

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-233

Sponsor: Council President Newby

Date of Introduction: March 22, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 23, 2022

Type of Action: Appointment; Emergency Passage

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Margaret M. “Peggy” Sidman as the City Council Director/Council Secretary. This legislation requires 1 cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: The Personnel Committee, pursuant to Section 11.122, Ordinance Code, selected Margaret M. “Peggy” Sidman from among a group of qualified candidates to be recommended for appointment by City Council as Director/Council Secretary at the March 16, 2022 meeting. The Council Secretary is the head of the department and shall be responsible for all matters of staff support for the Council. This Office shall include: a Legislative Services Division, a Research Division, an Administrative Services Division, and a Public Information Division.

One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the position has been vacant since the retirement of Dr. Cheryl L. Brown on January 12, 2022. Ms. Sidman will begin in this position on April 16, 2022, and the Council is eager to have a sitting Director/Council Secretary as soon as possible to continue the efficient administration of the Council Offices.

Ms. Sidman has worked for the City of Jacksonville since 2003 when she started as Assistant General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel. Currently Ms. Sidman is the Managing Deputy & Deputy for Legislative Affairs in the Office of General Counsel. Ms. Sidman has a Juris Doctorate degree from American University. Ms. Sidman resides in Council District 14.

Policy Impact Area: City Council operations

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000 yearly salary

Analyst: Distel