

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Johnson, Amaro, Peluso,
2 Salem, Howland, Diamond, White and Boylan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-260**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SUSAN
7 GRANDIN ON HER LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER
8 WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Susan Grandin, a native of Atlanta, earned her
12 bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of
13 Florida and her law degree from the Walter F. George School of Law
14 at Mercer University; and

15 **WHEREAS**, following her graduation from UF, Ms. Grandin was a
16 practicing landscape architect with The Haskell Company and Reynolds,
17 Smith and Hills for 9 years before attending law school, after which
18 she joined the Office of General Counsel (OGC) in 1992 and served 5
19 years in the Environmental and Land Use Department, including serving
20 as counsel to the Jacksonville Planning Commission and the Historic
21 Preservation Commission; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Susan Grandin left the OGC to become the Northeast
23 Florida Field Office Director for the Trust for Public Land and later
24 opened a private law practice, The Preservation Law Group, which
25 advised clients in land use and real estate matters, particularly the
26 preservation and protection of military installations and civil
27 airports from the encroachment of incompatible land uses; and

28 **WHEREAS**, from 2012-2014, Ms. Grandin worked at the Florida
29 Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee as the Director
30 of the Division of State Lands for the State of Florida, serving as
31 staff to the Governor and Cabinet and handling all real estate matters

1 for the 12 million acres of land, both upland and submerged, owned
2 by the State; and

3 **WHEREAS,** in 2014 Ms. Grandin returned to the Office of General
4 Counsel where she has worked for the past 10 years serving a variety
5 of clients with her particular expertise in land use, environmental
6 and historic preservation law and policy, including serving as legal
7 counsel to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, the Jacksonville
8 Tree Commission, several Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory
9 Boards, the Subdivision Standards Advisory Committee, the Context
10 Sensitive Streets Standards Committee, and the Land Use and Zoning
11 Committee; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Susan Grandin has long been extremely active in
13 organizations dedicated to good urban design, historic preservation,
14 and civic pride, including membership and leadership positions in
15 such organizations as the Urban Land Institute, Congress for the New
16 Urbanism, Riverside Avondale Preservation, JaxPride, Jacksonville
17 Community Council Inc., and the Memorial Park Association, to name
18 just a few; and

19 **WHEREAS,** after serving the City of Jacksonville and its
20 citizens with integrity, expertise and wise counsel for nearly 20
21 years, Ms. Grandin has announced her retirement from the Office of
22 General Counsel, and the City Council wishes to express its gratitude
23 for her outstanding service; now therefore

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

25 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
26 attorney Susan Grandin for her long and distinguished career with the
27 Office of General Counsel and extends its gratitude for her service
28 and its best wishes for her future happiness. Her knowledge, wise
29 counsel and friendship are greatly appreciated and will be sorely
30 missed by all who had the pleasure to know and work with her.

31 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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