

1 Introduced by Council Members White and Hazouri & Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Morgan, Ferraro, Gaffney, Diamond, Cumber and
3 Freeman:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-651-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING PUBLIC
8 WORKS DIRECTOR JOHN PAPPAS FOR HIS 35 YEARS OF
9 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY AND THE
10 CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas earned his Bachelor of Science degree in
14 Civil Engineering from the University of Florida and was
15 immediately hired by the City's Public Works Department as an
16 Associate Engineer and was assigned to roadway and drainage design
17 and permitting, review of private developments, and review of
18 right-of-way permitting; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pappas was promoted to Project Manager in 1990
20 and spent 9 years as the lead design engineer for major road and
21 drainage projects and as the engineering manager for the
22 department's contracts with design and construction companies. He
23 thereafter became an Engineer Manager for the Maintenance and
24 Construction Support Branch and the Paving and Drainage Section,
25 supervising teams of Public Works employees performing improvement
26 projects and supervising private development reviews; and

27 **WHEREAS**, in 2002 Mayor John Delaney appointed John Pappas as
28 City Engineer, in which position he managed the nearly 100
29 employees of the City Engineering Division, chaired the Subdivision
30 Standards and Policy Advisory Committee and the City's Construction
31 Dispute Resolution Board, and provided engineering support services

1 to the Better Jacksonville Plan's project managers. In 2007 Mr.
2 Pappas was appointed by Mayor John Peyton as Deputy Director of
3 Public Works, where he was the City's lead for the development of
4 the Stormwater Utility and led the implementation of the City's
5 FEMA floodplain map update project. Under Mayor Alvin Brown he
6 served as Engineering Manager in the office of the Director of
7 Public Works with responsibility for the Stormwater Utility and for
8 management of the City's Capital Improvement Program, then was
9 appointed Director of Operations for the department; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 Mr. Pappas was appointed Director of Public
11 Works by Mayor Lenny Curry, and for the past 5 years has
12 demonstrated exceptional ability in leading the department,
13 overseeing its many functions, and ensuring that City projects are
14 built, maintained and operated in a very professional and efficient
15 way; and

16 **WHEREAS**, throughout his decades in leadership positions in the
17 department John Pappas has demonstrated a great ability to
18 communicate clearly and honestly with the City Council and the
19 general public and has inspired confidence in his department's
20 competence and dedication to public service; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
23 commends Public Works Director John Pappas for 35 years of
24 outstanding service to the citizens and the City of Jacksonville.
25 The City Council expresses its gratitude to Mr. Pappas for his
26 dedication to public service and his unfailing assistance to
27 council members and the general public throughout his career.

28 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

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