallocated. CM Carrico and President Salem emphasized that these amendments represent needed projects on which the City Council and the administration share a common interest and are happy to cooperate.

Motion: amend the previous amendment to also amend the budget ordinance to attach a revised term sheet with UF Health regarding the use of these funds only for City-owned buildings – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: approve the UF Health amendment as amended – **approved unanimously.**

CM White said that the administration is working on a CIP project for the FSCJ fire academy burn building, which will be presented at a future date.

CM Boylan asked that council members be provided with a list of all CIP projects in their district in priority order so that the council members can convey those priorities to their constituents. He said the Mandarin Road Sidewalk project on p. 36 has been funded with a federal grant through the JTA budget, so can be removed from the CIP.

In response to a question from CM Pittman, Steve Long explained the relationship between the Lonnie Miller Regional Park project and the Jax Ash Site/Pollution Remediation project.

CM Arias noted that District 11 has the fewest CIP projects this year at 3, none funded before FY26-27. Districts 11 and 3 have the fewest parks of any district. He requested that the two District 3 projects on p. 33 for Hodges Boulevard (Hodges Boulevard Improvements and Shared Use Path), which impact his district, be moved up from the Beyond 5 Years category to the next couple of years. District 3 council member Will Lahnen is currently out of the country; his executive assistant will attempt to contact him and get his concurrence to make that change. Mr. Arias said he planned to make requests at the wrap-up session to advance two park projects.

In response to a question from CM Carrico, Steve Long said that the Public Works Department has resumed using jail inmate labor for field work, but not to the same degree as before the COVID pandemic. CM White requested a list of the FDOT roads that the City maintains via an agreement with the state. Chairman Howland asked how the City Council strategic priority item of \$500,000 for a drainage outfall study relates to the countywide resilience study being performed by the Resilience Office.

Consideration of council district CIP requests

CM Joe Carlucci asked about the Public Works project listed as Railroad Quiet Zone Match. Ms. Reber said her understanding is that the funding was intended to provide the local match for a grant being sought and is not a capital project and so should be removed from the list of Projects Not Lapsed. Mr. Carlucci advocated for removing the “match” language to free up the funds for non-capital uses. Mr. Carlucci advocated for amending the Fuller Warren Bridge Node Project by moving \$2M up from FY26-27 to FY24-25 and moving up the \$8M from Beyond 5 Years to FY25-26.

Motion: on p. 35 in the Fuller Warren Bridge Park project, move \$2M from FY26-27 to FY24-25 and move up the \$8M from Beyond 5 Years to FY25-26 – **approved unanimously.**

CM Carlucci advocated for extending Reed Avenue on the Southbank from its current dead-end to a developable parcel of property at a cost of \$1.7 via a new CIP project funded in FY24-25. Cyndy Trimmer representing the proposed developer of the property said that the extension of this road is needed to provide connectivity to a developable parcel, and the developer of the property will provide park space adjacent to the Emerald Trail. Kim Taylor said it would be more typical for a developer to request that the right-of-way be closed and abandoned and conveyed to it so the developer could build the road, and noted that there would not be a development agreement with a clawback if the City should develop the road and then the private development not take place. CM White pointed out that the funding would not be needed for 2 fiscal years and the CIP could be amended to retract the project later should an agreement not be reached with the developer. Lori Boyer of the DIA said that nothing about the project has been filed with the DIA but she knows the developer has been working on acquiring the site on the Southbank for some time. The developer recognizes that the DIA's CRA tax increment funds are largely committed for the next several years so is looking for another funding source to get some certainty about a City commitment regarding extension of the road. Ms. Boyer said the normal course of action would be to negotiate a redevelopment agreement at the outset that describes the project and the responsibilities of the various parties.

Motion: add Reed Avenue Extension Project (\$1,694,000) to FY23-24 – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: move up the Plummer Grant Sidewalk (New) project listed on p. 36 from FY25-26 to FY24-25 for the design funds (\$300,000) and from FY26-27 to FY25-26 for construction (\$2,400,000) – **approved unanimously.**

CM Peluso asked for an amendment to move the St. Johns Avenue Traffic Calming project from FY23-24 to FY25-26 and to move the Riverside Avenue Drainage Study from FY25-26 to FY23-24. Steve Long said the St. Johns Avenue Traffic Calming project is a joint project with FDOT and needs to be done in the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion: move Riverside Avenue Drainage Study (\$250,000) from FY25-26 to FY23-24.

CM Carrico asked how the proposed study relates to the CRO's countywide study. Mr. Peluso said he understood from Riverside Avondale Preservation that the countywide study does not sufficiently cover this particular problem area in Riverside.

The motion was approved unanimously.

CM Carrico asked for an additional allocation of funding for the Emerald Trail Hogan Street Connector project. The Projects Not Lapsed list shows \$3.566M for the project not lapsed, and \$2.96M is encumbered. Lori Boyer explained that this is the second link of the Emerald Trail following the LaVilla Link. \$6.9M is needed for the trail project beyond the Hogan Street/Water Street intersection work currently underway. \$2.5M is needed to replace project funds moved to the riverfront end of the Emerald Trail where it meets Riverfront Park for work currently underway that was not in the original project scope. The request was tabled for discussion at the wrap-up meeting on Friday.

CM Peluso requested moving the Five Points Improvement Project (\$3.25M) from the Beyond 5 Years category to FY26-27. Steve Long said that some funds have been spent to convert Lomax Street to a one-way street and this is a placeholder project for future improvements not yet planned.

CM White suggested hearing all of the remaining amendment requests so they can be compared and ranked before the committee votes so it can make an informed decision.

CM Peluso requests: Perry Street Improvements (historic brick streets - \$5M) move the project up from Beyond 5 Years to FY26-27; West 9th Street Improvements - move up from Beyond 5 Years to FY25-26.

CM Gaffney Jr. request: Angel Lake Sidewalk Improvement \$6M – move up to FY23-24 or FY24-25; CM Pittman recommended spreading the allocations out over 3 years at \$2M apiece.

CM Pittman requests: create a new \$1.5M project in FY23-24 to purchase property adjacent to Fire Station 18 at 26th and Moncrief, erect fencing, and develop parking. Follow up the next year with façade improvements to the fire station; \$250,000 fund a special study of the Ken Knight Drive/Ribault River drainage issues.

CM Arias request – move Fort Family Park synthetic field up to FY25-25; authorize \$165,000 for Hodges Blvd Improvements design in FY24-25 and \$335,000 for construction in FY25-26; Hodges Blvd shared use path - \$600,000 for design in FY25-26, \$600,000 for construction in FY26-27

Chairman Howland noted that any project not being moved to FY23-24 does not require actual borrowing at this time. Kim Taylor noted that anything that shows up in the next 5 years does get factored into the debt affordability ratio calculations. \$1.2B in borrowing authorization was already committed in prior years, \$948M is in the proposed budget, plus \$34.5M added during today’s meeting, and another \$15M of proposals still to be determined.

Chief Powers said that he is exploring funding options for the Fire Station 18 project and will discuss that on Friday.

Motion: move the Five Points Improvement Project (\$3.25M) from the Beyond 5 Years category to FY26-27 – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: West 9th Street Improvements move up from Beyond 5 Years to FY25-26 – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: Angel Lake Sidewalk Improvement \$6M – move up to FY24-25 (\$1.5M design) and FY25-26 (\$4.5M construction) – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: create a \$250,000 CIP debt-funded project to fund a special study of the Ken Knight Drive/Ribault River drainage issues in FY23-24, subject to possible non-debt funding amendment on Friday at the wrap-up session - **approved unanimously.**

Motion: move Fort Family Park synthetic field project up to FY24-25 – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: Genovar Park project move up to FY25-26 - **approved unanimously.**

Motion: \$165,000 for Hodges Blvd Improvements design in FY24-25, \$335,000 for construction in FY25-26 – **approved unanimously.**

Motion: Hodges Blvd shared use path - \$600,000 for design in FY25-26, \$600,000 for construction in FY26-27 – **approved unanimously.**

CM Carrico asked for further information on the Emerald Trail Hogan Street Connector. Robin Smith said the City is currently spending \$2.5M on the trail termination at Riverfront Park which was not

previously in the project scope but needs to be built first in conjunction with the Riverfront Park construction work. \$3.5M remains available now and the project needs \$2.5 more for completion, which could go to FY24-25. CM White asked for clarification of the needs at Pope-Duval Park; Daryl Joseph said Mr. White's immediate safety concerns have been dealt with.

Chairman Howland said that other council members still have an opportunity to propose CIP changes at the wrap-up session on Friday.

Requests to be resolved

\$1.5M Fire Station #18

\$2.5M Emerald Trail Hogan Street Connector

Meeting adjourned: 3:32 p.m.

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