

1 Introduced by Council Member DeFoor:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-191**

5 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
6 OF JACKSONVILLE APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL
7 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESILIENCY'S FINAL
8 REPORT, DATED FEBRUARY 2021; THANKING THE
9 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND THE NORTHEAST
10 FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THEIR TIME AND
11 EFFORT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2019, then Council President Scott
14 Wilson created the Special Committee on Resiliency and appointed
15 Council Member Matt Carlucci as the Chair, with Council Members
16 Boylan, Bowman, DeFoor, Dennis, Morgan and Wilson as members; and

17 **WHEREAS**, "Resiliency" is a very large topic that covers being
18 able to prepare for, adapt and recover from a range of chronic
19 stressors and adverse events such as sea level rise, global
20 warming, and even health pandemics, so in an effort to be able to
21 start the City's journey into this broad subject, for the purpose
22 of this Special Committee, and because Jacksonville is so impacted
23 by its waterways of the St. Johns River and tributaries, the
24 Intracoastal Waterway, and the Atlantic Ocean, it was decided that
25 the focus would be centered on flooding whether from events such as
26 hurricanes and intense storms, or the stressors of aging
27 infrastructure and sea level rise; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 2020 the Special Committee met and heard from a
29 variety of experts in the field, and with such a large subject
30 matter to digest, even narrowed to the general topic of flooding,

1 the Special Committee agreed to form three (3) subcommittees to
2 focus on three broad subject matters of "Environmental Planning,"
3 "Infrastructure, and Continuity of Operations for Essential
4 Services," and "Education, Protection of Local Neighborhoods, and
5 Community Outreach"; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the Environmental Planning subcommittee was a
7 subcommittee of one, Council Member Carlucci, and was attended and
8 supported by many Subject Matter Experts; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Infrastructure, and Continuity of Operations for
10 Essential Services subcommittee was a subcommittee of one, Council
11 Member Dennis, and was attended and supported by many Subject
12 Matter Experts; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Education, Protection of Local Neighborhoods, and
14 Community Outreach subcommittee was Chaired by Council Member
15 Morgan and Vice-Chaired by Council Member Boylan, and was also
16 assisted by many Subject Matter Experts; and

17 **WHEREAS,** on June 30, 2020, Council President Tommy Hazouri
18 directed the continuation of the Special Committee on Resiliency,
19 and appointed Council Member DeFoor as Chair, with Council Members
20 Boylan, Dennis, Morgan and Carlucci as members; and

21 **WHEREAS,** in early 2021 the 3 subcommittees had heard from
22 their Subject Matter Experts at least in monthly meetings, if not
23 more frequently, on the many nuances contained even in the narrowed
24 Special Committee focus of flooding, sea level rise and high
25 intensity storm events; and

26 **WHEREAS,** the Northeast Florida Regional Council ("NEFRC") was
27 instrumental in compiling and assimilating all the information
28 provided by these Subject Matter Experts into three subcommittee
29 reports that were then brought by the Chair of each subcommittee to
30 the full Special Committee for approval, which was granted; now,

1 therefore

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

3 **Section 1. Approval of Report and Recommendations.** The
4 City Council hereby recognizes and approves the City Council
5 Special Committee on Resiliency Final Report, dated February 2021,
6 **On File** with the City Council Legislative Services Division.

7 **Section 2. Statement of Appreciation for the Time and**
8 **Efforts of the Subject Matter Experts and the Northeast Florida**
9 **Regional Council.** The citizens of the City of Jacksonville are
10 fortunate to have so many talented and diverse leaders in its
11 community that would take their time, and share their knowledge, to
12 assist in the City of Jacksonville's effort to grapple with the
13 daunting task of Resiliency. Without their efforts this Report
14 would not have been possible. Likewise, the staff of the Northeast
15 Florida Regional Council provided not only guidance in this
16 journey, but also the connection to many of the speakers at the
17 Committee and subcommittee meetings, and the putting of pen to
18 paper that created this Final Report. The City of Jacksonville
19 offers its sincere gratitude.

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon the signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
22 effective without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Susan C. Grandin

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared by: Susan C. Grandin

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