

1 Introduced by Council Members White, Salem, and Carlucci:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-695**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING JOHN PAPPAS  
6 FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CITY AND THE  
7 CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
8 RETIREMENT FROM CITY GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING AN  
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas, born in Jacksonville and raised in  
12 Tallahassee, graduated from Rickards High School and earned his  
13 Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University  
14 of Florida in 1985; and

15 **WHEREAS**, following graduation, Mr. Pappas began his career with  
16 the City of Jacksonville as an associate engineer and, upon earning  
17 his professional engineer's license in 1990, was promoted to Engineer  
18 Manager with the City's Maintenance and Construction Support Branch  
19 of the Streets and Drainage Division in 1999. In 2000, he became  
20 manager of the Paving and Drainage Design Section, then was appointed  
21 by Mayor John Delaney to the position of City Engineer in September  
22 2002; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 Mayor John Peyton appointed John Pappas as  
24 Deputy Director of Public Works where he had oversight for the Real  
25 Estate and Engineering and Construction Management Divisions. He also  
26 managed the City's Stormwater Utility capital improvement program and  
27 policies associated with the utility's responsibilities. In 2014,  
28 Mayor Alvin Brown appointed him as Operations Director of the  
29 Department, and in 2015, Mayor Lenny Curry appointed him as the  
30 Director of the Public Works Department; and

31 **WHEREAS**, managing a budget of nearly \$57 million and a workforce

1 of 300, Mr. Pappas and his team construct, maintain, and manage the  
2 City's vital infrastructure: thousands of miles of public roads,  
3 medians and shoulders; hundreds of bridges; tens of thousands of  
4 traffic signals and road signs; thousands of miles stormwater ditches,  
5 pipes and swales and thousands of stormwater inlets, drainage  
6 structures, outfalls, and retention ponds; scores of public  
7 buildings, including libraries, community and senior centers; and the  
8 county landfill and the contracts for the City's solid waste and  
9 recycling haulers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas is the epitome of a true public servant,  
11 overseeing a massive operation with competence and capability;  
12 selecting, leading and inspiring a quality team of like-minded  
13 employees in the pursuit of efficient and effective service for the  
14 public good; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pappas has been an invaluable resource to City  
16 Council members over the two decades that he has been in leadership  
17 positions in the Public Works Department, making himself available  
18 at any time and anywhere to answer questions, take phone calls, solve  
19 problems, provide information, and accompany council members as a  
20 resource to community meetings large and small to explain projects,  
21 field questions, and be an outstanding ambassador of city government;  
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pappas is an avid Florida Gator and Jacksonville  
24 Jaguars fan and enjoys history and documentaries, golfing, and the  
25 Greek food of his heritage, especially that prepared by his mother;  
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas has recently announced his retirement from  
28 the Public Works Department to take on new professional challenges;  
29 now therefore

30 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

31 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends

1 Public Works Director John Pappas on his nearly four decades of  
2 outstanding service to the City and the citizens of Jacksonville on  
3 the occasion of his retirement, and extends its very best wishes for  
4 continued success and happiness in his next endeavors. The Council  
5 hereby expresses its tremendous gratitude to Mr. Pappas for his  
6 unfailing cooperation, his wise counsel, and his valued friendship  
7 to generations of council members in our the shared mission of  
8 providing the best possible service to our citizens.

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

16 Office of General Counsel

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