

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2024-186

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Salem

**Date of Introduction:** February 27, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** February 27, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation and one cycle emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the appointment of Scott Wohlers to the Downtown Investment Authority Board, as a Southbank CRA representative, replacing Joe Hassan, for a partial term ending June 30, 2024. One cycle emergency passage is requested to replace a departing member and enable the appointee to participate in the work of the board in a timely manner.

**Background Information:** The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Section 55.104, *Ordinance Code*, and charged as the sole development and community redevelopment agency for Downtown for the City of Jacksonville pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, *Florida Statutes*.

Section 55.307(a) *Ordinance Code* provides that the Downtown Investment Authority Board is the governing body for the Downtown Investment Authority. Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that four of the nine members of the Downtown Investment Authority board be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a person residing in or with substantial business interest in the Southbank CRA.

Mr. Wohlers holds a bachelor's degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. He is the President of Investment Services for Riverplace Capital Management Inc. in Riverplace Tower in the Southbank CRA. Mr. Wohlers serves on the San Marco Merchants Association and resides in Duval County in council district 5.

**Policy Impact Area:** Downtown Investment Authority operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey