

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2026-77

**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

**Bill Summary:** This bill appoints James Hobson to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, as a general public representative, filling a seat held previously by Lane Burnett, in accordance with Chapter 95, *Ordinance Code*, for a first full term ending December 31, 2028.

**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. Hobson holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University. He serves as a police officer with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Mr. Hobson resides in Duval County.

**Policy Impact Area:** Library Board of Trustees operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey