



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 20-00337

City Council

7/14/2020

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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

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator

Kerrith Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development

Brian Cooper, Parks and Recreation Director

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Unapproved June 18, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
- 2) Staff Memo regarding Florida Square 1858 Map
- 3) 1858 Map of Florida Square

**PRESENTATION:** No