

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-586

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

Date of Introduction: August 22, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 21, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Jack Meeks as a Planning District 1 representative member of the Planning Commission, filling a seat formerly held by David Ward, for a partial term ending on September 30, 2023, followed by a first full term to expire on September 30, 2026.

Background Information: The Planning Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 30, Part 2, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review proposed land use changes, text changes to the Comprehensive Plan, requests for exceptions, variances, waivers to the Zoning Code, and rezonings (except those pertaining to properties located within the Downtown Overlay Zone, as defined in Section 656.361.2), appeals from written orders granting or denying an administrative deviation and written interpretations of the Zoning Code and final orders of the Cell Tower Review Committee and other matters related to land use and area planning which are referred to the Department or to the Commission pursuant to law; review and make recommendations to the Council on proposed changes to the Zoning Code, the Code of Subdivision Regulations and other land development regulations or amendments thereto, and with respect to all rezonings; review and make recommendations on plans and programs developed by the Planning Department; and serve as the local planning agency per 163.3174, F.S. and prepare the comprehensive plan.

Sec. 30.201(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Planning Commission be comprised of nine members and three alternates, with one member appointed from and a continuous resident throughout his term of each City Planning District, and three members and the three alternates shall be appointed at-large and shall be residents of the city during their entire terms. The member from the Urban Core Planning District shall be a resident of, or own a business in, that District.

Mr. Meeks holds a bachelor's degree from UF and is a licensed CPA. He is the President of Jack Meeks & Associates, CPAs, LLC., a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), is accredited in Business Valuation (ABV), an Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) as well as a practicing Receiver and Expert Witness giving testimony in legal cases involving business or personal damages, eminent domain and fraud. Mr. Meeks served previously on the DIA Board and the Jacksonville Ethics Commission. He resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey