

Introduced by Council Members M. Carlucci and Peluso:

**ORDINANCE 2025-277**

AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC PARK LOCATED AT 2874 PARK STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 32205, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, TO BE KNOWN AS "PEACE MEMORIAL PARK"; WAIVING SECTION 122.105 (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PARKS NAMING AND RENAMING PROCEDURES), PART 1 (MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND OFFICES), CHAPTER 122 (PUBLIC PROPERTY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR NAMING OF PARK, ALTERNATELY KNOWN AS "PEACE MEMORIAL PARK" AND "PEACE MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN PARK"; APPROPRIATING \$965,000, INCLUDING \$735,000 FROM A GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. ("COMMUNITY FOUNDATION"), \$100,000 FROM THE COUNTYWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS PROJECT, AND \$130,000 FROM THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TRUST FUND, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT PEACE MEMORIAL PARK; AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2024-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE PEACE MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ALL GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO

FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; PROVIDING FOR CITY  
OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION  
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.

**WHEREAS**, in November of 1916, the City of Jacksonville acquired  
the property that now encompasses Willowbranch Park and what is known  
as Peace Memorial Park; and

**WHEREAS**, this parcel was part of the City's original 13-acre  
purchase of Willowbranch Park until 1951, when the Garden Club of  
Jacksonville conceived of a plan to transform the area between Mallory  
and Cherry into a place of reflection and beauty, planting 200 peace  
roses in 1950 and dedicating the newly named Peace Memorial Park in  
April 1951; and

**WHEREAS**, the roses no longer remain, but the park continues to  
serve the public, and its legacy is marked by two stone World War 2  
markers installed in 1958 and 1960 by the American War Mothers as  
enduring testaments to its origins; and

**WHEREAS**, the name "Peace Memorial Park" has never been formally  
codified, and the Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) board of  
directors has expressed its formal support for adopting the name  
"Peace Memorial Park" to honor the park's historical significance and  
community legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Peace Memorial Park is a historic and cherished  
community space in Jacksonville, reflecting the city's commitment to  
preserving green spaces, honoring community heritage, and providing  
peaceful retreats for residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, RAP and Friends of the Labyrinth have demonstrated a  
significant commitment to the revitalization of Peace Memorial Park  
by raising \$130,000 to construct a labyrinth, symbolizing community  
collaboration, wellness, and reflection; and

1       **WHEREAS**, recognizing the value of Peace Memorial Park and the  
2 significance of community heritage, the J. Wayne Weaver family and  
3 the Ronald Morris Weaver family have generously pledged \$735,000 in  
4 honor of Ouida Crawford Weaver Bonnoyer and Harry Bruno Bonnoyer, the  
5 beloved parents of J. Wayne and Ronald Morris Weaver, to enhance park  
6 amenities and complement the labyrinth, thereby significantly  
7 enriching the community experience; and

8       **WHEREAS**, this landmark partnership between the City of  
9 Jacksonville, RAP, Friends of the Labyrinth, and the Weaver families  
10 embodies a shared vision to thoughtfully redesign Peace Memorial  
11 Park, ensuring its preservation, improved accessibility, and  
12 meaningful contribution to Jacksonville's cultural landscape for  
13 generations to come; now therefore

14       **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

15       **Section 1. Codifying the name "Peace Memorial Park"**. The City-  
16 owned and operated public park alternately known as "Peace Memorial  
17 Park" and "Peace Memorial Rose Garden Park", located at 2874 Park  
18 Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32205, is hereby named "Peace Memorial  
19 Park". The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department  
20 currently oversees and maintains this park and will continue to be  
21 responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

22       **Section 2. Waiver of Section 122.105, Ordinance Code**. Section  
23 122.105 (Public buildings, public facilities and public parks naming  
24 and renaming procedures), Part 1 (Municipal Buildings and Offices),  
25 Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby waived to  
26 allow for the formal naming of the City-owned and operated public  
27 park "Peace Memorial Park". The waiver is appropriate as the  
28 modification does not rename the park, nor name the park after someone  
29 new, but simply codifies the name "Peace Memorial Park" and removes  
30 alternate reference to the rose garden. In the early 1950's, 200 rose  
31 bushes were planted, however the roses are no longer growing in the

1 park.

2       **Section 3. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, within  
3 the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s)  
4 from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed  
5 in subsection (b):

6 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and  
7 incorporated herein by this reference)

8       (a) Appropriated from:

9           See attached **Exhibit 1**                               \$965,000

10       (b) Appropriated to:

11           See attached **Exhibit 1**                               \$965,000

12       (c) **Explanation of the appropriation:** The funding above  
13 represents an appropriation of funds from a not-to-exceed  
14 grant received from the Community Foundation of Northeast  
15 Florida, Inc. ("Community Foundation") (\$735,000), funding  
16 from within the Countywide Parks and Recreation Projects  
17 capital improvement project (\$100,000), and revenue within  
18 the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Trust Fund  
19 (\$130,000) to provide \$965,000 for the construction of  
20 improvements at Peace Memorial Park (the "Project")  
21 consistent with the terms set forth in the attached hereto  
22 as **Exhibit 2**.

23       **Section 4. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in Section  
24 3 is to permit and construct improvements at Peace Memorial Park  
25 located on Park Street, between Cherry Street and Mallory Street.

26       **Section 5. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance 2024-  
27 505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (the  
28 "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is hereby  
29 amended to reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project, as  
30 more fully described in the Project Information Sheets attached hereto  
31 as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this reference. The City

1 Council finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until  
2 the next annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to the best  
3 interests of the community because of the limited timing of this  
4 funding opportunity.

5 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of  
6 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the  
7 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP  
8 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute  
9 an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the  
10 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E  
11 shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

12 **Section 6. Carryover.** The funds appropriated by this  
13 Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to September 30, 2026.

14 **Section 7. Execution authorized.** The Mayor, or her  
15 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to  
16 execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, all Community  
17 Foundation grant agreements, including any grant agreement  
18 extensions, for the Project between the City and the Community  
19 Foundation, as well as any and all documents related to such grants,  
20 that are substantially consistent with the terms set forth in **Exhibit**  
21 **2.**

22 **Section 8. Oversight Department.** The Department of Parks,  
23 Recreation and Community Services shall oversee the Project.

24 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
26 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Dylan Reingold

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Dylan Reingold

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