

1 Introduced by Council Members White and Hazouri and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Becton, Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci,
3 Newby, Pittman, Boylan, Wilson, Salem, Bowman, Ferraro, Gaffney,
4 Diamond, Cumber, Freeman and Morgan:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2020-651**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING PUBLIC
9 WORKS DIRECTOR JOHN PAPPAS FOR HIS 35 YEARS OF
10 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY AND THE
11 CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, John Pappas earned his Bachelor of Science degree in
15 Civil Engineering from the University of Florida in and was
16 immediately hired by the City's Public Works Department as an
17 Associate Engineer and was assigned to roadway and drainage design
18 and permitting, review of private developments, and review of
19 right-of-way permitting; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pappas was promoted to Project Manager in 1990
21 and spent 9 years as the lead design engineer for major road and
22 drainage projects and as the engineering manager for the
23 department's contracts with design and construction companies. He
24 thereafter became an Engineer Manager for the Maintenance and
25 Construction Support Branch and the Paving and Drainage Section,
26 supervising teams of Public Works employees performing improvement
27 projects and supervising private development reviews; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 2002 Mayor John Delaney appointed John Pappas as
29 City Engineer, in which position he managed the nearly 100
30 employees of the City Engineering Division, chaired the Subdivision
31 Standards and Policy Advisory Committee and the City's Construction

1 Dispute Resolution Board, and provided engineering support services
2 to the Better Jacksonville Plan's project managers. In 2007 Mr.
3 Pappas was appointed by Mayor John Peyton as Deputy Director of
4 Public Works, where he was the City's lead for the development of
5 the Stormwater Utility and led the implementation of the City's
6 FEMA floodplain map update project. Under Mayor Alvin Brown he
7 served as Engineering Manager in the office of the Director of
8 Public Works with responsibility for the Stormwater Utility and for
9 management of the City's Capital Improvement Program, then was
10 appointed Director of Operations for the department; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 Mr. Pappas was appointed Director of Public
12 Works by Mayor Lenny Curry, and for the past 5 years has
13 demonstrated exceptional ability in leading the department,
14 overseeing its many functions, and ensuring that City projects are
15 built, maintained and operated in a very professional and efficient
16 way; and

17 **WHEREAS**, throughout his decades in leadership positions in the
18 department John Pappas has demonstrated a great ability to
19 communicate clearly and honestly with the City Council and the
20 general public and has inspired confidence in his department's
21 competence and dedication to public service; now therefore

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

23 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
24 commends Public Works Director John Pappas for 35 years of
25 outstanding service to the citizens and the City of Jacksonville.
26 The City Council expresses its gratitude to Mr. Pappas for his
27 dedication to public service and his unfailing assistance to
28 council members and the general public throughout his career.

29 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

/s/ Margaret M. Sidman

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