

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-62

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 27, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 30, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation and *Ordinance Code* waiver

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Lurise Bannister as Chief of Transportation Planning Division of the planning and Development Department. Section 30.802, *Ordinance Code* is waived as to the requirement that the Chief of Transportation Planning have a college degree, from an accredited college or university, in urban planning or urban design or related field.

Background Information: Section 30.802, *Ordinance Code* establishes that the Transportation Planning Chief shall have a college degree from an accredited college or university, in urban planning or urban design or related field and at least ten years' experience in urban design and management experience, or at least five years of experience with a master's degree in any of the listed fields, or commensurate training and experience, and shall have proven administrative experience. The Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Ms. Bannister holds a bachelor's degree in aviation management from the Florida Institute of Technology. She has served with the City's Planning Department since 2005 in various capacities including senior planner and planning services manager. Ms. Bannister resides in Duval County in council district 8.

Policy Impact Area: Transportation Planning Division operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$116,866.58 - \$190,802.50 annually.

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