

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2024-130

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

**Date of Introduction:** February 13, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R, LUZ

**Date of Analysis:** February 12, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of R. Brett James LLA, AICP, as Director of the Planning and Development Department of the City of Jacksonville.

**Background Information:** Sec. 30.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Director of the Planning and Development Department be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Director shall have a master's degree in public administration, urban planning or a related field or shall have ten years' professional and administrative experience in a managerial capacity, at least five of which shall be in an urban planning agency or organization.

Mr. James holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma. He is a licensed landscape architect and certified city planner. He worked previously as a city planner in Oklahoma City. Mr. James served on active duty and the reserves in the Navy from 1989 – 2013, working in planning and asset management in Japan, Jacksonville and San Diego. His most recent position was the Director of Strategic Planning for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest.

**Policy Impact Area:** Planning and Development Department operations

**Fiscal Impact:** The salary range for this position is \$146,160.84 - \$238,629.96 annually

**Analyst:** Hampsey