

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE
Appropriation Legislation



Mayor Donna Deegan

Addressing Homelessness

\$3,596,000.00

The lack of stable, safe, or adequate housing is right around the corner for many families. Longer time spent without a home is linked to increased levels of mental distress, substance abuse, malnutrition and more. The impact is even more devastating on children. Programs for diversion and increased shelter opportunities directly help citizens but also benefit the city by reducing the need for healthcare resources, preventing increased crime, and laying the foundation for a resilient community.

Emergency Rental and Eviction Prevention... \$2,000,000

Initiate local funding support to Emergency Rental Assistance Program to expand ability to serve increasing need with expanded eligibility to include non-COVID related rental issues. Past funding near this level was provided only to residents facing past due rent because of COVID-related circumstance. Fund supports citizens up to 12 months.

- Neighborhoods
 - ARP – Additional Funding as Needed
 - Additional funding to expand existing program / service - revised requirements
 - New RFP
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Homelessness Diversion Trust Fund

Funding of \$500,000 will be appropriated on separate legislation – **Ordinance 2023-671**
To help those individuals and families facing immediate need. This fund is supported with matching \$500,000 from Council President’s Discretionary line-item.

Homelessness Diversion/Problem Solving Pilot... \$200,000

Support for pilot to immediately rehouse or address whatever issue is bringing a person to the front door of homeless assistance. The goal is to divert people seeking assistance out of the homeless response system and back to safe housing.

- Neighborhoods
 - General Fund – Pilot program
 - New program / service
 - New RFP
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Emergency Homelessness Relief/Non-congregate Shelter... \$200,000

To alleviate pressure on shelters when multi-family housing structure is deemed unsafe. Funding would provide support for a limited number of days for individuals or families to stay in temporary housing allowing property owners to address the issues or find other housing options.

- Parks, Recreation and Community Services
- General Fund – Additional Funding as Needed
- New program / service
- New RFP

Homelessness Continuum of Care Bonus Match.....\$200,000

A fund to increase the likelihood of a guaranteed match by the Federal program. Continuum of Care grant competition projects require a 20% match to be considered. Funds representing a guaranteed match from COJ would increase the likelihood of an award in the national competition.

- Neighborhoods
- General Fund – Pilot program
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Home Roof Initiative..... \$996,000

A fund to help individuals and families repair or replace roofs of homes for the demonstrable purpose of retaining homeowners' insurance in order to remain in compliance with mortgage requirements. This will eliminate the inflated amount added to Homeowner's by Forced-Placed insurance and other costs that prevent sustainability and ownership.

- Neighborhoods
- General Fund – Pilot program
- New program / service
- New RFP

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-807**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,521,214.50 TO
6 FUND THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE PROGRAMS AND
7 INITIATIVES AS FOLLOWS: (1) \$5,870,000 FOR YOUTH
8 AND FAMILIES WHICH INCLUDES \$1,900,000 TO
9 AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM
10 EXPANSION, \$1,950,000 TO MULTI-LAYER LITERACY
11 PROGRAM, \$150,000 TO ACCOUNTABILITY TRACKER,
12 \$100,000 TO YOUTH ARTISTS PROGRAM, \$170,000 TO
13 YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, \$1,250,000 TO MAYOR'S
14 YOUTH AT-WORK PARTNERSHIP, \$250,000 TO CITY'S
15 POOL PLAN, AND \$100,000 TO WI-FI IN COJ PARKS
16 EXPANSION; (2) \$4,750,000 FOR PROGRAMS FOR THE
17 AMERICAN DREAM WHICH INCLUDES \$2,000,000 TO
18 DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, \$2,000,000 TO
19 LOCAL STACK FUNDING FOR ATTAINABLE HOUSING
20 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND NON-PROFITS, AND \$750,000
21 TO ATTAINABLE HOUSING TAP IN PROGRAM; (3)
22 \$3,596,000 FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS WHICH
23 INCLUDES \$2,000,000 TO EMERGENCY RENTAL AND
24 EVICTION PREVENTION, \$200,000 TO HOMELESSNESS
25 DIVERSION/PROBLEM SOLVING PILOT, \$200,000 TO
26 EMERGENCY HOMELESSNESS RELIEF/NON-CONGREGATE
27 SHELTER, \$200,000 TO HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF
28 CARE BONUS MATCH, AND \$996,000 TO HOME ROOF
29 INITIATIVE; (4) \$5,705,000 FOR A HEALTHIER
30 JACKSONVILLE WHICH INCLUDES \$250,000 TO INFANT
31 MORTALITY AND MATERNAL HEALTH INITIATIVE,

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2 PART 9. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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4 Sec. 111.920. - Neighborhood Stabilization and Homelessness Program
5 Special Revenue Fund.

6 (a) There is hereby created the Neighborhood Stabilization and
7 Homelessness Program Special Revenue Fund (the "Fund"), into which
8 all gifts, donations, contributions, grants, state, federal funding,
9 and other funding for ~~the Neighborhood Stabilization Program~~
10 ~~("NSP")~~, as authorized by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of
11 ~~2008~~, shall be deposited. All sums placed into the Fund, which shall
12 include all program income and interest earned or accrued thereon,
13 ~~are hereby appropriated to the Neighborhoods Department for its use~~
14 ~~toward attaining the purposes of the NSP, and these appropriations~~
15 shall not lapse at the close of any fiscal year but instead shall
16 carry over to the next fiscal year. Subject to appropriation by the
17 Council, The the Director of Finance and Administration, or his or
18 her designee, is authorized and directed to make disbursements from
19 the Fund upon the written request of the ~~Director~~ Directors of the
20 Neighborhoods Department or Parks, Recreation and Community Services
21 to provide assistance with neighborhood and Citywide initiatives to
22 address homelessness and chronic homelessness, including root causes
23 such as long-term health conditions, mental illness, substance use
24 disorders, and physical disabilities in ~~the redevelopment of~~
25 ~~abandoned and foreclosed properties and to increase the availability~~
26 ~~of affordable housing for low, moderate, and middle income~~
27 ~~households. The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to negotiate~~
28 ~~and execute, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 126,~~
29 ~~Ordinance Code, contracts and agreements which are necessary to~~
30 ~~achieve the purposes of the NSP; provided, however, that the Director~~
31 ~~of Finance and Administration shall certify on such contracts or~~

Chapter 94 TREE COMMISSION¹

Sec. 94.101. Intent.

It is the intent of this Chapter to create an advisory body to encourage and coordinate the efforts of the various public and private entities that are concerned with the conservation and enhancement of the City's Tree Canopy. The City could become known for its innovative and effective tree planting and stewardship programs.

(Ord. 2017-397-E , § 1; Ord. 2017-635-E , § 1)

Sec. 94.102. Establishment.

There is hereby established an advisory commission to be known as the Tree Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall be subject to all applicable public meetings and public records laws.

(Ord. 2017-397-E , § 1; Ord. 2017-635-E , § 1)

Sec. 94.103. Membership; Terms; Composition.

The Commission shall be composed of seven members selected as follows:

(a) *Membership.*

- (1) One member of the Council designated by the Council President.
- (2) The Director of the Public Works Department, or his or her designee.
- (3) Three members of the general public appointed by the Council.
- (4) Two members of the general public appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.

(b) *Composition.* To the extent possible, each of the members appointed by the Council and Mayor should possess specialized knowledge about trees, the Tree Protection Ordinance, Article 25 of the Charter, and/or the impact of construction activities on trees. To the extent possible, the five members appointed from the general public shall be from each of the Council's At-Large residency areas, and the following, to the extent possible:

- (1) One member shall be appointed who is a landscape architect.
- (2) One member shall be appointed who is a member of an environmental organization.
- (3) One member shall be appointed who is a residential builder, a representative from the local builders association, a real estate professional, commercial developer, or industrial developer.
- (4) One member shall be a practicing attorney or urban planner.
- (5) One member shall be appointed who is either a botanist, certified arborist, forester, or horticulturist.

¹Editor's note(s)—Ord. 2017-635-E , § 1, renumbered former Ch. 54, §§ 54.101—54.106, as a new Ch. 94.

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- (c) *Terms.* The five members appointed from the general public shall serve for a term of two years or until a successor has been appointed/confirmed by the Council; provided that, of the initial appointments of the general public members, one member appointed by the Council and one member appointed by the Mayor shall serve for a three-year term and the remaining three members shall serve for a two-year term. Members of the Commission may be appointed for consecutive terms consistent with general laws regulating service on City boards and commissions. Any member appointed to the Commission for two consecutive full terms shall not be eligible for the next succeeding term. Terms shall conclude on December 31.

(Ord. 2017-397-E , § 3; Ord. 2017-635-E , §§ 1, 3)

Sec. 94.104. Organization.

- (a) The Commission shall meet at least monthly at such times and places as are fixed by the rules of the Commission. Special meetings shall be called in accordance with the rules of the Commission. At its first regularly scheduled meeting each October, the Commission shall elect from among its members a Chair and Vice Chair, who shall assume their positions immediately upon election.
- (b) The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and shall appoint the members of the various committees, task forces, study groups, and other bodies authorized by the Commission in furtherance of its purposes.
- (c) The Commission shall be staffed at each meeting by a representative of the Office of General Counsel, the City's Senior Urban Forester and a member of the Accounting office. The Director of Public Works shall designate a Public Works employee as the staff person who shall be responsible for all meeting notices and minutes. The Vice Chair shall preside if the Chair is absent.
- (d) The Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind procedural rules of the Commission to aid in implementing the provisions of this Chapter. All reports, studies, and recommendations made by or at the direction of the Commission shall be approved by the Commission before the same may be presented to the Council.
- (e) The Commission may establish such committees from among its membership as it deems necessary to perform its functions. The Commission may also, from time to time, authorize the establishment of task forces, study groups, and similar bodies to carry out specialized and detailed projects within the scope of its purposes. Any such body may include persons who are not members of the Commission, but the Chair thereof shall be a Commission member. The committee shall report on its progress to the Commission at such times as the Commission shall require. No report, study, or recommendation, favorable or adverse, may be made by any such committee unless the matter is approved by the Commission.

(Ord. 2017-397-E , § 1; Ord. 2017-635-E , §§ 1, 3)

Sec. 94.105. Purpose.

The Commission is established for the following general purposes:

- (a) To study and make recommendations to the City Council, Mayor's Office, City Staff, and community stakeholders with respect to the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy.
- (b) To formulate an overall plan for the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy and thereafter to annually review the plan and report recommendations to the Mayor's Office.
- (c) To act as a motivating and coordinating body to encourage joint public and private participation in the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy.

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- (d) To review and make recommendations, if necessary, to the Council concerning the City's tree protection and landscape regulations.

(Ord. 2017-397-E , § 1; Ord. 2017-635-E , §§ 1, 3)

Sec. 94.106. Duties.

In implementing the purposes under this Chapter, the Commission shall have the following duties:

- (a) To act as a coordinator for programs, projects, and activities related to planting projects and the health of the tree canopy between all public and private entities;
- (b) To review expenditure proposals and plans for planting projects;
- (c) To prioritize, with the input of District Council members, proposed planting projects based on established criteria for recommendation to the Council, and, when requested, the Commission may also make recommendations on other proposed tree planting projects;
- (d) To formulate a recommended priority project list, including an estimated implementation cost for each item, for tree planting and canopy maintenance, and to thereafter annually review the priority project list and report recommendations to the Mayor's Office;
- (e) To help coordinate the maintenance of an inventory of the urban tree canopy with an emphasis on historic trees, exceptional specimen trees and other unique environmentally significant trees within the City;
- (f) To assist in the establishment of educational and outreach programs to encourage proper management and maintenance of trees on private property in the City;
- (g) To conduct research studies, collect and analyze data and prepare maps, charts, and plans for the accomplishment of its purposes;
- (h) To identify issues relative to the health and protection of public trees and recommend solutions to problems identified;
- (i) To recommend to and help develop opportunities for the City's grant writing office for grants and solicitation of donations to support the City's tree canopy;
- (j) To perform an annual audit of funded projects, the status of the inventory, and tree permits submitted to the City to be included in an annual report to the Mayor's Office and City Council; and
- (k) To develop and maintain a tree canopy and existing tree inventory.

(Ord. 2017-397-E , § 1; Ord. 2017-635-E , §§ 1, 3)