

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-221

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Freeman

Date of Introduction: March 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 27, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Joe Hassan to the Downtown Investment Authority, as a Southbank CRA representative, replacing Ronald K. Moody, pursuant to Section 55.107(b)(1) (Downtown Investment Authority Board), Chapter 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), *Ordinance Code*, for a partial term to expire June 30, 2024. One cycle emergency passage is requested because the seat is currently vacant, creating difficulties in establishing a quorum and precluding the Board from undertaking its work in a timely fashion.

Background Information: The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 55, Part 3, *Ordinance Code*, and charged as the sole development and community redevelopment agency for Downtown for the City of Jacksonville pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, *Florida Statutes*. Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that four of the nine members of the board be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a person residing in or with substantial business interest in the Southbank CRA.

Mr. Hassan has been a licensed realtor for over 30 years, with a focus on the acquisition and development of commercial properties and the renovation of existing properties as long term holdings investments (including the Dyal Upchurch and The Florida Title and Trust buildings). Mr. Hassan manages the facility, leasing and day-to-day operations at 1200 Riverplace Boulevard (the old Steinmart building) in the Southbank. Mr. Hassan holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida in business administration. He resides in Duval County in council district 6.

Policy Impact Area: DIA board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey