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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable City Council Members

FROM: The Honorable Council President Terrance Freeman

SUBJECT: Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life

I wanted to share some information during the budget deliberation process. You will note that within the Mayor's proposed budget, there is a Capital Improvement project titled "Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life" with a budget of \$50 million. You will recall that the Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget included a similar project that was discussed by the Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life established by former Council President Newby.

The Committee sought input from the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department on needs and improvements that could be made throughout our community and made recommendations on how those dollars should be spent.

It is my intention to re-establish the Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life later this year to convene, discuss and make recommendations on the specific projects to be addressed with the funding in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year budget.

It is also my intention that the recommendations of the re-established Special Committee will be debated, and ultimately approved, by the entire City Council. The appointment of council members to this Special Committee will be announced at the re-establishment of the Committee.

c: Council Members/Staff Margaret M. Sidman, Director/Council Secretary Merriane G. Lahmeur, Chief, Legislative Services Division Kim Taylor, Council Auditor Jeff Clements, Chief, Research Division <u>CITYC@COJ.NET</u> Media Box File Copy