

Jacksonville Tree Commission
Wednesday August 16, 2023 – 9:30 AM
For approval September 20, 2023
Via Zoom Platform & In Person

Commissioners Present:
Curtis Hart (Chair)
Susan Fraser
Rhodes Robinson
Steve Long

Staff:

Public:
Dave McDaniel, COJ
Carol Register, COJ
Joe Anderson, JEA
Scott Sauder, JEA
Mike Zaffaroni, Liberty Landscape
Paul Davis, COJ
John November, Public Trust
Susan Kelly, DIA
Susan Caven, COJ
Jameka Smith, COJ
Kathleen McGovern, COJ
Lisa Grubba, Greenscape
Nancy Powell, Scenic Jax
Nick Lamb, Greenway Landscape
Jeff Lucovsky, COJ
Aaron Hallett, COJ
Jill Enz, COJ
Michael Haskins, SPAR

Advisors:
Susan Grandin, OGC
Justin Gearhart, City Arborist
Jonathan Colburn, Urban Forestry Manager
Jose Regueiro-Accounting

1. **Call to Order** – Chair
2. **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum** – Chair
3. **Submittal of Speaker’s Cards** – Chair
 - a) A raised hand icon as well as waving at the screen will be acknowledged by Chair.
 - b) For those attending in person, paper speakers’ cards are available.
4. **Action Items:**
 - a) Minutes from July 19, 2023 Tree Commission Meeting
 - i. Approved (Mr. Robinson motion, Mr. Long second)
 - b) Minutes from June 29, 2023 Urban Forestry Master Plan Subcommittee
 - i. Approved (Mr. Robinson motion, Mr. Long second)
 - c) Minutes from July 27, 2023 Urban Forestry Master Plan Subcommittee
 - i. Approved (Ms. Fraser motion, Mr. Long second)

d) Proposed Level 2 Projects

i. 7th Street East-

1. Mr. Gearhart presented the project.
2. Public Comment
3. Vote

i. Approved (Mr. Robinson motion, Mr. Long second)

e) Proposed new trees for approved species list- Justin Gearhart

i. Discussion of Spruce Pine and Bluff Oak

ii. Vote

1. Approved (Mr. Robinson motion, Mr. Long second)

f) Fund balance and encumbrance report for 15(F) (Ordinance Tree Fund), 15(N) (Charter Tree Fund) and BJP (Attachment A) – Mr. Reguerio

i. The fact that these accounts do accrue interest as shown under investment pool earnings.

ii. Vote

1. Motion to approve moving \$1.7 million from charter to Remove and Replace during next request from City Council. (Ms. Fraser motion, Mr. Robinson second).

g) Fund Status of 630-CITY, Remove & Replace and Level 2 Programs (Attachment C) – Mr. Gearhart

h) Status of Pending Level 2 Tree Projects (Attachment B) – Mr. Gearhart

i) Urban Forest Management Plan Subcommittee (Attachment G)- Susan Fraser

i. Discussion of process

1. Ms. Powell- Discussed the request for \$300,000 that was submitted to City Council for approval. Stressed it was important regarding the future of the plan. Seeking motion to have a letter of support from Tree Commission regarding this money.

ii. Vote on approval of recommendations (Attachment G)

1. Motion to approve, with changes to include a letter of support of the funding as item 2 on the list of recommendations. (Mr. Robinson motion, Mr. Hart second)

5. New Business

6. Public Comment

a) Mike Hanskin- Spoke about work occurring at 7th and Boulevard.

b) Nancy Powell spoke regarding Tree Maintenance budget.

7. Adjournment – the next Tree Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, at 9:30am and will be a Hybrid/Zoom meeting in Ed Ball Building, 10th Floor, Public Works Office, conference room 5.