

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2019-518**

5 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING FLYNN PARK, LOCATED AT
6 2738 ORANGE PICKERS ROAD, JACKSONVILLE,
7 FLORIDA 32223, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 6, TO THE
8 "WALTER ANDERSON MEMORIAL PARK"; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS,** Flynn Park is a park in Mandarin located at 2738
12 Orange Pickers Road in an area that historically was predominately
13 African American; and

14 **WHEREAS,** in the 1950s parks in Duval County were racially
15 segregated and there were no public parks in Mandarin for use by
16 African Americans; and

17 **WHEREAS,** in 1955, Walter W. Anderson (1922-2009), an African
18 American veteran of World War II and a life-long resident of
19 Mandarin, conveyed approximately four acres to Duval County for
20 nominal consideration with the restriction that it was to be used
21 for park purposes only, in order to make a public park available
22 for use by African Americans; and

23 **WHEREAS,** for almost a decade the park developed on the site
24 was the only park available for use by African Americans and even
25 after desegregation it continued to be used predominately by
26 African Americans living nearby; and

27 **WHEREAS,** although at one time the population of Mandarin was
28 three-fourths African American, there is no park or other public
29 facility in Mandarin named for any African American; and

30 **WHEREAS,** the park was originally named for Joe James for
31 reasons unknown today, but at some point was changed to "Flynn

1 Park," apparently for James J. Flynn (1886-1939), a Mandarin
2 resident; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Flynn family was one of Mandarin's prominent
4 families in the twentieth century and their name lives on in Flynn
5 Road, one of Mandarin's main roadways; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since James Flynn had no known connection to the
7 park, while Walter Anderson donated the land for the park to meet a
8 need resulting from racial segregation, it is appropriate and
9 fitting to honor Walter Anderson for his contributions to the
10 Mandarin community; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1. Flynn Park renamed.** The Flynn Park located at
13 2738 Orange Pickers Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32223, in Council
14 District 6, shall hereinafter be known as the "Walter Anderson
15 Memorial Park."

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared by: Paige H. Johnston

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