

1 Introduced by Council Members White, Salem, and Carlucci and Co-  
2 Sponsored by Council Members Freeman, Morgan, Clark-Murray, Pittman,  
3 Becton, Diamond, Newby, Priestly Jackson, Boylan, Gaffney, DeFoor,  
4 Ferraro, Howland, Cumber, Carrico, and Bowman and amended on the  
5 Floor of Council:  
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8 **RESOLUTION 2022-695-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING JOHN PAPPAS  
10 FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CITY AND THE  
11 CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
12 RETIREMENT FROM CITY GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING AN  
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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15 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas, born in Jacksonville and raised in  
16 Tallahassee, graduated from Rickards High School and earned his  
17 Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University  
18 of Florida in 1985; and

19 **WHEREAS**, following graduation, Mr. Pappas began his career with  
20 the City of Jacksonville as an associate engineer and, upon earning  
21 his professional engineer's license in 1990, was promoted to Engineer  
22 Manager with the City's Maintenance and Construction Support Branch  
23 of the Streets and Drainage Division in 1999. In 2000, he became  
24 manager of the Paving and Drainage Design Section, then was appointed  
25 by Mayor John Delaney to the position of City Engineer in September  
26 2002; and

27 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 Mayor John Peyton appointed John Pappas as  
28 Deputy Director of Public Works where he had oversight for the Real  
29 Estate and Engineering and Construction Management Divisions. He also  
30 managed the City's Stormwater Utility capital improvement program and  
31 policies associated with the utility's responsibilities. In 2014,

1 Mayor Alvin Brown appointed him as Operations Director of the  
2 Department, and in 2015, Mayor Lenny Curry appointed him as the  
3 Director of the Public Works Department; and

4 **WHEREAS**, managing a budget of nearly \$232 million and a workforce  
5 of 523, Mr. Pappas and his team construct, maintain, and manage the  
6 City's vital infrastructure: thousands of miles of public roads,  
7 medians and shoulders; hundreds of bridges; tens of thousands of  
8 traffic signals and road signs; thousands of miles of stormwater  
9 ditches, pipes and swales and thousands of stormwater inlets, drainage  
10 structures, outfalls, and retention ponds; scores of public  
11 buildings, including libraries, community and senior centers; and the  
12 county landfill and the contracts for the City's solid waste and  
13 recycling haulers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas is the epitome of a true public servant,  
15 overseeing a massive operation with competence and capability;  
16 selecting, leading and inspiring a quality team of like-minded  
17 employees in the pursuit of efficient and effective service for the  
18 public good; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pappas has been an invaluable resource to City  
20 Council members over the two decades that he has been in leadership  
21 positions in the Public Works Department, making himself available  
22 at any time and anywhere to answer questions, take phone calls, solve  
23 problems, provide information, and accompany council members as a  
24 resource to community meetings large and small to explain projects,  
25 field questions, and be an outstanding ambassador of city government;  
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pappas is an avid Florida Gator and Jacksonville  
28 Jaguars fan and enjoys history and documentaries, golfing, and the  
29 Greek food of his heritage, especially that prepared by his mother;  
30 and

31 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas has recently announced his retirement from

1 the Public Works Department to take on new professional challenges;  
2 now therefore

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

4 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
5 Public Works Director John Pappas on his nearly four decades of  
6 outstanding service to the City and the citizens of Jacksonville on  
7 the occasion of his retirement, and extends its very best wishes for  
8 continued success and happiness in his next endeavors. The Council  
9 hereby expresses its tremendous gratitude to Mr. Pappas for his  
10 unflinching cooperation, his wise counsel, and his valued friendship  
11 to generations of council members in the shared mission of providing  
12 the best possible service to our citizens.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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