

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-698

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

Date of Introduction: September 26, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: September 25, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: The bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Michael McGowan to the Planning Commission representing Planning District 3, replacing Daniel Blanchard, for partial term to expire on September 30, 2026, followed by a first full term to expire on September 30, 2029.

(Note: the term should be a "first full term" not "partial", will need to be amended in committee)

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 and waivers to the Zoning Code, 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 for nine members, and three alternates, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council for a term of three years. Of the nine members and three alternates, one member shall be appointed from and shall be continuously throughout his term a resident 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.

Mr. McGowan holds a bachelor's degree from UF in applied economics. He is the Vice President of Development for Chase Properties Inc. and is a licensed real estate agent. Mr. McGowan serves on the Urban Land Institute Advisory Board and the San Marco Preservation Society. H resides in Duval County in council district 5, within Planning District 3.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey