JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF
JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION’S SUPPORT
FOR THE CREATION OF A CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON DRAINAGE AND FLOODING ISSUES

WHEREAS, the advent of two powerful storms over the last two
consecutive years, Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, have heightened
attention to state of the St. Johns River, in particular the
flooding impacts along the areas bounding the St. Johns River and
its tributaries and associated wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Waterways Commission finds that the City of
Jacksonville should give special attention to address the impacts
of storm events, man-made challenges and other environmental
factors contributing to flooding impacts; and

WHEREAS, drainage infrastructure in the City of Jacksonville
has been designed to discharge into the St. Johns River and the
effectiveness of these systems are impacted by water levels in the
St. Johns River, bulkheads, and loss of wetlands, among other
factors; and

WHEREAS, the Waterways Commission desires that the City
Council establish a special committee or task force to address
these issues; and

WHEREAS, said special committee or task force would consider
such pertinent topics as drainage and flood control, tidal impacts
and water levels in the St. Johns River, the effects of failing or
deficient drainage infrastructure and improvements, and the loss of
the wetlands and natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Waterways Commission that
such special committee or task force would explore the
opportunities for maintenance and preservation of wetlands and
floodplains and to make recommendations which would contribute to the resiliency of the St. Johns River and Northeast Florida; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Waterways Commission of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. FINDINGS. The Waterways Commission finds the foregoing to be true and accurate.

Section 2. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT. The City of Jacksonville Waterways Commission hereby expresses its support for creation of a City Council special committee or task force whose mission would be to evaluate drainage and flood control; tidal impacts and water levels in the St. Johns River; the effects of failing or deficient drainage infrastructure and improvements; the loss of the wetlands and natural habitats; and development activities within the floodplain; such special committee or task force would offer recommendations to the City Council as to opportunities for maintenance and preservation of wetlands and floodplains and various drainage and stormwater system improvements, which would contribute to the resiliency of the St. Johns River and Northeast Florida.

DONE AND ORDERED at the August 15, 2018 meeting of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission.

Lori Boyer, Chairman Jacksonville Waterways Commission, City Council Member, District 5