



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 2023-014

City Council

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council Member Charles Bare

**SUBJECT:**

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2023-014 - TREE REMOVAL

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council adopt Supplemental Budget Resolution No. 2023-014.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND MAKING REVISIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

### **SUMMARY:**

On January 19, 2023, City Council voted to authorize the use of Tree Planting Trust Funds for the removal of trees that had become hazardous to persons and/or property and the installation of new trees at or near the location of the removed tree. The motion passed with a 4-3 vote.

Following that meeting, the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) met on February 2, 2023. During that meeting there was a lengthy discussion on the issue of using Tree Planting Trust Funds for the removal of trees. Upon a vote of 7-0 the EAB requested the Chair of the EAB to submit a letter to City Council indicating the inappropriate use of the Tree Planting Trust Funds for the removal of trees. In that letter they requested that City Council reallocate the \$100,000 back into the Tree Planting Trust Fund and encouraged the finding of funds from some other source.

This supplemental budget resolution will restore \$90,000 of the \$100,000 back to the Tree Planting Trust Fund leaving the \$10,000 originally designated for the planting of trees. The \$90,000 funding has been identified within the Parks and Recreation Department's FY 2023 Other Contractual Services Line Item. The following sources were found to be available based on current and prior year historical spending.

\$ 7,160 - CFWD Funds - CFO - This is the balance of a "rainy day" fund  
\$ 2,462 - 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Boat Ramp - The last time anything charged was 2018  
\$ 7,500 - Bayfront Parkway - The last time anything charged was 2018  
\$ 2,500 - Bartram Park - The last time anything charged was 2018

\$10,000 - Landscape Maintenance - Quadrant/Zone II - An additional \$50,000 was added in FY 2023 in anticipation of an increase in the contract. However, the PO has been issued and there is a little over \$50,000 remaining. In prior years the average spent here has been around \$40,000. The PO covers services from March 2023 to November 2023.

\$10,650 - Landscape Maintenance - Quadrant Zone III - The same increase was provided however, the purchase order issued is for \$38,200

\$10,606 - Landscape Maintenance - Quadrant/Zone IV - The same increase was provided, however, the purchase order issued is for \$44,125

\$39,122 - Landscape Maintenance - Quadrant/Zone V - This was originally budgeted at \$93,000 and have transferred out of this account twice. Nothing has been charged in FY 2023 and nothing was charged in the prior year.

As it appears these funds are not needed during FY 2023 and can be utilized towards the removal of trees, thereby leaving those Tree Planting Trust Funds available for the acquisition, planting and maintaining trees as prescribed in Section 12-6-10(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pensacola.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

January 19, 2023 - City Council authorized the use of Tree Planting Trust Funds for the removal of trees.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of the Supplemental Budget Resolution will restore \$90,000 of the Tree Planting Trust Fund appropriations and instead will appropriate the \$90,000 within the Parks and Recreation Department's Other Contractual Services Line Item for the removal of trees.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Supplemental Budget Resolution No. 2023-014
- 2) Supplemental Budget Explanation No. 2023-014
- 3) Letter From the EAB Chairperson

**PRESENTATION:** No