

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2026-256

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Carrico

**Date of Introduction:** March 24, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** March 24, 2026

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Council President’s appointment of E. Shawn Ashley as a member of the Eastside Grants Committee, for an initial two-year term expiring on June 30, 2028.

**Background Information:** Ordinance 2026-36-E established an Eastside Community Grants Program (“Eastside Grants Program”) with the mission and purpose of providing a process by which funds made available for the Eastside Strategic Focus through the Supplemental Jacksonville Stadium Community Benefits Agreement, approved and authorized by Ordinance 2024-905-E, will be distributed within the Eastside to provide public support to organizations operating or administering programs or initiatives for Affordable Housing, Workforce Housing, economic development, and/or mitigation of homelessness in the Eastside.

The Eastside Grants Committee is established to act as an advisory board for the City of Jacksonville and to review, evaluate, and score grant applications from such organizations that provide the required programs or initiatives in the Eastside and desire to participate in the Eastside Grants Program. Section 118.904, *Ordinance Code*, outlines the composition of the Eastside Grants Committee which shall consist of nine voting members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, four of whom shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council, with the ninth voting member to be a current employee of Jacksonville Jaguars, LLC (“JLL”) or its successor organization, to be selected by JLL.

Mr. Ashley is the Founder and CEO, EDC3 LLC, a registered JSEB vendor. He grew up in the Eastside area, he has extensive experience with workforce development programs, and his family owns 9 parcels in the Longbranch neighborhood. Mr. Ashley resides in Duval County in council district 2.

**Policy Impact Area:** Eastside Community Grants Program

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

**Analyst:** Hampsey