

1 Introduced by Council Members Salem and Newby and Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Boylan, Carrico, Ferraro, Freeman, Gaffney, Pittman,  
3 DeFoor, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, Bowman, Cumber, Dennis, Carlucci,  
4 Diamond, White & Becton and amended on the Floor of Council:  
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7 **RESOLUTION 2021-859-A**

8 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING JORDAN  
9 ELSBURY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY AND THE  
10 CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
11 DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, Jordan Elsbury, a native of Louisiana, earned his  
14 bachelor's degree in history from Southeastern Louisiana University  
15 and worked first for his alma mater and then for the Republican Party  
16 of Louisiana as a field director and regional political director  
17 before coming the Jacksonville in 2015; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Elsbury joined the mayoral campaign of then-  
19 candidate Lenny Curry as a campaign coordinator and, after the  
20 campaign proved successful, was appointed by Mayor Curry as his  
21 Director of Appointments and Special Projects. Within a year he was  
22 promoted to Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and ultimately, in  
23 January of 2020, to Chief of Staff for the Mayor's Office; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in his roles as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs  
25 and Chief of Staff, Jordan Elsbury was in constant communication with  
26 the members of City Council, explaining and advocating for the Mayor's  
27 initiatives and legislation, answering council members' questions,  
28 and generally serving as a key liaison between the legislative and  
29 executive branches of government; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in his relations with the City Council, Mr. Elsbury has

1 always demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism and  
2 courtesy, which stood him in good stead as he and the administration  
3 worked closely with the City Council on several particularly important  
4 and sometimes contentious issues including a referendum to extend and  
5 repurpose the Better Jacksonville Plan sales tax to pay for several  
6 billion dollars in accumulated unfunded pension liabilities, an  
7 increase in the local option gas tax to meet City infrastructure  
8 needs, dealing with the COVID pandemic, and several large capital  
9 improvement projects with the Jacksonville Jaguars, including a new  
10 Sports Performance Facility and the Kids Kampus redevelopment  
11 project; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Jordan Elsbury has recently resigned from City  
13 government to take a position in the private sector; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends and thanks  
16 Jordan Elsbury for his six years of service to the City and to the  
17 citizens of Jacksonville in various positions in the Mayor's Office,  
18 and extends its best wishes for his continued success in the private  
19 sector. His many contributions to the effective administration of the  
20 City are gratefully acknowledged and much appreciated.

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

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26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

