

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-255

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 James C. Edwards 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 (“JL”) or its successor organization, to be selected by JL.

Mr. Edwards holds a bachelor’s degree from Western Kentucky University. He retired in 2015 after more than 20 years of service with JFRD, he was a FSCJ Fire Training Instructor, and a Duval County Public School Safety Specialist. Mr. Edwards is the President of the Jacksonville Brotherhood of Firefighters. He resides in Duval County in council district 12.

Policy Impact Area: Eastside Community Grants Program

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey