

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-846

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

Date of Introduction: November 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 28, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Melinda B. Powers to the Downtown Investment Authority, as a Southbank CRA representative, replacing Craig Anthony Gibbs, for a partial term to expire June 30, 2024, followed by a first full term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Background Information: The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 55, *Ordinance Code*, and charged as the sole development and community redevelopment agency for Downtown for the City of Jacksonville pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, *Florida Statutes*.

Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the nine members of the board be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a person residing in or with substantial business interest in the Southbank CRA.

Ms. Powers holds a bachelor's degree from FAMU, a master's degree from UNF and a JD from Wayne State University. She is the founder/manager of Intentional Professionals LLC, located at 1200 Riverplace Blvd. She is an adjunct professor at UNF's Coggin College of Business, and she worked previously as a consultant for the Florida Small Business Development Center. Ms. Powers resides in Duval County in council district 5.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Investment Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey