

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH RECOGNIZING CITY MANAGER GEORGE D. FORBES FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND AUTHORIZES HIS USE OF THE TITLE *CITY MANAGER OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, EMERITUS.*

WHEREAS, George D. Forbes was the City Manager of Jacksonville Beach from March 13, 1995, to August 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, George D. Forbes provided over 23 years of service as City Manager and was the longest serving City Manager in the history of Jacksonville Beach;

WHEREAS, George D. Forbes was a key leader in rebuilding Jacksonville Beach and committing the City to focus on fiscal discipline, with a strong mission and customer service emphasis;

WHEREAS, George D. Forbes was instrumental in accomplishing the following during times of tremendous growth and economic challenge and dramatically improved the quality of life for Jacksonville Beach residents and visitors;

- Led the City through the great recession and fiscally out of debt by 2020
- Negotiated the 1996 Interlocal Agreement with Duval County
- Negotiated the Haskell/Sleiman plan that led to the rebuilding of downtown Jacksonville Beach
- Purchased land and redeveloped the South End Redevelopment area
- Purchased land to construct the Ocean Cay and Paradise Key subdivisions
- Constructed a new 21 million dollar waste treatment plant at no cost to the ratepayers
- Constructed numerous water, sewer, and stormwater projects
- Rebranded the Jacksonville Beach Electric Department into Beaches Energy Services
- Developed Beaches Energy Services to be one of the most reliable utilities in Florida
- Installed a natural gas system for commercial customers
- Undergrounded approximately 80% of the Beaches Energy distribution system east of A1A
- Led the City through numerous tropical storms and hurricanes
- Presented a balanced budget to the City Council for 23 years
- Maintained a strong financial condition and capital improvements program
- Built or rebuilt virtually all City facilities and infrastructure as follows:
 - Purchased the land and constructed South Beach Park and Cradle Creek Preserve
 - Rebuilt Wingate Park
 - Built a new golf course clubhouse and totally renovated the golf course

- Negotiated an Interlocal Agreement with the County to construct a new pier
- Built Latham Plaza and Seawalk Pavillion, reconstructing the entire Seawalk
- Reconstructed Gonzales Park and the Tennis Center
- Added a fishing pier at Rotary and Huguenot Parks
- Constructed the new City Hall and Police Department building at no cost to the City
- Constructed a new Carver Center Building, Operations Maintenance Building, and Fire Station
- Reconstructed South Beach Pkwy from Beach Blvd to the St. Johns Co. line at no cost to the City
- Obtained over 20 million dollars to reconstruct and improve drainage north of Beach Boulevard

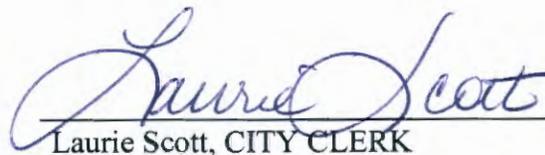
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT: The City Council of the City of Jacksonville Beach congratulates City Manager George D. Forbes for his exemplary service and authorizes his use of the title City Manager of Jacksonville Beach, Emeritus.

This Resolution shall become effective August 2, 2018.

AUTHENTICATED this 16th day of July, 2018.



William C. Lathan, MAYOR



Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK