

1 Introduced by Council Members Boylan, Johnson, Howland, Pittman,  
2 Salem, Gay, J. Carlucci, Diamond, Freeman, Carlucci, Amaro and  
3 Clark-Murray:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-263**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING DEPUTY  
8 GENERAL COUNSEL LAWSIKIA HODGES ON HER  
9 OUTSTANDING CAREER WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL  
10 COUNSEL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS,** Lawsikia Hodges earned her bachelor's degree with  
13 honors in political science from the University of North Florida and  
14 her law degree with honors from the University of Florida Levin  
15 College of Law, where she was a member of the Moot Court Team, served  
16 as an intern for the United States House of Representatives, and was  
17 a Legal Research and Writing Professor's Assistant; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Hodges began her legal career as a business law  
19 associate at Foley & Lardner LLP in Jacksonville in the Real Estate  
20 and Finance Practice Group and Business Law Department for 5 years  
21 before joining the City's Office of General Counsel in 2007; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Lawsikia Hodges has practiced in a wide variety of  
23 areas in the General Counsel's Office, including real estate and  
24 public finance transactions, government procurement, budget  
25 ordinances, economic incentives and community redevelopment, federal  
26 and local grants, sunshine law, public records, and ethics; and

27 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Hodges has served as lead counsel to various  
28 independent authorities and City boards and commissions, including  
29 the Jacksonville Port Authority, Jacksonville Electric Authority,  
30 Jacksonville Housing Authority, Jacksonville Housing Finance  
31 Authority, Police and Fire Pension Board of Trustees, Downtown

1 Investment Authority, Tourist Development Council, Public Service  
2 Grant Council, Kids Hope Alliance, and Jacksonville Housing and  
3 Community Development Commission; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Hodges has provided invaluable counsel to the  
5 City Council, its members, and committees during her sixteen-year  
6 career with the Office of General Counsel, offering expertise,  
7 insight, and skill in understanding and drafting legislation on a  
8 wide variety of policy issues. She has particularly excelled in  
9 crafting legislation on major policy issues, including substantial  
10 amendments to the JEA Charter and a major re-write of the City's  
11 Procurement Code; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Lawsikia Hodges is very active in the legal profession  
13 with memberships in several bar associations and very involved in  
14 lending her expertise and time to a variety of community  
15 organizations, including current or previous membership on the board  
16 of the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, WJCT, the PACE Center  
17 for Girls and the Jacksonville Chapter of Young Catholic  
18 Professionals; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Hodges has announced her intention to leave the  
20 General Counsel's Office for a new position and the City Council  
21 wishes to express its thanks for all her contributions during her  
22 career with the Office of General Counsel; now therefore

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

24 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and congratulates  
25 Deputy General Counsel Lawsikia Hodges on her outstanding career in  
26 the Office of General Counsel and thanks her for her years of  
27 dedicated and effective service to the City and its citizens. The  
28 Council is especially grateful for her wise counsel and invaluable  
29 assistance to the City Council and its members over the years and  
30 extends its best wishes for success and happiness in her future  
31 endeavors.

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

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5 Form Approved:

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7                     /s/ Carla A. Lopera          

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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