

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-53

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

Date of Introduction: January 10, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 9, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Eric Smith to the Jacksonville Port Authority, replacing John Baker, for a partial term to expire on September 30, 2025, followed by a first full term to expire on September 30, 2029.

(Note: this bill needs to be amended in committee, the person being replaced is not correct and as such the term is not correct)

Background Information: The JPA is established pursuant to Article 5, *Jacksonville Charter*, and charged to operate, manage, and control the seaport and ancillary facilities located within Duval County. Four of the seven members of the board are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville with the confirmation of the Council of the City of Jacksonville.

Eric Smith holds a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida. He served previously as an Assistant State Attorney and was elected as a Florida State Representative for District 19 in 1971. Mr. Smith served as an At-Large member of Jacksonville City Council for 20 years, twice selected as council president by his colleagues. He resides in Duval County in council district 2.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Port Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey