

1 Introduced by Council Member DeFoor and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Becton, Bowman, White, Newby, Hazouri, Freeman,
3 Cumber ,Ferraro, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, Diamond, Carlucci,
4 Dennis, Pittman, Carrico, R. Gaffney and Boylan:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2020-767**

8 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING PAUL MCELROY FOR HIS
9 SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND INTERIM
10 LEADERSHIP AT JEA; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
11 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, prior to his April 2018 retirement, Paul McElroy
15 spent 16 years as a JEA executive, including six years as Chief
16 Financial Officer, and more than five years as Chief Executive
17 Officer and Managing Director; and

18 **WHEREAS**, due to circumstances this year that left JEA without
19 leadership, Mr. McElroy stepped in to help JEA, its new board, and
20 our community in a time of need. Paul McElroy offered his talents,
21 skills and knowledge, acquired through many dedicated successful
22 years of public service and community leadership, to lead JEA while
23 the board searched for a new permanent Chief Executive Officer; and

24 **WHEREAS**, while back at the helm leading JEA, Mr. McElroy
25 focused on what had been successful for the organization in the
26 past: customer satisfaction, operational performance, financial
27 metrics and management practices, and governance including ethics
28 and compliance; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Paul McElroy placed his personal life, professional
30 commitments, and other responsibilities on hold in order to work to
31 restore JEA's reputation as a valued asset to all of its customers

1 and to guide JEA back towards the path of exceptional standing
2 within the utility industry. Mr. McElroy's six month interim
3 leadership ensured the successful functioning of JEA while a new
4 CEO was selected; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby extends great
7 appreciation and deep gratitude to Paul McElroy for his service and
8 outstanding leadership. In the past six months, Mr. McElroy
9 restructured JEA management as needed, steadfastly planned for the
10 future, steered JEA back onto the path to regain its standing in
11 the utility industry and tirelessly sought to restore public trust
12 within our community.

13 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
14 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
15 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
16 emergency is that Mr. McElroy's successor has been selected and Mr.
17 McElroy has begun the transition to return to retirement and the
18 Council wishes to extend their appreciation accordingly.

19 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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