

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-644

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

Date of Introduction: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: September 8, 2023

Type of Action: R

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Antoinette "Tina" Meskel to the Planning Commission, representing Planning District 5, replacing Ian A. Brown, for a partial term to expire September 30, 2025, followed by a first full term to expire on September 30, 2028.

(Note: this may require an amendment because the partial term is more than 50% of the full 3-year term)

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.

Ms. Meskel holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from UNF. She is the president and principal engineer at Meskel & Associates Engineering, PLLC. Ms. Meskel resides in Duval County in council district 11 within Planning District 5.

Policy Impact Area: Planning Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey