

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2025-476

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

**Date of Introduction:** June 24, 2025

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

**Date of Analysis:** June 25, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Helena A. Parola as Director of the Planning and Development Department of the City of Jacksonville.

**Background Information:** Sec. 30.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Director of the Planning and Development Department be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Director shall have a master's degree in public administration, urban planning or a related field or shall have ten years' professional and administrative experience in a managerial capacity, at least five of which shall be in an urban planning agency or organization.

Ms. Parola holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Florida. She has served in the Planning and Development Department since 1998 with roles including senior planner (historic preservation), City planner supervisor, and the Chief of the Community Planning Division. Ms. Parola resides in Duval County in council district 5.

**Policy Impact Area:** Planning and Development Department operations

**Fiscal Impact:** The salary range for this position is \$153,322.76 - \$250,322.78 annually

**Analyst:** Hampsey