




ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

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DATE: September 18, 2019  
TO: Board of County Commissioners  
FROM: Mayor Jerry L. Demings   
SUBJECT: Managerial Appointment  
**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

I am pleased to present the managerial appointment of Mr. Jason Reynolds to the Neighborhood Services Division. He is an outstanding member of the Planning, Environmental and Development Services Department and will bring unique skills and experience to his role as Manager. Mr. Reynolds currently serves as the Administrator for the Neighborhood Services Division.

Jason began his career in 2005, as a Graduate Intern/Assistant Project Manager for the West Palm Beach Housing Authority. In 2007, he was a Planning Consultant and Facilities Planning Specialist for the Planning Services Division for the Osceola County School District. He also represented the School District's interest as a member of the City of St. Cloud's Planning Commission.

In 2009, Jason was hired by Orange County as a Senior Planner. In 2017, he was promoted to Neighborhood Services Administrator. He has managed the economic and community grant programs, supported Orange County's neighborhood outreach programs, and worked with elected officials to implement projects and identify solutions that address neighborhood problems. He has also established partnerships with county neighborhoods and other local government jurisdictions.

In 2015, he became certified with American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Mr. Reynolds is also actively involved in several community organizations such as the Professional Advisory Council for the University of Florida, Orlando City Foundation board member, and a mentor at Jones High School.

Mr. Reynolds received his bachelor's degree in criminology and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Florida. He has considerable public service experience and a solid understanding of the operations within the division.

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Mr. Reynolds' appointment will be effective October 6, 2019, at an annual salary of \$101,296 per year. His resume is attached for your review.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Jason Reynolds as Manager, Neighborhood Services Division, Planning, Environmental, and Development Services Department

c: Byron Brooks, AICP County Administrator  
Chris Testerman, AICP, Deputy County Administrator  
Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director, PEDS Department  
Tim Boldig, Deputy Director, PEDS Department

## **Jason R. G. Reynolds, AICP**

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### **Professional Experience**

**Neighborhood Services Division, Orange County Government, Orlando, FL**

**Senior Planner, Principal Planner, & Chief Planner** – Dec 2009 to Dec 2017; **Administrator** – Dec 2017 to present

- Manages the Division's economic and community development grant programs
  - The Safe Neighborhoods Program provides resources to grassroots organizations and has allocated \$350,000 for neighborhood improvement and public safety projects
  - The Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors Program has provided \$450,000 to small businesses for capital and regulatory improvements
  - The Neighborhood Pride Grant improves the physical and social quality of neighborhoods and has awarded \$2,000,000 for beautification projects
  - The Enterprise Zone Program disbursed \$3,000,000 in tax incentives to revitalize distressed communities and create employment opportunities (sunset in 2015)
- Supports Orange County Government's neighborhood outreach programs
  - Provides guidance and strategies to communities needing assistance
  - Engages and collaborates with community leaders and stakeholder organizations
- Works with elected officials to implement projects and identify solutions to address neighborhood level problems
- Establishes partnerships that benefit unincorporated neighborhoods, including building and maintaining relationships with other local governments
- Prepares and presents information to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, County Senior Administration, community organizations, and business associations
- Manages and crafts the budget, goals, and initiatives for the Division

**Planning Services Division, School District of Osceola County, Kissimmee, FL**

**Planning Consultant** – Jan 2007 to Feb 2008; **Facilities Planning Specialist** – Mar 2008 to Dec 2009

- Partnered with home builders to collect and analyze Osceola County's residential development data for use in student enrollment projection reports
- Represented the School District's interests as a member of the City of St. Cloud's Planning Commission (non-voting)
- Managed projects impacting school campuses including easements, road/right of way vacations, and cell phone towers
- Developed study areas to better manage the impacts of new residential development on schools
- Gathered and managed residential permit data to gauge new home construction across the county

**West Palm Beach Housing Authority, West Palm Beach, FL**

**Graduate Intern/Assistant Project Manager** – Dec 2005 to Jan 2006 and May 2006 to July 2006

- Collaborated with the Project Manager and In-House Counsel to plan the development of a 249-unit affordable housing urban infill community (MerryPlace)
- Researched, drafted, and assisted in the implementation of a Trespass Policy for the West Palm Beach Housing Authority (approved by the Board of Commissioners – June 2006)

## **Education and Training**

### **M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning**

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

### **B.A. in Criminology**

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

### **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Practitioner**

Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute, Florida Attorney General's Office

## **Professional Affiliations**

**American Institute of Certified Planners**, 2015 to Present

**American Planning Association**, 2010 to Present

## **Community Involvement**

**University of Florida**, 2012 to Present

Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Professional Advisory Council

**Valencia College – Take Stock in Children**, 2018 to Present

Mentor at Jones High School

**Orlando City Foundation**, 2018 to Present

Board Member

**Callahan Head Start**, 2010 to Present

Guest Reader

**Junior Achievement of Central Florida**, 2015 to 2019

Leadership Council

**City of Orlando**, 2014 to 2018

Families, Parks, and Recreation Advisory Board

**WMFE 90.7- Central Florida's National Public Radio Station**, 2016 to 2017

Community Advisory Board

**Devereux Foundation, Focus on Achievement**, 2012 to 2017

Mentor at Grand Avenue Primary Learning Center

**City of Orlando**, 2014 to 2015

Project DTO-Advancing Downtown Orlando Task Force

**Orlando City Soccer Club**, 2014 to 2015

Fan Advisory Council