

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-401

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Carrico

Date of Introduction: May 12, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Scott K. Thomas to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, as a general public representative, filling a seat held previously by Richard J. Redick, for a partial term expiring December 31, 2026.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Waterways Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 95, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations to the Council with respect to the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River and all tidal waters in Duval County; formulate an overall plan for dealing with any problems that exist concerning the St. Johns River; devise methods of developing future uses of the St. Johns River; serve as the Duval County committee to review rules proposed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission governing speed and operation of motorboats to protect manatees; advise governmental units and the public concerning the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River; and act as a coordinating agency for programs and activities affecting the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River.

Section 95.103(c), *Ordinance Code*, provides that nine of the members of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission shall be members of the general public appointed by the Council, who may serve for up to three consecutive full terms.

Mr. Thomas holds a bachelor's degree in biology, and a master's degree in computer management from Webster University. He retired after 20 years of service at Johnson & Johnson, and he is a US - Coast Guard Auxiliary National Staff Officer. Mr. Thomas is an avid boater, and a certified PATI Rescue diver. He served previously on the Jacksonville Health Facilities Board. Mr. Thomas resides in Duval County in council district 5.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Waterways Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey