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FY 2026/27 PROPOSED BUDGET

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CITY VENUES – CITY (FUND 47101)**

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BACKGROUND:

Legends Global has been retained to manage seven public facilities which include EverBank Stadium, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, VyStar Ballpark, Performing Arts Center, Prime Osborn Convention Center, Ritz Theatre and Museum, and the Flex Field. A contract between the City and Legends Global was approved by Ordinance 2022-321-E. The contract has a term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027 with one additional five-year renewal period. This fund contains the costs directly paid by the City related to the venues. The operations for EverBank Stadium have been moved to a new City and Stadium Management fund in anticipation of the new management set-up once the renovated stadium begins operations consistent with the agreements with the Jaguars.

REVENUE:

1. Charges for Services:

- This amount was reduced to \$0 based on the revenue for the parking fees at the Stadium being moved to the newly created Stadium City Fund (47106).

2. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- The decrease of \$6,633,623 is mostly due to moving the revenue from the Stadium lease to the newly established fund (\$6,660,077). The decrease was partially offset by increases of:
 - o \$19,370 for the VyStar naming rights agreement for the Arena (3% increase as required by Ordinance 2019-95-E) bringing the rent to \$665,054 with 10% transferred to the Veterans Memorial Arena Trust.
 - o \$7,084, bringing the total portion of the Jumbo Shrimp rent payment for VyStar Ballpark deposited into this fund to \$236,136 (3% increase as required by Ordinance 2018-574-E which authorized 80% of the rental fee to be deposited into this fund and 20% deposited into the Capital Projects – City Venues Surcharge fund (47103).

3. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings

- The budgeted amount of \$0 is due to this fund not having enough cash balance to earn investment pool earnings in the current year. Based on accounting corrections being made by the Accounting Division this should change in FY 2026/27.

4. Transfers from Other Funds:

- The transfer of \$10,262,428 is from the General Fund/General Services District to balance revenues and expenditures in this fund. The decrease of \$23,231,413 is mostly due to moving the Stadium operations to the new fund, which has a decrease in costs due to the ongoing stadium renovations.

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EXPENDITURES:

1. Internal Service Charges:
 - The decrease of \$199,840 is primarily due to a decrease in computer system maintenance and security allocation due to a change in the allocation methodology where charges are heavily impacted by the number of employees. Since there are no employees in this fund, there are minimal charges.
2. Insurance Costs and Premiums – Allocations:
 - The decrease of \$2,946,613 is mostly due to moving the property insurance cost of the Stadium to the new fund.
3. Professional and Contractual Services:
 - The decrease of \$136,360 is due to a decrease of \$142,640 in contractual services for the Stadium which were moved to the newly established fund.
 - The budgeted amount of \$887,521 is mostly the contracted amount the City will pay Legends Global for the management of the facilities (non-stadium) per Ordinance 2022-321-E as follows:
 - o a fixed and incentive fee of \$160,397 (up 3% per contract) and
 - o a performance fee of \$727,123 pursuant to the contract (budgeted at 2.6% of total revenue and is capped at \$820,000 annually pursuant to the contract for all facilities).
4. Other Operating Expenses:
 - In the proposed budget, this represents utility expenses for the venues, including electricity, water, and chilled water. The decrease of \$2,510,929 is mostly due to electricity and water expenses for the Stadium being moved to the newly established fund.
5. Capital Outlay:
 - Capital Outlay in the amount of \$500,000 is detailed on the following page and includes the following:

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Description	Amount
<u>VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena</u>	
Interior Finishes	\$350,000
Furniture	25,000
Televisions	5,000
General Tools	10,000
Subtotal	<u>\$390,000</u>
<u>VyStar Ballpark</u>	
Housekeeping Equipment	\$10,000
Subtotal	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>Performing Arts Center</u>	
Furniture	\$15,000
Subtotal	<u>\$15,000</u>
<u>Prime Osborn Convention Center</u>	
Transportation	\$75,000
Subtotal	<u>\$75,000</u>
<u>Ritz Theatre</u>	
Furniture	\$10,000
Subtotal	<u>\$10,000</u>
FY 2026/27 Total Budget	<u><u>\$ 500,000</u></u>

6. Transfers to Other Funds:

- The transfer of \$4,010,574 includes the following:
 - o \$3,944,069 transfer to the City Venues – Legends fund (47102) to balance the budget within that fund.
 - o \$66,505 transfer to the Veterans Memorial Arena Trust fund (11518), which represents 10% of the annual naming rights fee paid by VyStar for the arena.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None related to the activities within this fund.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City employees associated with this fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

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BACKGROUND:

Legends Global has been retained to manage seven public facilities which include EverBank Stadium, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, Vystar Ballpark, Performing Arts Center, Prime Osborn Convention Center, Ritz Theatre and Museum, and the Flex Field. A contract between the City and Legends Global (formerly ASM Global and prior to that SMG) was approved by Ordinance 2022-321-E. The contract has a term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027 with one additional five-year renewal period.

This fund contains Legends Global's costs related to the operation and management of the venues except for stadium, which is accounted for in a new fund starting FY 2026/27.

REVENUE:

1. Charges for Services:

- The decrease of \$135,268 is mostly due to a decrease of \$1,434,300 in contractual services revenues related to stadium operations being moved to the new fund. The decrease was significantly offset with increases in incentive and club and suite fees along with parking and contractual revenues based on recent actuals of:
 - o \$855,715 related to the arena,
 - o \$346,645 related to the performing arts center, and
 - o \$220,521 related to the convention center.

2. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- The decrease of \$1,049,685 is primarily due to a decrease of \$1,421,012 related to stadium operations being moved to the new fund. The decrease was partly offset with an increase of \$322,842 related to the arena concession and rental fees.

3. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings:

- The budgeted amount of \$350,000 is the anticipated interest earnings based on available cash on hand. The increase is to align with the recent actuals.

4. Transfers from Other Funds:

- The transfer of \$3,944,069 through the City Venues – City (Fund 47101) from the General Fund/GSD is to balance the budget within this fund. **See Recommendation below.**

EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries:

- The decrease of \$3,052,935 is driven by a decrease of \$3,249,034 related to stadium operations being moved to the new fund. This was partly offset by an increase of \$196,099 due to 3% salary increases for employees. There is no change in the number of employees (total of 134 full-time employees including the stadium employees).

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2. Pension Costs:

- The decrease of \$63,492 is driven by a decrease of \$79,210 related to stadium operations being moved to the new fund. This was slightly offset by an increase of \$15,718 due to salary increases described above.

3. Employer Provided Benefits:

- The decrease of \$1,160,717 is driven by a decrease of \$1,061,669 related to stadium operations being moved to the new fund. This was further decreased by \$99,948 due to a decrease in health insurance costs to align with actuals.

4. Insurance Costs and Premiums:

- The decrease of \$491,762 is driven by a decrease of \$576,000 related to stadium operations being moved to new fund. This was partly offset by an increase of \$84,238 mostly due to an increase in Legends Global's general liability insurance rates (from 90 cents to 95 cents per person for events).

5. Professional and Contractual Services:

- The decrease of \$13,308,340 is driven by a decrease of \$15,311,013 related to stadium operations being moved to the new fund. This was partly offset by an increase of \$2,002,673 due to increases of:
 - o \$1,078,042 in JSO & JFRD contractual services based on JSO's and JFRD's estimates of the average number of events, staffing levels, hours worked, and rate of pay (which will increase by 5% in FY 2026/27) for providing services for events at the venues, and
 - o \$941,531 in contractual services based on the number of expected events.

6. Other Operating Expenses:

- The decrease of \$5,793,413 is primarily due to \$5,818,183 of stadium operation costs being moved to the new fund.

7. Capital Outlay:

- The FY 2025/26 amount is related to a one-time reimbursement to the Jaguars for a past upgrade to the visitors' locker room.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None related to the activities within this fund.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City employees associated with this fund.

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RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend having the funding from the General Fund/GSD of \$3,944,069 be transferred directly to this fund instead of flowing through the City Venues – City (Fund 47101).

This will have no impact on Special Council Contingency.

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BACKGROUND:

This fund includes the budgeted ticket surcharges authorized by Section 123.102 of the Municipal Code, which can only be used for capital expenditures and capital maintenance. The facilities that have a ticket surcharge include EverBank Stadium, the VyStar Ballpark, the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, and the Performing Arts Center.

REVENUE:

1. Charges for Services:

- The amount of \$3,715,044 includes:
 - o The NFL Ticket Surcharge of \$1,242,686, which is decreasing by \$841,814 due to the reduced capacity during the 2026 season and playing away for the 2027 season due to the stadium renovations. This resulted in the number of budgeted games (including preseason and for playoffs) decreasing from eleven to seven.
 - o Other Ticket Surcharges of \$2,472,358, which is increasing by \$113,692 due to increases in the anticipated events attendance at the arena of \$75,230 and the performing arts center of \$83,970.

2. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- The amount of \$64,248 for FY 2026/27 represents 20% of the annual rental fee for the baseball stadium that is to be used for capital maintenance at the baseball stadium pursuant the rental agreement approved by Ordinance 2018-574-E. The amount for FY 2026/27 should be \$60,805 (**See Recommendation**).

EXPENDITURES:

1. Capital Outlay:

- The capital funding for each of the venues is listed on the following page, which is based on the projected surcharge revenue for each venue. Consistent with past practice, an expense for Administrative Support Costs is included at approximately 2.5% of the total available funds.

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Description	Amount
<u>EverBank Stadium</u>	
Building Systems	\$ 1,242,686
Subtotal	\$ 1,242,686
<u>VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena</u>	
Building Systems	\$ 1,222,279
Interior Finishes	\$ 250,000
Security And Access Control	\$ 73,349
Subtotal	\$ 1,545,628
<u>VyStar Ballpark</u>	
Building Systems	\$ 195,093
Subtotal	\$ 195,093
<u>Performing Arts Center</u>	
Building Systems	\$ 702,922
Subtotal	\$ 702,922
Total Requested Projects	\$ 3,686,329
Administrative Support Costs	\$ 92,963
FY 2026/27 Total Budget	\$ 3,779,292

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City positions associated with this fund.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend decreasing both miscellaneous revenue and capital outlay for Vystar Ballpark Building System by \$3,443 to align with Ordinance 2018-574-E requirements. This will have no impact on the Special Council Contingency.

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CITY VENUES – DEBT SERVICE (FUND 47105)**

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BACKGROUND:

This fund accounts for the debt payments related to each City venue.

REVENUE:

1. Bed / Tourist Development Tax
 - The decrease of \$213,254 is due to a decrease in the 2 Cent Tourist Development Tax based on recent collections and is restricted to being utilized on debt for EverBank Stadium.
2. Investment Pool/Interest Earnings:
 - The budgeted amount of \$250,986 is the projected investment pool earnings for FY 2026/27.
3. Transfers from Other Funds:
 - The transfer of \$2,298,275 is a transfer from the Sports Complex Capital Maintenance Enterprise Fund (46101) to cover the Debt Management Fund repayment for the Amphitheater and Covered Flex Field (Ordinance 2015-781-E).
4. Transfer In to Pay Debt Service:
 - The transfer of \$10,443,500 includes:
 - o \$7,364,770 from the Better Jacksonville Trust Fund for the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena and VyStar Ballpark debt.
 - o \$3,078,730 from the Sports Complex Capital Maintenance Enterprise Fund (46101) for the scoreboard electronics and infrastructure debt.
5. Transfers from Fund Balance:
 - The transfer of \$10,332,537 from the fund balance is needed to balance the budget.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Fiscal and Other Debt Fees:
 - The budgeted amount of \$18,475,892 represents debt service payments for principal and interest costs and fiscal agent fees based on the repayment schedule that was established at the time the bonds were issued, a portion of which is paying for the original stadium debt. See the table on the following page for FY 2026/27 payments.

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EverBank Stadium

Account Title	Principal	Interest	Total
2017A Special Revenue Bonds	\$1,050,000	\$747,250	\$1,797,250
2021A Special Revenue Bonds	1,035,000	285,500	1,320,500
2022A Special Revenue Bonds	6,490,000	1,399,250	7,889,250
Total	\$8,575,000	\$2,432,000	\$11,007,000

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena

Account Title	Principal	Interest	Total
2024 Better Jacksonville Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds	\$5,073,484	834,409	\$5,907,893
Total	\$5,073,484	\$834,409	\$5,907,893

VyStar Ballpark

Account Title	Principal	Interest	Total
2024 Better Jacksonville Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds	\$1,340,529	\$220,469	\$1,560,998
Total	\$1,340,529	\$220,469	\$1,560,998
Total Debt Payments for City Venues	\$14,989,013	\$3,486,879	\$18,475,892

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2. Debt Management Fund Repayments:

- The budgeted amount of \$15,704,309 consists of:
 - o \$2,298,275 for the Amphitheater and Covered Flex Field approved through Amendment #14 of the Jaguar Lease (Ordinance 2015-781-E) and
 - o \$13,406,034 for City Venues capital projects, which is mainly for the ongoing stadium renovation project (note – not a larger increase due to better aligning the budget for new debt with how the City actually structures debt issuances).

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City positions associated with this fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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CITY VENUES – STADIUM CITY (FUND 47106)**

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BACKGROUND:

This fund contains the City's revenues and costs directly paid by the City related to the stadium's operations starting in FY 2026/27. Prior to this, the activity was included in City Venues – City (Fund 47101). Overall, there is a decrease in revenues and expenditures that are event based due to budgeting for seven NFL games compared to eleven in FY 2025/26 and since the Florida/Georgia game is not being played at the stadium in FY 2026/27 as a result of the stadium renovations.

REVENUE:

1. Charges for Services:
 - The budgeted amount of \$90,000 is for parking fees at the stadium. This is a reduction from FY 2025/26 to align with actuals.
2. Miscellaneous Revenue:
 - The budgeted amount of \$6,679,107 is the Jaguar base and supplemental rent payments per Amendment #8 of the lease.
3. Transfers from Other Funds:
 - The transfer of \$15,574,241 is from the General Fund/General Services District to balance revenues and expenditures in this fund.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Internal Service Charges:
 - The budgeted amount of \$28,491 is the estimated internal service billings related to fleet services and are slightly up due to an increase in budgeted fuel rates.
2. Insurance Costs and Premiums – Allocations:
 - The budgeted amount of \$ 2,730,253 is for property insurance for the stadium. The amount decreased by \$144,468 due to an overall decrease in the City's property insurance policy costs.
3. Professional and Contractual Services:
 - The proposed amount of \$142,640 is the contracted amount the City will pay Legends Global for the management of the stadium per Ordinance 2022-321-E. Of the amount, \$111,925 is the fixed and incentive fee (up 3% per the contract) and \$30,715 is the performance fee pursuant to the contract (budgeted at 2.6% of total revenue and is capped at \$820,000 annually pursuant to the contract for all facilities).

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4. Other Operating Expenses:

- The proposed amount of \$2,232,738 represents utility expenses for electricity and water, which is a decrease of \$622,928 due to the decrease in number of events.

5. Capital Outlay:

- The amount of \$105,001 consists of \$50,000 for security and \$55,001 for contingency. This level of funding is consistent with the current fiscal year.

6. Transfers to Other Funds:

- The transfer of \$17,104,225 is a transfer to the Stadium - Management fund (47107) to balance the budget within that fund.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

The budgeted number of Jaguars games is decreasing from eleven down to seven in the proposed budget and the Florida/Georgia game will not be played at the stadium in FY 2026/27.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City positions associated with this fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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BACKGROUND:

This fund contains the operating budget for the stadium's operator (currently Legends Global) starting in FY 2026/27. These costs are being split out in advance of the new stadium agreement that is anticipated to go into effect in August 2028.

Overall, there is a decrease in revenues and expenditures that are event based due to budgeting for seven NFL games compared to eleven in FY 2025/26 and since the Florida/Georgia game is not being played at the stadium in FY 2026/27 as a result of the stadium renovations.

REVENUE:

1. Charges for Services:

- The budgeted amount of \$918,852 is the contractual service revenue which consists of reimbursements from event organizers for labor, advertising and production. This is a reduction from the \$1,434,300 that was budgeted in the current year due to less events based on the renovations.

2. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- The budgeted amount of \$256,000 consists of rental revenue, concession sales, and miscellaneous revenues. This is a reduction from the \$1,421,012 that was budgeted in the current year due to less events based on the renovations.

3. Transfer from Other Funds:

- The transfer of \$17,104,225 through the Stadium - City fund (47106) from the General Fund/GSD is to balance the budget within this fund. **See Recommendation Below.**

EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries:

- The amount of \$3,249,034 is for salaries for the employees at the stadium consistent with the FY 2025/26 budget.

2. Pension Costs:

- The amount of \$79,210 is for pension costs for the employees at the stadium consistent with the FY 2025/26 budget.

3. Employer Provided Benefits:

- The amount of \$1,061,669 is for the benefits for employees at the stadium consistent with the FY 2025/26 budget.

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4. Insurance Costs and Premiums:
 - The amount of \$327,750 is for the operators' general liability insurance which was budgeted at \$576,000 for the current year. The decrease is mostly due to having fewer events due to the construction.
5. Professional and Contractual Services:
 - The amount of \$8,155,868 is a decrease of \$7,155,145 from the \$15,311,013 budgeted in FY 2025/26.
 - o Other Professional Services – Remaining flat at \$1,545,000.
 - o Contractual Services – Decreasing \$3,543,448 from \$8,161,400 down to \$4,617,952 due to fewer events.
 - o Contractual Services – JSO/JFRD – Decreasing \$3,611,697 from \$5,604,613 down to \$1,992,916 due to fewer events.
6. Other Operating Expenses:
 - The amount of \$5,408,046 was budgeted at \$5,818,183 in the current fiscal year. The decrease of \$410,137 is mostly in event related costs.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

The budgeted number of Jaguars games is decreasing from eleven down to seven in the proposed budget and the Florida/Georgia game will not be played at the stadium in FY 2026/27.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City positions associated with this fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend having the funding from the General Fund/GSD of \$15,574,241 be transferred directly to this fund instead of flowing through the Stadium - City (Fund 47106).

This will have no impact on Special Council Contingency.

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SPORTS COMPLEX CAPITAL MAINTENANCE ENTERPRISE FUND (FUND 46101)**

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BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 2009-817-E mandates that the Convention Development Tax collected pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 764 be allocated to the Sports Complex Capital Maintenance Enterprise Fund. These funds are to be used exclusively to construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve or maintain the Sports Complex which includes EverBank Stadium, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena and the Vystar Ballpark.

Pursuant to Section 6(d) of Amendment #12 and Section 9(d) of Amendment #14 to the Jaguar Lease, the City will use part of the Convention Development Tax revenues to make the principal and interest payments on the \$43,109,000 City share of the North End Zone and Video Board Improvements and the \$45,000,000 City share of the 2015 Stadium Improvements, respectively. This is an “all years” fund.

Note – Once the new Stadium Lease Agreement takes effect, this revenue stream will be dedicated exclusively to EverBank Stadium.

REVENUES:

1. Bed / Tourist Development Tax:
 - The decrease of \$266,236 in Conventional Development Tax is based on year-to-date actual revenue. (Note – Per Florida Statute 212.0305, this revenue is partially shared with the Beaches and Baldwin which is why \$9,832,414 is budgeted instead of \$10,854,873 like the Tourist Development Tax.)
2. Debt Funding: Debt Management Fund
 - The (\$10,439) represents an all years clean-up to remove debt funded projects from this fund.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Capital Outlay:
 - The decrease of \$187,731 in Capital Outlay is based on the decreased revenue. After debt service payments have been budgeted, any excess revenue available can fund capital improvement projects in the fiscal year. Capital funding for each of the venues is listed in detail on the following page. Consistent with past practice, an expense for Administrative Support Costs at approximately 2.5% of each project is included at an amount of \$116,078.

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>EverBank Stadium</u>	
Building Systems	\$ 2,579,396
Audio Visual	\$ 458,720
Subtotal	\$ 3,038,116
 <u>VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena</u>	
Building Systems	\$ 1,043,601
Subtotal	\$ 1,043,601
 <u>VyStar Ballpark</u>	
Building Systems	\$ 260,400
Subtotal	\$ 260,400
 Total Budget for Projects	
	\$ 4,342,167
Administrative Support Costs	\$ 113,242
Total FY 2025/2026 Budget	\$ 4,455,409

2. Capital Outlay – Debt Funded:
 - The (\$10,439) represents an all years clean-up to remove debt funded projects from this fund.
3. Debt Service:
 - The \$3,078,730 is a transfer to the City Venues – Debt fund (47105) for the scoreboard electronics and infrastructure debt service.
4. Transfers to Other Funds:
 - The transfer of \$2,298,275 is a transfer to the City Venues – Debt fund (47105) for the principal and interest payments to the Debt Management Fund for the Amphitheater and Covered Flex Field approved through Amendment #14 to the Jaguar Lease.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City employees associated with this fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

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VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA TRUST (FUND 11518)**

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BACKGROUND:

Section 111.255 requires that the City annually deposit ten percent of the City's annual license fee revenues received pursuant to the VyStar Arena Naming Rights Agreement into the Veterans Memorial Arena Trust Fund. The purpose of the trust fund is to provide periodic funding to support veterans' programs and initiatives for veterans residing in Duval County. The Veterans Council of Duval County (VCDC) will evaluate eligible programs and initiatives and make funding recommendations by April 1 of each year. This is an all years' fund.

REVENUE:

1. Transfers from Other Funds:
 - The budgeted amount of \$66,505 represents ten percent of the FY 2026/27 license fee pursuant to the VyStar Arena Naming Rights Agreement.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Other Operating Expenses:
 - The budgeted amount of \$49,000 represents funding requested by the VCDC for grant awards of \$46,500 with the remaining \$2,500 for use by the VCDC.

Grant Awardee – Letter from VCDC	Amount
Addiction Education Foundation, Inc.	\$4,000
American Legion Mandarin Fallen Heroes Post 372, Inc.	\$1,000
Catholic Charities Bureau Inc.	\$4,000
Five Star Veterans Center, Inc.	\$4,000
Friends of Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Corporation	\$9,500
Florida Marine Corps League Detachment #059, Inc.	\$4,500
Operation New Uniform Inc.	\$1,000
We Can Be Heroes Foundation, Inc.	\$9,000
Women Veteran Ignited, Inc.	\$9,500
Total	\$46,500

2. Contingencies:
 - The residual amount of \$17,505 has been placed into a contingency line pending funding recommendations from the VCDC and future appropriation by City Council.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no City positions associated with this fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

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BACKGROUND:

The General Fund/General Services District portion of the Department houses the Office of Sports & Entertainment – Administration Division.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries:

- The net increase of \$39,454 is due to an increase of \$22,627 in overtime to account for recent costs and \$15,290 in permanent and probationary salaries due to the 3% salary increase for FY 2026/27 consistent with non-public safety collective bargaining agreements.

2. Pension Costs:

- The increase of \$2,519 is based on the employee turnover and the salary changes noted above and the increase in the required contribution to the defined benefit plan.

3. Employer Provided Benefits:

- The increase of \$36,766 is primarily due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY2026/27.

4. Internal Service Charges:

- The net decrease of \$20,468 is due to a decrease of \$21,576 in building cost allocations due to an overall decrease in the maintenance costs for the Ed Ball building and a decrease of \$14,097 for computer systems maintenance and security due to a change in the allocation method used by IT. The decreases were partially offset by an increase of \$14,725 in OGC legal charges due to actual usage.

5. Other Operating Expenses:

- The \$180,116 amount is mostly for contributions to support events (\$137,286). The remaining amount consists of food, advertising, and other expenses to run the Department. See table with planned event contribution on the following page.

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Event Contributions	FY 2025-26 Approved	FY 2026-27 Proposed	Increase/ (Decrease)
The Players Championship	\$145,000	\$0	\$(145,000)
Atlantic Sun Conference	50,000	50,000	-
Greenscape (Arbor Day)	15,000	15,000	-
Various Sporting Sponsorships	1,786	6,786	5,000
Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation	6,050	0	(6,050)
Atlantic Beach Classic	6,000	6,000	-
Jacksonville Area Golf Association	5,000	5,000	-
Springing the Blues Festival	4,500	4,500	-
Ironman	0	50,000	50,000
Total	\$ 233,336	\$ 137,286	\$(96,050)

FOOD AND BEVERAGES EXPENDITURES:

FY 2026/27 Requested	Description of each service / event that requires the purchase of food and/or beverages	Explanation that the service / event serves a public purpose
\$ 22,000	Food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases for Sports & Entertainment outreach, development, and networking occasions. Locations include but are not limited to all City Sports & Entertainment Venue Suite Services, grocers & catering/restaurants.	The City's Venue Suites, and business development meeting are used to showcase our city and to entice business and other opportunities for our city.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SPECIAL EVENTS – GENERAL FUND (FUND 00113)**

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BACKGROUND:

The Office of Special Events is a division under the Office of Sports and Entertainment. It is housed within its own subfund (00113) that is activity-driven to better track event revenue and costs and provide transparency.

REVENUE:

1. Charges for Services:

- These charges normally represent the anticipated revenue from the sale of Florida/Georgia tickets the City is contractually obligated to buy and is eliminated for FY 2026/27 due to the game being relocated during stadium construction.

2. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- This revenue normally includes reimbursement from the Jaguars for its portion of the temporary seats cost pursuant to Amendment 14 of the agreement with the Jaguars. Due to the Florida/Georgia game being relocated in 2026 and 2027 there is no budgeted revenue. The remaining portion of the revenue is from permit fees and a chargeback to various event holders for staff overtime worked at the events.

3. Investment Pool/Interest Earnings:

- The \$29,897 is the expected interest earnings for FY 2026/27.

4. Transfer From Other Funds:

- The \$7,822,979 is a transfer from the General Fund/GSD (Fund 00111) to support operations within the Office of Special Events. The decrease is due to a reduction in some of the Florida/Georgia game costs.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries:

- The net increase of \$193,366 in salaries is mainly due to an increase in overtime costs of \$146,177 to better align with recent actual costs. There is also an increase of \$39,490 in permanent and probationary salaries due to the 3% salary increase for FY 2026/27 consistent with non-public safety collective bargaining agreements and the net impact of employee turnover, promotion and other salary changes increasing the amount slightly.

2. Calculated Vacancy Rate Contra Expense:

- This reflects an estimated salary and benefit lapse based on the average turnover ratio and estimated number of vacancies in FY 2026/27.

3. Pension Costs:

- This increase of \$15,275 is based on the salary increases noted above and an increase in the required contribution to the defined benefit plan.

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4. Employer Provided Benefits:

- The increase of \$37,534 is due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY2026/27. The amount of increase was slightly offset by changes in employee elections slightly reducing the cost.

5. Internal Service Charges

- The net decrease of \$49,877 is due to a decrease of \$107,176 in computer system maintenance costs due to a change in the allocation method and a decrease of \$16,602 in building costs in City Hall due to no longer using office space in the building. The decreases were partially offset by an increase of \$78,609 for building costs for the Ed Ball based on an increase in space allocated to the area.

6. Insurance Costs and Premiums - Allocations:

- The decrease of \$205,134 is due to a decrease of \$225,158 in miscellaneous insurance because insurance for the Florida/Georgia game will not be needed for FY2026/27.

7. Professional and Contractual Services:

- The increase of \$64,471 is due to an increase in security guard services due to overall increasing security costs.

8. Other Operating Expenses:

- The decrease of \$3,021,735 is mainly due to the relocation of the Florida/Georgia due to a decrease in equipment rentals (\$1,540,960), temporary seating contracts (\$992,000), miscellaneous services and charges (\$300,000), and advertising (\$121,000), as well as a decrease of \$35,000 removed for the Hispanic Heritage Initiatives, and a decrease of \$25,000 for removing the Jacksonville Beach fireworks subsidy.
- Within the budget is a contribution to both Florida and Georgia of \$1.5 million (\$3 million total) even though the game is not being played in Jacksonville based on an MOU entered into in November 2024. Additionally, there is \$300,000 for the City to put on the hall of fame luncheon. An agreement is still being finalized and is subject to City Council approval. **See Recommendation Below.**

9. Grants, Aids & Contributions:

- This amount includes a contribution of \$184,875 to the Bob Hayes Track event which continues a \$100,000 increase approved in FY 2022/23 to hold the event at UNF. The decrease of \$470,000 is due to the elimination of the expenses related to the Florida/Georgia game (\$350,000 for University of Georgia airfare and \$60,000 to each team for travel and lodging) which are not needed due to the game not being played in Jacksonville.

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Below is the cost for each proposed event:

Event	Equipment Rentals	Advertising	Event Contributions	Miscellaneous Services & Charges/Other	Subsidies & Contributions to Private Organizations	FY 2026/27 Proposed	FY 2025/26 Approved	Increase (Decrease)
4th of July and New Years Celebration	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 288,500	\$ -	\$ 301,000	\$ 301,000	\$ -
Bob Hayes	-	-	-	-	184,875	184,875	184,875	-
Florida-Georgia Game	-	-	3,000,000	300,000	-	3,300,000	6,949,118	(3,649,118)
Hispanic Heritage Initiatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,000	(35,000)
Jax Beach Fireworks Subsidy	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	(25,000)
Jax Happenings	750	4,000	-	5,725	-	10,475	13,500	(3,025)
Jazz Festival-Activity	15,000	4,500	-	759,030	-	778,530	760,561	17,969
Light Parade	4,500	6,000	-	49,500	-	60,000	60,000	-
Mayor's Initiatives	8,000	7,000	-	50,000	-	65,000	65,000	-
Memorial Wall - Sea and Sky	138,350	-	-	253,319	-	391,669	390,821	848
MLK Jr. Activities	5,000	5,000	-	46,711	-	56,711	56,711	-
Music Festivals	2,500	3,000	-	20,000	-	25,500	25,500	-
Veterans Day Parade	3,000	2,000	-	17,478	-	22,478	22,559	(81)
World of Nations	15,000	5,000	-	91,821	-	111,821	109,948	1,873
Total	\$ 204,600	\$ 36,500	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,882,084	\$ 184,875	\$ 5,308,059	\$ 8,999,593	\$ (3,691,534)

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE EXPENDITURES:

FY 2026/27 Requested	Description of each service / event that requires the purchase of food and/or beverages	Explanation that the service / event serves a public purpose
\$ 34,422	Food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases to support Special Event hosting, productions and supporting activations. Events include, but are not limited to Florida Georgia, Sea & Sky, Jazz Fest, World of Nations Etc.	Signature city event - supports volunteers/hospitality.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

The Florida/Georgia football game will not be played in Jacksonville during the stadium renovation.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend placing all funding for the Florida/Georgia game below the line due to no contract being approved by City Council.

This will have no impact on Special Council Contingency.

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BACKGROUND:

The general fund portion of the Public Works Department consists of the Office of the Director and six other Divisions: Development Services, Engineering and Construction Management, Mowing & Landscape Maintenance, Real Estate, Right-of-Way (R-O-W) & Stormwater Maintenance, and Traffic Engineering. The Public Buildings activity is also within the Public Works Department and is administered as an internal service fund.

The Development Services Division handles floodplain management, site plan review, addressing, right-of-way permitting, concurrency/mobility and zoning counter operations that assists with various applications and certificates of use. The Engineering and Construction Management Division's primary responsibility is to plan and design public works projects. The Mowing & Landscape Maintenance Division maintains the landscape, including grass, trees, other vegetation and irrigation, on various City owned property while managing all citywide mowing contracts for both public and private property. The Real Estate Division manages the financial aspects of the City's real estate holdings in terms of acquisition, appraisals, disposals, inventories, and usage assessments. The R-O-W & Stormwater Maintenance Division plans and builds streets, highways and drainage facilities. The Traffic Engineering Division installs, maintains and regulates all street markings, signs, signals and other traffic control devices on City owned roadways.

REVENUES:

1. Permits and Fees

- The \$411,237 budget amount is mainly made up of right-of-way filing fees. The decrease of \$61,155 is based on recent collections.

2. Intergovernmental Revenue

- The \$564,277 budget amount reflects the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding for mowing, litter removal, and tree trimming for public right-of-ways on certain State roads pursuant to contractual agreements.

3. Miscellaneous Revenue

- The increase of \$178,777 is primarily due to increased reimbursements from the FDOT for the maintenance of traffic signals of \$129,604 to \$3,944,149 and streetlights of \$97,979 to \$3,362,927 on State roads. These proposed amounts are pursuant to the Maintenance and Compensation Agreements between the City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Transportation, which were set by the State for FY 2026/27. These increases are offset by a decrease of \$48,806 in contribution loss deductible. The proposed amount is to better align with anticipated collections.

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EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries

- The increase of \$903,168 is mainly due to an increase of \$622,193 in permanent and probationary salaries due to the 3% increase in FY 2026/27 consistent with non-public safety union agreements and increases resulting from pay increases and the net effect of employee turnover. There is also \$87,400 for a one-time lump sum payment to non-public safety union employees. Lastly, there is also an increase of \$110,761 in overtime and \$54,459 in part-time salaries to better align with current costs.

2. Pension Costs

- The increase of \$122,626 is mainly due to the combination of an increase in salaries noted above and the increase in the defined benefit costs based on the actuarial report.

3. Employer Provided Benefits

- The increase of \$1,143,041 is mainly due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY 2026/27.

4. Internal Service Charges

- The increase of \$582,432 is mainly due to the following increases:
 - o \$205,328 in OGC legal charges due to an overall increase in operating costs and to align with actual usage.
 - o \$135,304 in fleet part, oil and gas costs mainly due to an increase in fuel costs.
 - o \$134,119 in computer systems maintenance and security costs mainly due to an overall increase in operating costs and the change in the allocation method.
 - o \$98,485 in building maintenance – citywide to align with recent maintenance costs.

5. Insurance Costs and Premiums - Allocations

- The increase of \$376,820 is mainly due to an increase in general liability insurance based on claims and the actuarial projections.

6. Professional and Contractual Services

- This line is mainly made up of contractual services for mowing, tree trimming, and streetlight maintenance. The increase of \$796,577 is due to increases of \$745,341 in contractual services and \$43,540 in contractual services – downtown core which are mainly due to CPI increases in accordance with the contracts.

7. Other Operating Expenses

- This line is mainly made up of electricity costs for streetlights, which are increasing by \$1,296,668 to \$13,955,161 to better align with actuals and due to an increase in JEA rates and the number of streetlights.

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8. Capital Outlay

- The \$200,000 is the standard amount budgeted for the purchase and installation of new streetlights as needed.

9. Supervision Allocation

- The FY 2026/27 net positive amount of \$73,927 reflects \$653,089 charged by the Building Inspection Division (15104) for employees that perform duties related to the Development Services Division's activities in the General Fund/GSD (00111) offset by \$322,259 charged by the Engineering and Construction Management Division to capital projects and \$256,903 charged by the Office of Director to Stormwater Services (44101) and Solid Waste (43101). **See Recommendation Below.**

10. Extraordinary Lapse

- The lapse in FY 2025/26 represented the 2% operating lapse placed in non-public safety budgets.

DIVISIONAL SUMMARY

	FY 2025/26 ADOPTED	FY 2026/27 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE	
Development Services	\$ 840,273	\$ 654,490	(22.11%)	\$ (185,783)	A
Engineering	\$ 3,659,016	\$ 4,075,915	11.39%	\$ 416,899	B
Mowing & Landscape	\$ 26,218,961	\$ 27,662,387	5.51%	\$ 1,443,426	C
Office of the Director	\$ 2,560,403	\$ 2,950,680	15.24%	\$ 390,277	D
Real Estate	\$ 780,493	\$ 861,365	10.36%	\$ 80,872	E
R-O-W and Stormwater	\$ 10,103,534	\$ 11,285,369	11.70%	\$ 1,181,835	F
Traffic Engineering	\$ 20,163,351	\$ 21,901,329	8.62%	\$ 1,737,978	G
Extraordinary Lapse*	\$ (850,754)	\$ -	N/A	\$ 850,754	
TOTAL	\$ 63,475,277	\$ 69,391,535	9.32%	\$ 5,916,258	

*This is the 2% operating lapse placed in non-public safety department's budgets during the FY 2025/26 budget process.

- A. The proposed budget amount of \$654,490 in the Development Services Division is associated with supervision allocation costs charged by the Building Inspection Division (15104) for employees that perform duties related to the Development Services Division's activities in the General Fund/GSD (00111). The proposed amount does not properly reflect increases in employee salaries proposed for FY 2026/27.

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- B. The net increase of \$416,899 in the Engineering Division is primarily due to the following increases:
- o \$176,626 in group health insurance costs due to the increase in premiums.
 - o \$150,218 in permanent and probationary salaries mainly due to the collective bargaining increases and positions that were reclassified with higher salaries offset by employee turnover.
 - o \$106,817 in legal costs which is based on recent usage.

These increases are partially offset by a decrease of \$33,714 in Ed Ball building cost allocations due to an overall decrease in building costs being allocated.

- C. The increase of \$1,443,426 in the Mowing & Landscape Division is mainly due to the following increases:
- o \$861,771 in professional and contractual services mainly due to contractual increases in landscaping services for the parks.
 - o \$247,572 in salaries due to an increase of \$156,503 in permanent and probationary salaries due to one position being moved into this Division from the R-O-W and Stormwater Maintenance Division and the standard 3% increase as well as an increase of \$62,232 in overtime to better align with recent actuals.
 - o \$180,512 in group health insurance due to an increase in health insurance premiums.
 - o \$140,059 in internal service charges mainly due to increases of \$66,797 in fleet vehicle replacements costs mainly due to a full year's costs for vehicles purchased in FY 2025/26 being allocated and \$54,503 in computer systems maintenance and security charges due to an overall increase in operating costs and due to the change in the allocation method.

- D. The net increase of \$390,277 in the Office of the Director Division is primarily due to the following increases:
- o \$225,791 in general liability insurance based on recent claims history and the actuarial study.
 - o \$124,447 in group health insurance costs due to the increase in health insurance premiums.
 - o \$107,666 in salaries due to increases of \$54,459 in part-time salaries which is based on current need and \$49,927 in permanent and probationary salaries due to the collective bargaining increases.

These increases are partially offset by a decrease of \$67,482 in computer systems maintenance and security costs due to the change in the allocation method.

- E. The increase of \$80,872 in the Real Estate Division is mainly due to the following increases:
- o \$30,515 in legal charges which are based on usage.
 - o \$28,859 in computer systems maintenance and security costs due to an increase in operating costs and due to the change in the allocation method.

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- o \$21,825 in group health insurance due to an increase in health insurance premiums.
- F. The increase of \$1,181,835 in the R-O-W and Stormwater Division is mainly due to the following increases:
 - o \$332,901 in group health insurance due to an increase in health insurance premiums.
 - o \$278,612 in general liability insurance which is based on claims experience and the actuarial study.
 - o \$165,379 in salaries mainly due to an increase in permanent and probationary salaries and the lump sum payments associated with the collective bargaining agreements.
 - o \$144,946 in computer systems maintenance and security costs due to an increase in operating costs and the change in the allocation method.
 - o \$106,360 in city wide building maintenance based on actual maintenance costs in recent years.
 - o \$62,197 in fleet part, oil and gas costs due to an increase in fuel costs.
- G. The increase of \$1,737,978 in the Traffic Engineering Division is mainly due to the following increases:
 - o \$1,296,668 in electricity costs which is based on recent actuals and the increase in JEA rates and the number of streetlights.
 - o \$248,069 in group health insurance due to an increase in health insurance premiums.
 - o \$141,336 in permanent and probationary salaries associated with the collective bargaining increases and other salary increases.
 - o \$64,908 in overtime to better align with recent actual costs.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

None.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES EXPENDITURE:

FY 2026/27 Proposed	Description	Explanation
\$120	Employee Recognition Program: Funding to support employee appreciation for the purpose of employee retention & recruitment	Employee Appreciation/Retention: One employee will be selected as Public Works Employee of the Year and will be rewarded by having lunch with the Director.

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RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend increasing the supervision allocation expense allocated to the Development Services Division within the General Fund/GSD from the Building Inspection Fund (15104) by \$107,633 to properly reflect the budgeted salaries of Building Inspection Division employees. Within the General Fund this increase in cost should be offset by an increase of \$107,633 in the supervision allocation expense from the Engineering Division to capital projects to better align the proposed budget with recent actuals. Within the Building Inspection Fund (15104), this should be offset with a reduction in the transfer from fund balance in that fund by \$107,633.

This will have no impact on Special Council Contingency.

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Jacksonville's Tree Protection and Related Expenditures Trust Fund provides that protected trees are required to be conserved during the clearing of land for development purposes wherever and whenever reasonably possible. To the extent that protected trees are lost or destroyed, the developer mitigates their loss or destruction by planting replacement trees or by paying a monetary contribution to the Fund. All monetary contributions are to be used exclusively for planting trees, incidental landscaping, and maintaining trees along the public rights-of-way and on public lands within Duval County. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 111.760 the amount appropriated from these funds for tree maintenance in any fiscal year cannot exceed twenty-five percent of the budgeted amount for tree maintenance within the Public Works Department. This is an "all years" fund, which means once dollars are appropriated, the appropriation stays in place from year to year rather than lapsing.

REVENUES:

1. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- The proposed \$1,214,058 budgeted for FY 2026/27 is from monetary contributions and will provide the source of funding for tree protection activities in FY 2026/27.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries:

- The increase of \$171,422 is due to the addition of two new positions, the reclass of some positions, a vacant position filled at a higher rate, and the standard 3% increase.

2. Pension Costs:

- The increase of \$53,235 is associated with the salary increases mentioned above.

3. Employer Provided Benefits:

- The increase of \$52,743 is due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY 2026/27 and the addition of two new positions.

4. Internal Service Charges:

- The increase of \$131,643 is mainly due to the full cost for the purchase of two new vehicles (\$105,000) associated with the added positions and a full year's allocation for the vehicles purchased in FY 2025/26.

5. Other Operating Expenses:

- The proposed amount of \$502,214 is mainly for the tree maintenance that represents a 25% match of the amount budgeted in Public Works General Fund/GSD of \$1,835,460 and Stormwater Services fund of \$172,755.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

There is no change in service level.

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EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

The employee cap is increasing by two City Arborist positions who will oversee and manage the tree protection within parks.

RECOMMENDATION:

If the Finance Committee desires to add the proposed two new Arborist positions, a waiver of Section 111.760 of the Municipal Code to have the positions added prior to the Tree Commission opening in a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council regarding the necessity of each position and how those positions fulfill the goals of this fund.

This recommendation has no impact on Special Council Contingency.

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BEACH EROSION – LOCAL (FUND 11404)**

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BACKGROUND:

The Beach Erosion - Local fund is primarily governed by the Local Cooperation Agreement (established in 1978) between the Federal Government (Army Corps of Engineers) and the City of Jacksonville. Amendment 2 to the agreement provides for periodic renourishment of the County's beaches and to maintain the design profile through the year 2040. The State is not a party to the aforementioned agreement but has participated in previous years in each phase of beach renourishment by contributing a percentage of the "local share". State funding is not guaranteed and is subject to State legislative approval. Total project costs are shared between federal and non-federal (County and State) funding at the level of 61.6% and 38.4%, respectively. The State of Florida covers up to 46.89% of the County and State portion.

The Local Cooperation Agreement and a related Beach Renourishment Financing Plan account for County beach renourishment projects every five (5) years. The next county beach renourishment project is scheduled to begin in FY 2028/29.

This is an "all years" fund.

REVENUE:

1. Transfers from Other Funds:

- The Transfer from Other Funds of \$500,000 is an interfund transfer from the General Fund/General Services District (Fund 00111) as part of the local-share obligations.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Cash Carryover:

- This represents the City building reserves to cover future beach renourishment costs.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no authorized positions in this fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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	FY 25-26 ADOPTED	FY 26-27 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	% CHANGE
REVENUE				
Jax Citywide Activities				
Investment Pool / Interest Earnings	1,295,828	1,681,733	385,905	29.8%
Transfers from Fund Balance	-	239,054	239,054	N/A
	1,295,828	1,920,787	624,959	48.2%
Public Works				
Solid Waste / Stormwater User Fees	34,192,541	34,931,873	739,332	2.2%
	34,192,541	34,931,873	739,332	2.2%
TOTAL REVENUE	35,488,369	36,852,660	1,364,291	3.8%
EXPENDITURES				
Citywide Activities				
Pension Costs	1,140,397	1,206,847	66,450	5.8%
Debt Management Fund Repayments	582,666	521,211	(61,455)	-10.5%
Transfers to Other Funds	11,431,799	11,239,781	(192,018)	-1.7%
	13,154,862	12,967,839	(187,023)	-1.4%
Office of Administrative Services				
Salaries	30,464	39,008	8,544	28.0%
Pension Costs	7,252	8,063	811	11.2%
Employer Provided Benefits	5,193	7,904	2,711	52.2%
Internal Service Charges	20,211	18,940	(1,271)	-6.3%
Insurance Costs and Premiums - Allocations	17,584	15,923	(1,661)	-9.4%
Professional and Contractual Services	7,444	7,444	-	0.0%
Other Operating Expenses	8,063	8,023	(40)	-0.5%
Capital Outlay	1	1	-	0.0%
Indirect Cost	114,136	112,875	(1,261)	-1.1%
	210,348	218,181	7,833	3.7%
Public Works				
Salaries	7,302,773	7,491,999	189,226	2.6%
Pension Costs	539,457	641,320	101,863	18.9%
Employer Provided Benefits	1,445,145	2,083,831	638,686	44.2%
Internal Service Charges	2,902,051	3,174,657	272,606	9.4%
Insurance Costs and Premiums - Allocations	32,111	40,246	8,135	25.3%
Professional and Contractual Services	8,561,853	8,821,323	259,470	3.0%
Other Operating Expenses	601,923	659,810	57,887	9.6%
Capital Outlay	1	1	-	0.0%
Supervision Allocation	157,888	180,413	22,525	14.3%
Indirect Cost	579,957	573,040	(6,917)	-1.2%
	22,123,159	23,666,640	1,543,481	7.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	35,488,369	36,852,660	1,364,291	3.8%
AUTHORIZED POSITION CAP				
	FY 25-26 PROPOSED	FY 26-27 PROPOSED	CHANGE	
Authorized Positions	56	56	-	
Part-Time Hours	1,300	2,340	1,040	

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BACKGROUND:

Stormwater Services subfund provides the Public Works Department with a dedicated funding source for stormwater services. Funding is primarily provided by a user fee. The stormwater fee is billed to all owners of property in the municipal City of Jacksonville limits that contains impervious area. The fee is based on the total amount of impervious area on the property. For a typical homeowner, that would include not just the house itself, but things like patios, walkways and driveways. The owner of an average single-family house is charged \$5 per month. Non-residential properties (such as businesses) are charged based on the calculated amount of impervious area.

Section 754.110 of the Municipal Code provides for the value of Stormwater User Fees to be waived for 501(c)(3) organizations and individuals or families who are economically disadvantaged. The City's General Fund/GSD covers the cost of the fees waived.

REVENUES:

Jax Citywide Activity

1. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings:

- The \$1,681,733 represents anticipated interest earnings for FY 2026/27.

2. Transfers from Fund Balance:

- The proposed transfer from fund balance is intended to balance the fund.

Public Works

1. Stormwater User Fees:

- The net increase of \$739,332 in stormwater user fees is consistent with current growth.

EXPENDITURES:

Citywide Activity

1. Pension Costs

- This represents the contribution to the defined benefit plan for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability associated with personnel in this fund. The increase of \$66,450 is due to an increase in defined benefit costs based on the actuarial report.

2. Debt Management Fund Repayments:

- This is debt repayments associated with stormwater projects that were authorized after the utility was established, but prior to October 1, 2015, when it was decided that the stormwater revenue stream would no longer be pledged for debt service for any new projects.

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3. Transfers to Other Funds:

- This represents the transfer to Stormwater Services - Capital Projects (fund 44102) to be used as pay-go funds for various capital projects related to drainage system rehabilitation and stormwater capital projects.

Office of Administrative Services

The Environmental Quality Division (EQ) within the Office of Administrative Services manages a portion of the Stormwater Management System Program, which is a vital part of the River Accord and helps the City meet Federal Clean Water Act and State regulations. Responsibilities include inspections of illicit connections to drainage systems, inspections of high-priority industries, and surface water quality monitoring.

The City has an inter-local agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that provides the City grant funding for the federally mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) monitoring plan for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit in Jacksonville. The grant expands the EQ's abilities to comply with Stormwater management regulations by funding personnel salaries and benefits, supplies, and services. Public Works and Office of Administrative Services are requesting \$380,034 in grant funding, and EQ is able to reduce its budget for these line items.

1. Salaries:

- The increase of \$8,544 is mainly due to the addition of \$5,000 in part-time salaries (1,040 part-time hours) and due to the 3% salary increase for FY 2026/27 consistent with non-public safety collective bargaining agreements.

2. Employer Provided Benefits:

- The increase of \$2,711 is due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY 2026/27.

3. Indirect Cost:

- This is an allocation of costs to operate central services of the City (e.g., employee, accounting, and procurement services) as calculated by the City's independent consulting firm.

Public Works

The Stormwater Services subfund uses its dedicated funding source to complete various flood and drainage mitigation projects, clean canals and ditches, address stormwater treatment issues, maintain collection and pumping systems, as well as stormwater treatment facilities (ponds). Funding is provided by a user fee. Public Works allocates employee activity and the related expenses between the General Fund/General Services District (fund 00111) and Stormwater Services (fund 44101).

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1. Salaries:

- The increase of \$189,226 is mainly due to an increase of \$134,088 in permanent salaries attributable to the 3% salary increase for FY 2026/27 consistent with non-public safety collective bargaining agreements. There is also an increase of \$41,781 in salary overtime based on current levels and the addition of \$18,750 in a one-time lump sum payment based on the non-public safety union contracts.
- Note – The employee cap of this fund only includes employees that are 100% charged to this area. The other employees are included in the General Fund/GSD cap. Therefore, the salary increases cannot be compared to only the 51 Public Works employees included in the employee cap of this fund. The pay changes also relate to the equivalent of approximately 88 additional employees (based on the time allocation of 181 additional employees).

2. Pension Costs

- The increase of \$101,863 is primarily due to an increase in defined benefit costs based on the actuarial report and an increase in defined contribution costs due to staffing and salary changes.

3. Employer Provided Benefits:

- The increase of \$638,686 is due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY 2026/27.

4. Internal Service Charges:

- The increase of \$272,606 is mainly due to an increase of \$214,068 in fleet part, oil and gas charges due to an overall increase in projected fuel costs and an increase of \$93,635 in fleet vehicle replacements due to new equipment being replaced and partially billed in FY 2026/27.

5. Insurance Costs and Premiums – Allocations:

- The increase of \$8,135 is due to an increase in general liability insurance costs to be allocated based on the most recent actuarial report.

6. Professional and Contractual Services:

- The increase of \$259,470 is mainly due to an increase in contractual services costs for multiple contracts. The contracts fund outfall regrading and rehab, roadside ditch cleaning, landscape mowing, herbicide spraying, and other contracts related to maintaining the stormwater system.

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7. Other Operating Expenses:

- The increase of \$57,887 is mainly due to an increase of \$37,387 in repair and maintenance supplies due to contractual price increases and a \$20,000 increase in equipment rentals due to rising demand for barriers and barricades.

8. Supervision Allocation:

- The addition of \$22,525 in supervision allocation represents a portion of the administrative costs of two Public Works Office of Director employees who perform work-related activities for this fund.

9. Indirect Cost:

- This is an allocation of costs to operate central services of the City (e.g., employee, accounting, and procurement services) as calculated by the City's independent consulting firm.

SCHEDULE B1 GRANTS:

B1a – Schedule of Continuation Grants/Programs with No City Match

Grantor	Grant Name	Grant Description	Estimated Grant Award	In Kind Contribution	FTE Positions	Part Time Hours
Florida Department of Transportation	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System / MS4 Permit Grant	Grant will provide for Phase 1 Permit Cycle 3 requirements, which includes a Monitoring Plan. Perform stormwater discharge compliance and water quality assessments, total maximum daily load monitoring for nutrient levels in the Lower St. Johns basin, illicit discharge and improper disposal proactive inspections, and other means of monitoring the impairment of waterways.	\$380,034	\$0	0	0

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no proposed changes in the employee cap. 1,040 part-time hours were added as part of the budget process.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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PUBLIC BUILDING ALLOCATIONS (FUND 54101)**

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BACKGROUND:

This internal service fund accounts for the revenue and expenditures of Public Buildings related to building operation, maintenance, utilities, and security. The costs are billed to the building occupants based on occupied square footage.

REVENUE:

1. Internal Service Revenue:

- This amount reflects the total proposed charges for building maintenance, security, and utilities to be collected from all users and is directly related to the budgeted expenditures in this fund.

2. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- This amount represents the tenant revenue for non-City occupants of city buildings such as Quiznos and Mayo Clinic at Ed Ball Building. The decrease is due to one tenant moving out of the Ed Ball building.

3. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings:

- The \$363,969 represents interest earnings in FY 2026/27.

4. Transfers from Fund Balance:

- This transfer from fund balance includes \$2,500,000 to fund two Ed Ball building projects included in the FY 2026/27 Capital Improvement Program. The remaining \$250,000 is for emergency funds to address unanticipated repairs, requests, or emergency issues as they arise throughout the fiscal year. The use of these emergency funds requires approval from the Chief Financial Officer or the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to the Budget Ordinance.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries:

- The increase of \$179,868 is mainly due to the 3% salary increase for FY 2026/27 consistent with non-public safety collective bargaining agreements as well as the addition of a one-time lump sum payment based on non-public safety union contracts.

2. Calculated Vacancy Rate Contra Expense:

- The salary and benefit lapse is based on the average turnover ratio and estimated number of vacancies in FY 2026/27.

3. Pension Costs:

- The increase of \$86,957 is primarily due to an increase in defined benefit costs based on the actuarial report and an increase in defined contribution costs due to staffing and salary changes.

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4. Internal Service Charges:

- The internal service charges are mainly related to allocating utility costs (\$6,747,098), building maintenance (\$876,817), and guard services (\$1,834,891) within this fund to multi-tenant buildings (e.g., City Hall, Ed Ball Building, Yates Building). This makes it so costs can be allocated out to the occupants of the buildings and allows the City to understand the cost of each building. The actual costs paid for these services are in other lines (e.g., utilities are in Other Operating Expenses and guard services out of Professional and Contractual Services that are explained elsewhere in this handout).
- There is actually a net decrease of \$82,572 after excluding the internal charges from within the fund (i.e., for the allocations from other funds). This decrease is mainly due to decreases in computer systems maintenance and security charges driven by a change in the allocation methodology.

5. Inter-Departmental Billing:

- The \$25,000 is for the billings from the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department to perform fire inspections at City buildings.

6. Insurance Costs and Premiums - Allocations:

- The decrease of \$136,470 is mainly the result of a decrease in the City's property insurance premium.

7. Professional and Contractual Services:

- The professional and contractual services are mainly made up of janitorial services (\$5,286,692) and security guard services (\$3,587,869) as well as other various contractual services such as HVAC, plumbing, and generator repairs.
- The increase of \$524,262 is mainly due to an increase of \$492,870 in janitorial services due to increases in minimum wages and adjustment for inflation and an increase of \$57,251 in contractual services related to pest control based on current year actuals.

8. Other Operating Expenses:

- This is mainly made up of \$18,167,591 in utility costs and \$3,765,000 for the cost of repairs and maintenance and supplies for the various City Buildings. The net decrease of \$79,581 is mainly to better align the costs with current costs while also accounting for future rate changes.

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9. Capital Outlay:

- This funding is to replace any broken and outdated Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for City facilities.

10. Indirect Cost:

- This is an allocation of costs to operate central services of the City (e.g., employee, accounting, and procurement services) as calculated by the City's independent consulting firm.

11. Transfers to Other Funds:

- The \$2,988,120 represents transfers of:
 - o \$2,000,000 to a capital project for security infrastructure improvements of the Ed Ball building to increase public safety,
 - o \$500,000 to a capital project to connect the Ed Ball building to the JEA chilled water line, and
 - o \$488,120 from this fund to the General Fund/GSD to pay for the Ed Ball building debt allocation.

12. General Fund – Loan / Loan Repayment:

- This line in FY 2025/26 represented the repayment of the \$1 million loan from the General Fund made in FY 2024/25 to help spread the cost of connecting the Ed Ball Building to the JEA chilled water line over a two-year period. Because the loan has been fully repaid, no appropriation is necessary for FY 2026/27.

13. Cash Carryover

- The \$16,815 represents the budgeted excess revenue over budgeted expenditures.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There is no change in authorized positions.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

CAPITAL OUTLAY CARRYFORWARD:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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	FY 25-26 ADOPTED	FY 26-27 PROPOSED	DOLLARS	%
REVENUE				
Fire and Rescue				
Charges for Services	\$1,009,248	\$903,705	-\$105,543	-10.5%
	\$1,009,248	\$903,705	-\$105,543	-10.5%
Jax Citywide Activities				
Investment Pool / Interest Earnings	\$597,797	\$614,933	\$17,136	2.9%
Transfers from Fund Balance	4,906,100	7,214,976	2,308,876	47.1%
	\$5,503,897	\$7,829,909	\$2,326,012	42.3%
Public Works				
Permits and Fees	\$3,495,207	\$4,117,164	\$621,957	17.8%
Inspection Fees	16,291,725	15,807,933	-483,792	-3.0%
Charges for Services	999,521	918,416	-81,105	-8.1%
Fines and Forfeits	126,907	170,690	43,783	34.5%
Miscellaneous Revenue	91,137	86,102	-5,035	-5.5%
	\$21,004,497	\$21,100,305	\$95,808	0.5%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$27,517,642	\$29,833,919	\$2,316,277	8.4%

EXPENDITURES				
Fire and Rescue				
Salaries	\$1,509,656	\$1,508,086	-\$1,570	-0.1%
Salaries & Benefit Lapse	-6,282	-8,335	-2,053	32.7%
Pension Costs	365,339	240,219	-125,120	-34.2%
Pension Costs - PSDC / FRS	0	27,793	27,793	N/A
Employer Provided Benefits	161,412	226,158	64,746	40.1%
Internal Service Charges	98,967	118,664	19,697	19.9%
Insurance Costs and Premiums - Allocations	4,107	5,089	982	23.9%
Professional and Contractual Services	1	1	0	0.0%
Other Operating Expenses	14,102	21,962	7,860	55.7%
Capital Outlay	1	1	0	0.0%
Indirect Cost	151,758	160,941	9,183	6.1%
	\$2,299,061	\$2,300,579	\$1,518	0.1%
Jax Citywide Activities				
Pension Costs - Defined Benefit UAAL	\$2,111,901	\$2,347,910	\$236,009	11.2%
Transfers to Other Funds	1,349,876	0	-1,349,876	-100.0%
	\$3,461,777	\$2,347,910	-\$1,113,867	-32.2%
Public Works				
Salaries	\$12,715,313	\$13,220,934	\$505,621	4.0%
Salaries & Benefit Lapse	-184,885	-229,622	-44,737	24.2%
Pension Costs	1,332,961	1,393,581	60,620	4.5%
Employer Provided Benefits	1,954,485	3,042,818	1,088,333	55.7%
Internal Service Charges	3,651,171	4,982,493	1,331,322	36.5%
Insurance Costs and Premiums	518	0	-518	-100.0%
Insurance Costs and Premiums - Allocations	68,048	72,489	4,441	6.5%
Professional and Contractual Services	1,595,000	1,888,000	293,000	18.4%
Other Operating Expenses	458,283	462,201	3,918	0.9%
Capital Outlay	1	1	0	0.0%
Supervision Allocation	-839,073	-653,089	185,984	-22.2%
Indirect Cost	1,004,982	1,005,624	642	0.1%
	\$21,756,804	\$25,185,430	\$3,428,626	15.8%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$27,517,642	\$29,833,919	\$2,316,277	8.4%

	FY 25-26 ADOPTED	FY 26-27 PROPOSED	CHANGE
AUTHORIZED POSITION CAP			
Fire and Rescue	13	13	0
Public Works	182	182	0
Authorized Positions	195	195	0
Fire and Rescue			
	0	0	0
Public Works			
	9,100	9,852	752
Part-Time Hours	9,100	9,852	752

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BACKGROUND:

The Building Inspection fund accounts for the finances of the Building Inspection Division within the Public Works Department, and to a lesser degree, the finances of the Fire Plans Review section of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. The Building Inspection Division is responsible for ensuring that existing and future developments and construction comply with the Florida Building Code and local ordinances. The Division's primary roles are to ensure the safety of buildings and related landscapes by performing inspections and enforcing building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and other related City codes. In addition, the Division performs reviews of various permit applications and plans examination.

Note – The below information is based on the summary page provided in the handout.

REVENUE:

Jax Citywide Activities

1. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings:

- The \$614,933 represents the anticipated returns in FY 2026/27.

2. Transfer From Fund Balance:

- There is a proposed transfer from fund balance of \$7,214,976 to balance the fund. The year end projection is that there will be about \$17 million in fund balance. While it is good that this money is being drawn down to ensure that the fund balance is not excess of the average operating budget for the past four years, there is concern that the spend rate is exceeding operating budget by a rate that will be an issue in about two years where either the fees will need to be evaluated, costs reduced, and/or a contribution from the General Fund/GSD would be required to balance the budget.

Public Works

3. Permits and Fees:

- The increase of \$621,957 is primarily due to increases of \$606,200 in building permit review fees and \$32,154 in plans review sheet resubmittal fees based on recent actuals.

4. Inspection Fees:

- The decrease of \$483,792 is mainly due to the following decreases resulting from changes to F.S. 553.791 that allow licensed third parties to perform inspections, rather than hiring City inspectors:
 - o \$275,681 in electrical inspection fees.
 - o \$273,868 in plumbing inspection fees.
 - o \$71,470 in construction inspection fees.
- This is partially offset by an increase of \$115,629 in building inspection fees based on recent actuals.

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5. Fines and Forfeits:

- The increase of \$43,783 is due to an increase in code violation fines based on recent actuals.

EXPENDITURES:

Jax Citywide Activities

1. Pension Costs – Defined Benefit UAAL

- The increase of \$236,009 is mainly due to an increase in the required contribution for the defined benefit plans related to the unfunded liabilities.

2. Transfer to Other Funds

- This amount included a transfer to the Group Health Fund in FY 2025/26 to cover a portion of the cost of the City plans (\$889,876), a transfer related to the conversion of the Ed Ball 2nd floor space to an improved Fire Marshal's Plan Review Office (\$360,000), and a transfer related to moving the renovation of the Building Inspection space to the CIP (\$100,000).

Public Works

3. Salaries:

- The increase of \$505,621 is mainly due to increases of \$279,255 in salaries due to the 3% salary increase for FY 2026/27 consistent with non-public safety collective bargaining agreements, \$149,610 in part-time salaries for additional plan reviewers, and \$67,050 for the lump sum payment to non-public safety union employees per applicable collective bargaining agreements.

4. Calculated Vacancy Rate Contra Expense:

- This reflects an estimated salary and benefit lapse based on the average turnover ratio and estimated number of vacancies in FY 2026/27.

5. Pension Costs

- The increase of \$60,620 is mainly due to employee turnover and the salary increases noted above.

6. Employer Provided Benefits

- The net increase of \$1,088,333 is primarily due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY 2026/27.

7. Internal Service Charges

- The net increase of \$1,331,322 is mainly due to increases of:
 - o \$1,241,984 in computer system maintenance and security charges due to a change in the allocation methodology.

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- o \$69,365 in legal costs based on usage.
- o \$52,704 in vehicle replacements to be billed during FY 2026/27 based on new vehicles and getting the full year allocation from FY 2025/26.

8. Professional and Contractual Services

- The net increase of \$293,000 is primarily due to a requested recurring increase of \$300,000 for the purpose of hiring a consulting team to provide training to permit applicants.

9. Supervision Allocation

- The allocation includes the expenses within the Building Inspection (Fund 15104) being allocated to the Public Works Development Services Division (Fund 00111). The decrease of \$185,984 is mainly due to a decrease in the percentage of time Development Services employees spend attributed to the General Fund. Recommendation was made in Public Works General Fund handout to fix.

10. Indirect Cost

- This amount is an allocation of costs to operate central services of the City (e.g., employee, accounting, and procurement services) as calculated by the City's independent consulting firm.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE EXPENDITURES:

Amount	Description of each Service/Event that requires the purchase of food/beverage	Explanation that the Service/Event serves a public purpose
\$300	Building Officials Association of FL (BOAF) training	Maintains job-related certifications for staff (Continued Education Credits or CEU's are earned)

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

\$300,000 to fund the hiring of a consulting team to provide training to permit applicants.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

Part-time hours are proposed to increase by 752 to 9,852 hours in FY 2026/27 for additional plan reviewers.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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JOURNEY FORWARD (FUND 00131)**

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BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 2024-635-E created a new Ordinance Code Chapter 85 and Section 111.330 to establish the Jacksonville Journey Forward and Jacksonville Journey Forward Special Revenue Fund. The 11-member Jacksonville Journey Forward Board is tasked with developing and implementing a community-based plan for the City to reduce and eliminate factors contributing to crime and the plan shall detail the comprehensive approach to community-based crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation, and neighborhood safety and stability. Funding within the Jacksonville Journey Forward Special Revenue Fund (the “Fund”) shall be utilized for the purposes, functions and goals set forth in Chapter 85. The Director of Finance, or designee, is authorized and directed to make disbursements from the Fund after appropriation by the Council and upon written requisition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board. The Jacksonville Journey Forward Board shall annually submit a proposed budget to the Mayor to be included in the Mayor's annual budget proposal. This program funding was placed primarily within line items to be provided to the Kid’s Hope Alliance to administer.

REVENUES:

1. Transfers from Other Funds:
 - This represents a transfer from the General Fund/GSD.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Professional and Contractual Services:
 - This funding will be used to implement the Jacksonville Journey Forward’s Board adopted strategic plan and community outreach efforts, such as facility rentals for job fairs and the development of educational videos.
2. Grants, Aids & Contributions:
 - This represents the total allocation for direct contracts that were approved by the Jacksonville Journey Forward’s Board. **See recommendations below.**

Vendor/Program	Amount
Family Support Services of Northeast Florida - Center of Hope Kennedy Community Center	\$350,000
Managed Access to Child Health - HOPE Court	300,000
University of North Florida/Florida Institute of Education - Jax S.O.A.R.S. (Strengthening Opportunities to Achieve Reading Success)	700,000
Youth Crisis Center - Touchstone Village & House of Hope Shelter	310,000
Total	\$1,660,000

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3. Contingencies:

- The proposed contingency amount of \$500,000 represents the new teen program, described in more detail below. The FY 2026/27 contingency amount will be approved via separate legislation (Ordinance 2026-511).

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

There is a proposed annual enhancement of \$500,000 for the development of a new teen program. The Jacksonville Journey Forward Board will develop an RFP to fund programs to address the increase in large unstructured teen gatherings to support public safety and child welfare. The aim is to strengthen positive adult supervision and offer structured prevention pathways. The Jacksonville Journey Forward Board will provide program oversight to ensure proposals align with safety and prevention goals and Kid's Hope Alliance will provide financial oversight.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no authorized positions or part-time hours in this fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that the Family Support Services of Northeast Florida – Center of Hope Kennedy Community Center term sheet (Exhibit 18) be amended to replace the budget schedule unit of service details to be consistent with other contracts administered by KHA.
2. We recommend that the term sheets and applicable Budget Ordinance language be removed from the Budget Ordinance for the Managed Access to Child Health – HOPE Court, University of North Florida/Florida Institute of Education – Jax S.O.A.R.S, and Youth Crisis Center – Residential Crisis Center/Touchstone Village Transitional Living and House of Hope Emergency Shelter programs due to the existing contracts having extensions that were previously authorized by City Council.

These recommendations have no impact on Special Council Contingency.

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BACKGROUND:

Chapter 77 of the City's Ordinance Code established the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) to be responsible for comprehensively developing, overseeing, managing, and implementing an Essential Services Plan for Kids ("Plan"). KHA is to primarily implement and manage the children and youth programs, services, and activities permitted under the Plan through third-party service providers and other City agencies and may only perform limited services in-house as specified in the Chapter. KHA is also responsible for improving the lives of children and youth in the City by working to ensure the safety, health, employability, and self-value of the children and youth and a more secure future for the children and youth.

Chapter 77 also identifies five (5) Essential Service Categories that identify the types of programs, services, and activities that are to be included in the plan and are comprised of 1) Early Learning, Literacy and School Readiness, 2) Juvenile Justice Prevention and Intervention Programming, 3) Out-of-School Programming, 4) Pre-teen and Teen Programming, and 5) Special Needs, including but not limited to Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Emotional Health, and Physical Disabilities Programming.

REVENUE:

1. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings:
 - The \$607,791 represents anticipated interest earnings for FY 2026/27 based on timing of when contributions come in from the General Fund/GSD.
2. Transfer from Other Funds:
 - The \$57,175,322 represents the transfer from the General Fund/GSD to fund the Kids Hope Alliance.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Salaries:
 - The net increase of \$38,318 is primarily due to an increase of \$77,368 in permanent and probationary salaries associated with the proposed FY 2026/27 increases. This increase is partially offset by a decrease of \$41,942 in part-time salaries to better align with recent actuals.
2. Calculated Vacancy Rate Contra Expense:
 - This reflects an estimated salary and benefit lapse based on the average turnover ratio and estimated number of vacancies.
3. Pension Costs:
 - The increase of \$61,706 is mainly due to the increase in the required contribution to the defined benefit plan based on the actuarial report as well as the increase in salaries noted above.

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4. Employer Provided Benefits:
 - The increase of \$237,006 is primarily due to the planned increase in group health premiums, which are proposed to be covered by the employer for FY 2026/27.
5. Internal Service Charges:
 - The net decrease of \$102,599 is primarily due to a decrease of \$84,599 in computer system maintenance and security costs due to the change in allocation method as well as a decrease of \$26,289 in city-wide building maintenance based on recent actuals. These decreases are partially offset by an increase of \$14,854 in OGC legal costs due to an increase in actual usage and an overall increase in costs for OGC.
6. Professional and Contractual Services:
 - The \$121,576 increase is primarily due to a \$120,000 increase for the ongoing community needs assessment project for Journey Forward. The rest of the funding will be used for a digital legislative management tool, a contract management system, and the development and assessment of a security and privacy framework.
7. Other Operating Expenses:
 - This funding will be used for hardware/software maintenance and licenses, dues and subscriptions, and office supplies.
8. Library Materials:
 - This funding will be used for an annual enhancement to purchase library books for the River City Readers program.
9. Debt Service:
 - The \$384,419 represents the debt service payment for the Don Brewer Early Learning Center.
10. Grants, Aids & Contributions
 - The \$250,000 represents funding for the direct contract with Cathedral Arts Project. Besides the Jacksonville Journey Forward direct contracts, there is also a \$215,000 direct contract for Angel Kids Foundation that is within the City's General Fund/GSD Non-Departmental category. **See Recommendations #2 and #3 below.**
11. Contingencies:
 - The proposed contingency amount of \$49,823,032 represents the Department's program funding for FY 2026/27 that will be approved via separate legislation (Ordinance 2026-511). While the FY 2025/26 contingency amount of \$49,823,032 does not include

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additional funding of \$2,600,000 that was moved over from Journey Forward or added by City Council during the Budget process, all but \$475,000 (Elevate Jax - \$100,000, Walk Off Charities - \$300,000, and Family Nurturing Center of Florida, Inc. - \$75,000) are included in the budget. Below is more detail on the funding changes across the essential service categories:

Essential Services Category	Approved FY 2025/26 Contingency	Approved FY 2025/26 Wrap Up	Approved FY 2025/26 Total	Proposed FY 2026/27	Change		
					Dollar Amount	Percentage	
Early Learning	\$ 5,197,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 5,897,000	\$ 5,197,000	\$ (700,000)	-11.87%	A
Juvenile Justice Prevention & Intervention	4,009,000	300,000	4,309,000	4,009,000	(300,000)	-6.96%	B
Out of School	26,162,093	650,000	26,812,093	26,162,093	(650,000)	-2.42%	C
Preteen & Teen	6,179,000	-	6,179,000	6,179,000	-	0.00%	
Special Needs	8,275,939	950,000	9,225,939	8,275,939	(950,000)	-10.30%	D
Total Essential Services Programming	\$ 49,823,032	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 52,423,032	\$ 49,823,032	\$ (2,600,000)	-4.96%	

- A. The decrease of \$700,000 is due to the removal of funding that was added during the FY 2025/26 budget wrap up process. This funding was moved back to the Journey Forward fund.
- B. The decrease of \$300,000 is due to the removal of funding that was added during the FY 2025/26 budget wrap up process. This funding was moved back to the Journey Forward fund.
- C. The decrease of \$650,000 is due to the removal of funding that was added during the FY 2025/26 budget wrap up process. \$250,000 is above the line in KHA for Cathedral Arts Project, the \$300,000 added during budget wrap-up for Walk Off Charities is not budgeted to continue, and the \$100,000 to purchase two vans for Elevate Jax was not needed again.
- D. The decrease of \$950,000 is due to the removal of funding that was added during the FY 2025/26 budget wrap up process. All but the \$75,000 added during the budget wrap-up process for Family Nurturing Center of Florida, Inc. was moved back to the Journey Forward fund or funded in the General Fund/GSD.

12. Transfers to Other Funds:

- The slight drop in transfers is due to appropriating investment pool earnings in the applicable funds to reduce the amount needed. The \$242,996 represents:
 - o a transfer of \$194,999 to the Kids Hope Alliance Trust Fund (Fund 10904) for small provider contracts. This fund will receive a total of \$200,000 when considering the appropriation of investment pool earnings within that fund.
 - o a transfer of \$47,997 to the Youth Travel Trust (Fund 10905) to fund the annual appropriation for the Youth Travel Trust Fund. This fund will receive a total of \$50,000 when considering the appropriation of investment pool earnings within that fund.

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FOOD AND BEVERAGES EXPENDITURES:

FY 26/27 Proposed	Description of each service / event that requires the purchase of food and/or beverages	Explanation that the service / event serves a public purpose
\$2,500	Family, youth and community events held by KHA to promote its programming and services.	These events promote the programming offered by KHA providers. These services provide a positive impact to the children in Jacksonville.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

None.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

KHA does not anticipate any service level changes and has indicated that all services are continuing at their current level. However, KHA will not be increasing the unit-of-service reimbursement rate paid to providers. As a result, providers will have to absorb the impact of the minimum wage increase and increased operating costs. Also, the three direct contracts previously mentioned that were added during the budget wrap-up process are not funded in FY 2026/27.

There is also an enhancement of \$80,000 for library books to support the River City Readers program. This was previously funded through the Public Library in the General Fund / GSD (00111).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

Note – We will have the following recommendations when Ordinance 2026-511 is before City Council:

1. Schedule M is revised on the following page to reflect the corrected operating and program support amount, grant information, as well as other formatting changes.
2. Amend Section 3 to correct the grant amount to \$215,000 and amend Exhibit 3 to replace the program budget with unit of services of detail for the Angel Kids Foundation grant
3. Amend Exhibit 4 to replace the program budget with unit of services detail and other format/technical term changes for the Cathedral Arts Project.

**Kids Hope Alliance Comprehensive Budget-Schedule M
Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM GRANTS	Grant Period	Positions & PT Hours	Federal	State	Private Sources	Total External Funds	COJ Funds (Local Match)	Total Funds
Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grant (JJ)	04/01/2027-03/31/2028	.5 FT Staff	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$85,000	\$485,000
Department of Health & Human Services - SAMHSA-RECAST Program (JJ)*	09/30/2027-09/29/2028	.5 FT Staff	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Department of Health and Human Services- CREATE Program (SN)	09/30/2026-09/29/2027	.5 FT Staff	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$75,000	\$1,075,000
Department of Treasury - SIPRA (SN)**	10/01/2026-09/30/2027	1 FT Staff	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL ESTIMATED GRANT REVENUE			\$1,000,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$1,400,000	\$160,000	\$1,560,000

* KHA is requesting a 9 month no-cost extension for the SAMHSA-RECAST Program Grant.

** The funding for the entire grant period was approved in the legislation approving the original grant award. This authorizes the position to be approved.

<u>Essential Service Plans:</u>	Total Program Funding	Grant Match
Early Learning Programs	\$5,197,000	
Juvenile Justice Prevention/Intervention Programs	\$4,009,000	
Out of School Time Programs	\$26,162,093	\$85,000
Preteen and Teen Programs	\$6,179,000	
Special Needs Programs	\$8,275,939	\$75,000
	\$49,823,032	\$160,000
Other Funds		
Youth Travel Trust Fund	\$50,000	
Kids Hope Alliance Trust Fund	\$200,000	
Jacksonville Upward Mobility Program Special Revenue Fund	\$328,275	
	\$50,401,307	
KHA - Operating & Program Support Funds	\$7,717,085	
Total City Funding:	\$58,118,392	
Grant Funding (Shown Above):	\$1,400,000	
Total Funding (Including Grants):	\$59,518,392	

Revised Schedule M

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KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE TRUST (FUND 10904)**

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BACKGROUND:

Municipal Code Section 111.850-Part A created a trust fund account to be known as the Kids Hope Alliance Trust Fund. The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Kids Hope Alliance ("Board") shall deposit into the fund all donations and contributions of money, including gifts and grants, received for use toward achieving the purposes, functions and goals set forth in the Essential Services Plan for Kids and Chapter 77, Ordinance Code. All such donations and contributions shall be accounted for separately within the fund by the CEO. All sums placed into the fund, which shall include all interest earned or accrued thereon, shall be appropriated by the Council prior to expenditure, and shall be utilized for operating, maintaining and improving the Essential Services Plan for Kids provided in Chapter 77, Ordinance Code, and to provide funding for the Board's mini-grant program, which can award grants of up to \$25,000.

REVENUES:

1. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings:
 - This represents expected investment pool earnings in FY 2026/27 and is being utilized to help fund the \$200,000 in budgeted expenses.
2. Transfer From Other Funds:
 - This amount totaling \$194,999 is a transfer from the General Fund/GSD (Fund 00111) through the Kids Hope Alliance fund (Fund 10901) and represents the remaining annual appropriation for the Kids Hope Alliance Trust Fund.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Contingencies:
 - Funding is placed in a contingency and will be appropriated as part of KHA's budget bill 2026-511.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no positions within this fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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YOUTH TRAVEL TRUST FUND (FUND 10905)**

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BACKGROUND:

Municipal Code Section 111.850 - Part B created a trust fund account to be known as the Youth Travel Trust Fund. The Board of Directors of the Kids Hope Alliance is designated as the agent of the City for the purposes of determining and authorizing the allocation of a travel grant appropriation. The board shall also deposit into the fund all donations and contributions of money, including gifts and grants, received for use toward youth travel. All such donations and contributions shall be accounted for separately within the fund. The annual appropriation to this fund may not exceed \$50,000. This is an "all years" fund. KHA Board can accept and consider requests of up to \$25,000 from an organization with this funding covering no more than 50% of the total cost.

REVENUES:

1. Investment Pool / Interest Earnings:

- This represents expected investment pool earnings in FY 2026/27 and is being utilized to help fund the \$50,000 in budgeted expenses.

2. Transfer From Other Funds:

- This amount totaling \$47,997 is a transfer from the General Fund/GSD (Fund 00111) through the Kids Hope Alliance fund (Fund 10901) and represents the remaining annual appropriation for the Youth Travel Trust Fund, which is not to exceed \$50,000.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Contingencies:

- The FY 2026/27 funding of \$50,000 is placed in a contingency account and will be appropriated to Grants, Aids & Contributions as part of KHA's budget bill 2026-511.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no positions within this fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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JACKSONVILLE UPWARD MOBILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
(FUND 10906)**

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BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 2022-886-E created a new Ordinance Code Chapter 180 and Section 111.630 to establish the Jacksonville Upward Mobility Program (JUMP) and Jacksonville Upward Mobility Program Special Revenue Fund. The purpose of JUMP is to train, educate, and maintain a sustainable local workforce. Pursuant to Section 180.104, the City shall designate an amount equal to one percent of the approved economic development agreement incentives approved during a calendar year for projects located outside of the geographical boundaries of an established Community Redevelopment Area for inclusion in the next annual budget to deposit in the Jacksonville Upward Mobility Program Special Revenue Fund. Funding within the Jacksonville Upward Mobility Program Special Revenue Fund shall be utilized for apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and skilled workforce training programs for residents. The CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance shall make grant and other expenditure recommendations which will be approved by City Council through the annual budget process or other legislation.

REVENUES:

1. Transfers from Other Funds
 - This represents a transfer from the General Fund/GSD based on the calculation established in Code Section 180.104.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Other Operating Expenses
 - This represents the FY 2026/27 funding for JUMP and will be used for contract renewals.

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES:

None.

EMPLOYEE CAP CHANGES:

There are no authorized positions or part-time hours in this fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.