

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-0263

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Gaffney, Jr.

**Date of Introduction:** April 14, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F, NCSPHS, R

**Date of Analysis:** April 13, 2026

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; carryover; waive Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*; approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement; provide for oversight; request one-cycle emergency passage.

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$25,000 from the Traffic Calming—District 8—Other Construction Costs account to the Riverview Collective Community Organization—Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org Account to provide funding to Riverview Collective Community Organization, Inc. (RCCO) for the OysterFest Program. The bill provides for a carryover to FY 2026-2027 and waives Section 118.107 of the *Ordinance Code* to allow for a direct contract with RCCO.

The bill approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City and RCCO for the Program. It provides for oversight by the Grants and Compliance Division of the Finance Department and requests one-cycle emergency passage, as the OysterFest event is scheduled for April 18, 2026.

**Background Information:** OysterFest is an education and awareness event that will take place at Riverview Park along the Trout River. The Program will highlight the role that oyster reef restoration plays in improving water quality, restoring marine habitat, and strengthening natural shoreline protection. The Program will also provide opportunities for education on heirs' property to assist families seeking to protect generational land and build long-term community wealth. The City funds will pay Program expenses to support environmental education, oyster reef stewardship activities, and heirs' property awareness programming. This includes costs for equipment storage, event insurance, office and other supplies, printing and advertising, publications, professional services, and equipment.

**Policy Impact Area:** OysterFest, community events

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$25,000.

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