

1 Introduced by Council Member Crescimbeni and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Member Newby:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2019-481**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE
6 CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MIKE SANDS ON
7 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF
8 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
9 DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Mike Sands earned his Associate of Science degree in
12 civil engineering technology from Lake City Community College and
13 graduated from the General Motors University of Automotive
14 Management at Emory University; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Sands held several private sector positions in
16 the construction and engineering fields with various companies as a
17 project estimator, survey party chief and engineering draftsman,
18 and was working for Mandarin Utilities, a private water and sewer
19 company, when it was acquired by the City of Jacksonville in 1986;
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21 **WHEREAS**, following the acquisition of the utility, Mike Sands
22 began a long career with the City of Jacksonville and the JEA in
23 the area of water and sewer operations, first as a contract
24 employee in the Water Services Division of the Public Works
25 Department, then as Water Services Construction Coordinator for the
26 department. In 1997 when the City's water and sewer operations were
27 transferred to the JEA, he was appointed as Director of
28 Construction Management for Water and Sewer for the authority and
29 served for several years on the JEA Corporate Strategy Team; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in 2002 Mr. Sands returned to the Public Works
31 Department to take charge of the Development Management Group and,

1 after an administrative reorganization, was appointed Chief of the
2 Development Services Division of the Planning and Development
3 Department in 2007. He has been instrumental in managing the City's
4 role in the tremendous growth that has taken place in the city over
5 the past decade and played a leading role in developing
6 Jacksonville's current floodplain ordinance which has helped the
7 City to achieve National Flood Insurance Program community rating
8 of 6, which qualified property owners in the city for a 20%
9 reduction in flood insurance premiums; and

10 **WHEREAS**, an avid hunter, fisherman and camper, Mike Sands has
11 also been an active contributor to his community as a member and
12 Past Chairman of the Baker County Construction Adjustments and
13 Appeals Board, as a board member of the Underground Utility
14 Contractors Association of North Florida, and as a member of the
15 Cecil Field Architectural Review Board; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
18 commends the career and accomplishments of Mike Sands as he retires
19 from the position of Chief of the Development Services Division and
20 extends its best wishes for health and happiness in the years
21 ahead. Mr. Sands' considerable contributions to the City's vitally
22 important public utilities and to its development review processes
23 are gratefully acknowledged and the Council expresses its gratitude
24 for his wise counsel and invaluable cooperation throughout the
25 years.

26 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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