CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-204

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: March 11, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 12, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Suzanne Jenkins as an alternate member to the Planning Commission, filling a seat formerly held by Nicole Padgett, for a first full term to expire on expire on September 30, 2027.

Background Information: The Planning Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 30, Part 2, Ordinance Code, and charged to review proposed land use changes, text changes to the Comprehensive Plan, requests for exceptions, variances and waivers to the Zoning Code, appeals from written orders granting or denying an administrative deviation and written interpretations of the Zoning Code and final orders of the Cell Tower Review Committee and other matters related to land use and area planning which are referred to the Department or to the Commission pursuant to law; review and make recommendations to the Council on proposed changes to the Zoning Code, the Code of Subdivision Regulations and other land development regulations or amendments thereto, and with respect to all rezonings; review and make recommendations on plans and programs developed by the Planning Department; and serve as the local planning agency per 163.3174, F.S. and prepare the comprehensive plan.

Sec. 30.201(a), Ordinance Code, provides for three at-large alternate members on the Planning Commission to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. The alternate members shall either be former Planning Commission members or former City Council members who have served on the Land Use and Zoning Committee of the City Council.

Ms. Jenkins served as the district 4 Jacksonville City Council member for two terms, from 1999 – 2007. While on council, she was honored with the Charles D. Webb award in 2001, was elected council vice president for the 2001-02 term, and served on the LUZ Committee for 3.5 years, with one year as vice chair. Ms. Jenkins resides in Duval County in council district 5.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey