

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-773

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

Date of Introduction: October 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 23, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Micah Heavener to the Downtown Investment Authority Board, as a member with business management expertise, replacing Joshua A. Garrison, for a partial term to expire June 30, 2026.

(Note: the "partial" term may need to be amended in committee)

Background Information: The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 55, *Ordinance Code*, and charged as the sole development and community redevelopment agency for Downtown for the City of Jacksonville pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, *Florida Statutes*.

Section 55.107, *Ordinance Code* established the Downtown Investment Authority Board to act as a governing body for the Downtown Investment Authority.

Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the nine members of the board be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a person with business management expertise.

Mr. Heavener holds a bachelor's degree from the Citadel and an MBA from UF. He is an Army veteran, deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom and served as Light Infantry Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Liaison to the United Nations, and Assistant Operations Officer. Mr. Heavener is the Chief Operating Officer for Universal Ledger Holdings Inc., and he worked previously as the head of operations for SOFI Technology. He resides in Duval County in council district 5.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Investment Authority

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey