

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2023-158

**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 Robert Birtalan, to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, as a member of the General Public, for a second full term ending December 31, 2024.

**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. Birtalan retired in 2012 as the Director of Operations Mayport for BAE Systems. He is the owner of Birtalan Production Consulting LLC, that provides guidance to shipyards in the areas of planning, management and productivity, and he is co-owner of the St. Johns Marine Group. Mr. Birtalan is a Duval County resident and lives in council district 2.

**Attendance:** Mr. Birtalan attended 94% (29 of 31) of the meetings in his current term.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jacksonville Waterways Commission operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey