

1 Introduced by Council Members Carrico, Boylan, Clark-Murray, J.
2 Carlucci, Johnson, Salem, Howland, Miller, Lahnen, White, Diamond and
3 Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Arias, Gaffney, Jr. and
4 Amaro:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2023-725**

8 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE PASSING OF SHANNON
9 ELLER AND HONORING HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE;
10 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Shannon Eller was born on November 9, 1972 in Lowell,
14 Massachusetts, raised in Naples, Florida, and graduated with a
15 bachelor of arts from the University of South Florida - Honors College
16 in 1995, followed by a *juris doctor* degree from University of Florida
17 in 1998; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eller's legal career began in 1999 and is marked
19 by decades of public service to several government entities throughout
20 the state of Florida including the Northeast Florida Regional Planning
21 Council, Volusia County, Hernando County, the Florida Department of
22 Transportation and, of course, the City of Jacksonville, where she
23 would ultimately serve with the Office of General Counsel a total of
24 four times over the years; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eller was originally hired as an Assistant General
26 Counsel by General Counsel Rick Mullaney in September 2001; however
27 during her time with the Office of General Counsel and under multiple
28 General Counsels, she was promoted to Chief of the Land Use and
29 Environmental Law Department, Deputy General Counsel of the Land Use
30 Department and Chief of the Constitutional and Regulatory Law
31 Department; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eller had a passion for her work, particularly in
2 planning, land use and zoning, and growth management, and her life
3 and career are marked by her unfettered optimism, unwavering work
4 ethic, and her desire to serve her clients and her community to the
5 best of her ability; and

6 **WHEREAS**, it is with deep sadness that the Council learned of Ms.
7 Eller's transition home on Monday, October 2, 2023; she was a devoted
8 friend, sister, daughter, and aunt, an impeccable interior decorator
9 and organizer, the ultimate party planner and hostess, and had a
10 sense of humor that could not be matched; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Office of General Counsel
12 mourn Shannon Eller's passing, having lost a trusted friend, attorney,
13 confidante and colleague; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council extends heartfelt condolences
16 to Shannon Eller's family and friends upon her passing and honors her
17 years of service to the City of Jacksonville and the City Council
18 with great appreciation. Her passion for the community she served,
19 optimism, fierce sense of humor, and love for her friends and family
20 left a significant mark on the community and all who knew her.

21 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
22 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 (Emergency).** Emergency passage upon
23 introduction of this Resolution is requested in order to commemorate
24 Ms. Eller's passing in a timely manner.

25 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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