

1 Introduced by Council Members Salem and Newby:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-859**

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

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

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

27 **WHEREAS**, in his relations with the City Council, Mr. Elsbury has  
28 always demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism and  
29 courtesy, which stood him in good stead as he and the administration  
30 worked closely with the City Council on several particularly important  
31 and sometimes contentious issues including a referendum to extend and

1 repurpose the Better Jacksonville Plan sales tax to pay for several  
2 billion dollars in accumulated unfunded pension liabilities, an  
3 increase in the local option gas tax to meet City infrastructure  
4 needs, dealing with the COVID pandemic, and several large capital  
5 improvement projects with the Jacksonville Jaguars, including a new  
6 Sports Performance Facility and the Kids Kampus redevelopment  
7 project; and

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

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

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

17 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

25 Office of General Counsel

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