

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-530

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

Date of Introduction: August 8, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 7, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Charles Garrison to the Planning Commission, representing the Duval County At-Large position, filling a seat formerly held by Jordan Elsbury, for a partial term to expire on October 1, 2024, followed by a first full term to expire on October 1, 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 nine members, and three alternates, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council for a term of three years. Of the nine members and three alternates, one member shall be appointed from and shall be continuously throughout his term a resident of each City Planning District, and three members and the three alternates shall be appointed at-large and shall be residents of the city during their entire terms.

Mr. Garrison holds a bachelor's degree in finance from FSCJ and works as a Market Leader – Public Infrastructure for WGI Inc. He previously served as the director of business development for Carlton Construction and as a senior loan officer for Wells Fargo. Mr. Garrison is a member of the Environmental Protection Board and the Changing Homelessness Board, and a past member of the Jacksonville Housing & Community Development Commission. He resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey