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Jacksonville City Council appoints James Hubbard as City Manager, effective August 12, 2021.

July 2, 2021 - During a special council meeting on Friday, July 2, the Jacksonville City Council unanimously approved the appointment of James Hubbard to the position of City Manager of Jacksonville. This comes after the June 23rd resignation announcement of current City Manager, Greg Smith, who will continue serving in his current role until August 12.

Mr. Hubbard has worked in local government for over twelve years. He currently serves as the President of the Jacksonville Economic Development Organization (JEDCO), where he utilizes his skills to develop, administrate and track the effectiveness of economic development. He has worked closely with City of Jacksonville Council and leadership on various projects throughout the city. Hubbard has worked at all levels in local government from Parks Department Head to Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Colleyville, where he served on the executive leadership team and worked alongside the City Manager to carry out the policies of the Colleyville City Council.

“We are extremely confident in Mr. Hubbard’s ability to help lead Jacksonville forward. James has proven his commitment to Jacksonville and has been unwavering in his support for our residents, business owners and the betterment of our community,” said Mayor Randy Gorham.

Mr. Hubbard holds a Master in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/Criminology from the University of Texas at Arlington. With his degree specifically geared toward city leadership, James gained experience helping to develop a 5-year fully funded capital improvement plan targeting critical infrastructure. James also focused on geographic mapping and asset management as well as participated in Development and Charter Review Committees.

James has lived in Jacksonville with his family since joining JEDCO in 2017. James and his wife, Amy, have been married fourteen years. They have four children and are expecting their fifth child in January 2022.

“Serving the citizens and employees of Jacksonville in this expanded role is the honor of a lifetime. Words cannot express my appreciation for the JEDCO Board. Their support over the past three-and-a-half years, and throughout this transition, has made today’s announcement possible. I look forward to supporting the City Council and truly believe Jacksonville’s best days are yet to come,” remarked Mr. Hubbard.

Councilman Tim McRae added, “I am very excited to know Jacksonville will continue to move in the direction this Council wants it to go with Mr. Hubbard serving as our City Manager. The energy and

talent that James brings to the table will only accelerate the vision and growth we have planned for this great city!”

The Jacksonville City Council appoints the City Manager, who serves as Chief Administrative Officer by executing the laws and administering the government of the city, as directed by the City Council policies. The City Manager oversees a consolidated budget and is responsible for all non-appointed city staff, which includes 135+ full-time employees. The City Manager performs highly responsible managerial and supervisory work in planning, organizing, and directing the operations of the city. Coordinating and directing all departments and staff operations.

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