

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-774

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

Date of Introduction: October 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 23, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Lara Diettrich as an alternate member to the Planning Commission, replacing Dawn Motes, for a partial term to expire on October 1, 2025, followed by a first full term to expire on October 1, 2028.

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. Diettrich holds a bachelor's degree and an MPA from UNF. She is the senior planner and project manager for Halff, an engineering and architecture firm, and she worked previously for the City's Planning and Development Department. Ms. Diettrich serves on the Urban Land Institute Board and served previously as the Planning District 5 representative on the Planning Commission (2013-2015). She resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey