

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-156

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Freeman

Date of Introduction: February 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 28, 2023

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints W. Marc Hardesty, to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, as a member of the General Public, for a second full term ending December 31, 2025.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Waterways Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 95, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations to the Council with respect to the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River and all tidal waters in Duval County; formulate an overall plan for dealing with any problems that exist concerning the St. Johns River; devise methods of developing future uses of the St. Johns River; serve as the Duval County committee to review rules proposed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission governing speed and operation of motorboats to protect manatees; advise governmental units and the public concerning the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River; and act as a coordinating agency for programs and activities affecting the improvement, development and protection of the St. Johns River. Section 95.103(c), *Ordinance Code*, provides that nine of the members of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission shall be members of the general public appointed by the Council.

Mr. Hardesty holds a bachelor's degree from Furman University and a law degree from Mercer University. He has been a Partner at Hardesty, Tyde, Green & Ashton, P.A. since 1994, and he is co-owner of Palms Fish Camp Restaurant on Heckscher Drive. Mr. Hardesty is a Duval County resident and lives in council district 2.

Attendance: Mr. Hardesty has attended 79% (23 of 29) meetings in his current term.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Waterways Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey