

1 Introduced by Council President Carrico:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-255**

5 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S
6 APPOINTMENT OF JAMES C. EDWARDS, A DUVAL COUNTY
7 RESIDENT, AS A MEMBER OF THE EASTSIDE GRANTS
8 COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 118.904,
9 *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERM
10 EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
11 DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2026-36-E established an Eastside Community
14 Grants Program ("Eastside Grants Program") with the mission and
15 purpose of providing a process by which funds made available for the
16 Eastside Strategic Focus through the Supplemental Jacksonville
17 Stadium Community Benefits Agreement, approved and authorized by
18 Ordinance 2024-905-E, will be distributed within the Eastside to
19 provide public support to organizations operating or administering
20 programs or initiatives for Affordable Housing, Workforce Housing,
21 economic development, and/or mitigation of homelessness in the
22 Eastside; and

23 **WHEREAS**, to administer the Eastside Grants Program, Ordinance
24 2026-36-E also created the Eastside Grants Committee to act as an
25 advisory board for the City of Jacksonville and to review, evaluate,
26 and score grant applications from such organizations that provide the
27 required programs or initiatives in the Eastside and desire to
28 participate in the Eastside Grants Program; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Section 118.904, *Ordinance Code*, outlines the
30 composition of the Eastside Grants Committee which shall consist of
31 nine voting members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor and

1 confirmed by Council, four of whom shall be appointed by the Council
2 President and confirmed by Council, with the ninth voting member to
3 be a current employee of Jacksonville Jaguars, LLC ("JL") or its
4 successor organization, to be selected by JL; and

5 **WHEREAS**, to the extent feasible, the Mayor and Council President
6 shall endeavor to appoint members who reside in or have a substantial
7 economic business interest in each of the five neighborhoods that
8 comprise the Eastside, as follows: Campbells Addition, Fairfield,
9 Longbranch, Oakland, and Phoenix; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in addition, the Mayor and Council President are
11 encouraged to appoint members who also have experience or expertise
12 in one of the following areas: economic development and/or workforce
13 development; affordable housing and/or workforce housing; and
14 mitigation and/or prevention of homelessness which may include, but
15 is not limited to, experience in home repairs, tax relief, heirs
16 property, or related matters; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1. Confirmation of Appointment.** The Council hereby
19 confirms the Council President's appointment of James C. Edwards, a
20 Duval County resident, as a member of the Eastside Grants Committee,
21 in accordance with Section 118.904, *Ordinance Code*, for an initial
22 two-year term expiring on June 30, 2028.

23 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Carla Schell

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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