

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-600

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

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 24, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation, establishment of substantial business interest, waiver of Section 50.102(c), *Ordinance Code*, and one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Isiah M. Oliver as a member of the Homelessness Initiatives Commission, for an initial three-year term expiring February 28, 2027. Mr. Oliver's substantial business/philanthropic interest in Duval County is established through his role as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. Section 50.102(c), *Ord. Code* is waived due to the one-cycle timeline. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested because there is an urgent need for the Commission to be fully seated as soon as possible so that it can commence its work in a timely manner, including development of an annual Action Plan by September 1st.

Background Information: Chapter 89, *Ordinance Code* established the Homelessness Initiatives Commission as an advisory body of the City to assess the current unmet needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused populations and to make recommendations regarding programs, initiatives and services to be funded by the City's Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund.

Pursuant to Section 86.103 (a), *Ordinance Code*, four members of the general public shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council, and three members of the general public shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. To the extent possible, each of the members of the general public should possess specialized knowledge about the needs of the homeless and chronic unhoused populations.

Mr. Oliver holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant. He is the president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, and he served previously as the president/CEO of Community Foundation of Greater Flint. Mr. Oliver is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Epsilon Upsilon Lambda Chapter, and the Campaign Chair of the Association of Black Foundation Executives. He resides in St. Johns County.

Policy Impact Area: Homelessness Initiatives Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey