

Introduced by: Council Member Jeanell Wilson

Adopted: August 20, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA,
AWARDING WILLIAM (TY) EDWARDS A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY.**

WHEREAS, Ty Edwards was the Public Works Director of Jacksonville Beach from August 19, 1996 to August 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ty Edwards provided over 22 years of service as Public Works Director and is the longest serving Public Works Director in the history of Jacksonville Beach; and

WHEREAS, Ty Edwards was a key leader in rebuilding the Public Works infrastructure in Jacksonville Beach, with a strong emphasis on employee accountability, and meeting federal and state permit requirements for water, sewer, and stormwater services; and

WHEREAS, Ty Edwards was an outstanding mentor to Public Works employees, developing individual supervisors and division chiefs to take action to solve problems, and developed a “we make it so” culture in Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Ty Edwards was instrumental in accomplishing the following and dramatically improving the quality of life for Jacksonville Beach residents and visitors:

- His leadership improved the delivery of all public works services that includes the delivery of water to drink, the disposal and re-use of wastewater, maintaining roadways and sidewalks, effective collection and treatment of stormwater runoff and the timely removal and disposal of garbage and recyclables
- Through his leadership, downtown development plans were changed to align Latham Plaza with City Hall
- Worked with the Redevelopment Agency to successfully complete redevelopment projects
- Developed the idea of aligning Penman Road across Beach Boulevard and assisted in convincing JTA to spend approximately 3 million dollars on the project
- Constructed a new 21 million dollar waste treatment plant at no cost to the ratepayers

- Constructed numerous water, sewer, and stormwater projects that greatly improved the infrastructure of our City
- Led the City through numerous tropical storms and hurricanes, keeping the water and sewer system on, thereby improving the environment for citizens that did not evacuate, and greatly improving the conditions for the Beaches Baptist Hospital
- Built or rebuilt virtually all City facilities and infrastructure as follows:
 - Reconstructed South Beach Parkway from Beach Boulevard to the St. Johns County line at no cost to the City
 - Assisted with contracts with the Department of Transportation for over 20 million dollars to reconstruct and improve drainage north of Beach Boulevard
 - Ensured utilities were upgraded before street improvement projects were completed to eliminate having to rebuild the street later, and thereby, saving our taxpayers dollars
 - Developed a manhole maintenance program using SpectraShield to prevent hydrogen sulfide deterioration
 - Instituted a water valve replacement program to ensure the reliability of our water system
 - Completed a school sidewalk safety program that greatly increased the safety of our school children
 - Developed a grant program for businesses that required a larger grease trap to protect our environment and assist businesses
 - Instituted a grant program for residential property owners with septic tanks to assist them in connecting to the City sewer system and aggressively moved to eliminate septic tanks whenever possible to protect our waterways
 - Constructed stormwater improvements throughout the City to protect properties
 - Instituted a milling and repaving program to better maintain our street system.

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 Public Works Director William (Ty) Edwards for his service and awards him a distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the City of Jacksonville Beach.

AUTHENTICATED this 20th Day of August, 2018.



William C. Latham, MAYOR



Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK