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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR THE RENAMING OF LEE SQUARE TO FLORIDA SQUARE

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the request to rename Lee Square back to Florida Square.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The Mayor requests to rename Lee Square to Florida Square for several reasons -

- Based on the Watson Survey from 1806, there were three parks in North Hill - Florida Square, Georgia Square, and Alabama Square. Only one of them has been renamed.
- The "Uncrowned Heroes of the Southern Confederacy" monument was originally placed in Florida Square. The square was not renamed until many years later.
- Next year Florida celebrates 200 years of being part of the United States. Florida Square is more inclusive of all of our citizens.
- Florida Square was renamed Lee Square after Robert E. Lee years after his death. According to history, he did not feel it was appropriate to name something in his honor.

PRIOR ACTION:

June 18, 2020 - The Parks and Recreation Board approved the recommendation to rename Lee Square to Florida Square.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

6/25/2020

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ATTACHMENTS:

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PRESENTATION: No