

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-635

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)

Date of Introduction: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: September 12, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Willard Payne, Jr., a Duval County resident, as a member of the Better Jacksonville Plan Financial Administration Committee, as a citizen member, for a first full term expiring March 31, 2028.

Background Information: Pursuant to Section 761.107, *Ordinance Code*, the Better Jacksonville Plan Financial Administration Committee (BJP FAC) was established to provide additional oversight and review of the projects, as financed by The Better Jacksonville ½ Cent Sales Surtax. The BJP FAC shall present to the City Council, the Mayor and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board as necessary a report on the implementation, progress, status and completion of all The Better Jacksonville Plan Projects, including a summary of the financing undertaken, funds expended and planning, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction as of the reporting date. The FAC shall also prepare and present to the City Council and the Mayor a report twice a year no later than April 1 and October 1, that such taxes are in effect, regarding the revenues received, implementation, progress, status and completion of the projects related to the use of the local option gas taxes set forth in Chapter 799, *Ordinance Code*.

The BJP FAC shall consist of the Managing Director of JEA, the Chief Administrative Officer of the City, or their respective designees, and a citizen within the financial business community of the City. In addition, five private citizens who are residents of the City shall serve as members. Two of said citizen members of the FAC shall be appointed by the Mayor (one of whom shall be the citizen within the financial business community of the City) and confirmed by Council, two shall be appointed by Council, and two shall be recommended by JTA to be confirmed by Council.

Mr. Payne holds a bachelor's degree from Xavier University and a master's degree from Loyola University in Chicago. He currently serves as the Vice President/Secretary of Northern Florida Recruiting and Consulting Services, Inc. He spent 14 years with the Chicago Public School System as a teacher and a district level administrator and was the owner/operator of 4 McDonalds franchises in Jacksonville from 1975-1997. In 1979, Mayor Godbold appointed Mr. Payne as the first African American to serve on the Jacksonville Port Authority. He has also served the City on TDC, PFPF Board of Trustees, JIA CRA Advisory Board and Jacksonville Economic Development Commission. Mr. Payne resides in Duval County in council district 2.

Policy Impact Area: Better Jacksonville Plan Financial Administration Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey