



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 19-00483

City Council

11/14/2019

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor
Ann Hill, Council Member
Sherri Myers, Council Member

SUBJECT:

TREE PLANTING AND MANAGEMENT PLAN - FY 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the Proposed Tree Planting and Management Plan - FY 2020. Further, that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents associated with the implementation of the Proposed Tree Planting and Management Plan. Finally, that City Council adopt a supplemental budget resolution appropriating \$100,000 from the Tree Planting Trust Fund.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On February 23, 2016, a tornado ravaged many trees throughout the north end of Pensacola. Dunmire Woods, Camelot and Eau Clair subdivisions among other areas were heavily damaged by the storm. In response City Council adopted a supplemental budget resolution returning approximately \$207,530 of previously allocated but unencumbered funds to the Tree Planting Trust Fund in order to assess tree damage in these areas, take public input and allow the Environmental Advisory Board to develop a reforestation plan for the impacted areas.

At the March 14, 2016 Agenda Conference an item was considered to place a moratorium on all expenditures from the Tree Trust Fund by Councilperson Myers. However, that recommendation was substituted at the March 17, 2016 City Council meeting to encumber \$181,000 for reforestation. These funds were not expended in FY 2016 or 2017.

There have been no expenditures or encumbrances from the Tree Planting Trust Fund since. During the September 13, 2017 Tentative Public Hearing on the FY 2018 Budget, City Council approved Budget Resolution No. 17-54 moving \$300,000 within the Tree Planting Trust Fund from the various projects to a reserved account in order to allow for a full review of Tree Planting Fund expenditures. **The unencumbered balance in the Tree Planting Trust at the end of FY 2019 was \$495,450.87.**

PRIOR ACTION:

March 17, 2016 - City Council voted to encumber \$181,000 in the Tree Planting Trust Fund pending a plan by the City Council for reforestation.

September 13, 2017 - City Council approved Budget Resolution No. 17-54 at the Tentative Public Hearing which including moving \$300,000 within the Tree Planting Trust Fund from the various projects to a reserved account in order to allow for a full review of the Tree Planting Trust Fund expenditures.

FUNDING:

Budget: \$ 100,000

Actual: \$ 100,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Adoption of the supplemental budget resolution will appropriate funding within the Tree Planting Trust Fund to implement the proposed plan.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

10/27/2019

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher L. Holley, City Administrator
Keith Wilkins, Deputy City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) DRAFT Tree Planting and Management Plan - FY 2020
- 2) Supplemental Budget Resolution
- 3) Supplemental Budget Explanation

PRESENTATION: No