

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-724

Sponsor: Introduced by CMs Newby, Carlucci, Boylan, Priestly Jackson, Carrico, Freeman, Howland, White, Salem, Clark-Murray & DeFoor

Date of Introduction: September 27, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: September 27, 2022

Type of Action: Renaming of a park

Bill Summary: This bill renames Mandarin Park located in Council District 6, as Thomas L. “Tommy” Hazouri, Sr. Park.

Background Information: The Council desires to honor the legacy of Tommy Hazouri’s dedication to the City of Jacksonville by renaming “Mandarin Park” located at 14780 Mandarin Road to be known as “Thomas L. “Tommy” Hazouri, Sr. Park” to recognize the contribution of Tommy Hazouri to this City, and particularly to Mandarin, where he lived for many years prior to his passing on September 11, 2021.

Thomas L. “Tommy” Hazouri, Sr., a Jacksonville native, graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and earned his bachelor’s degree in history and government from Jacksonville University, where he was elected Student Government President.

Mr. Hazouri began his long career of public service in 1974 with his election to the Florida House of Representatives, where he served six terms during which he was appointed Chairman of the House Committee on Education, K-12, and the House Committee on Retirement, Personnel, and Collective Bargaining, and was elected Chair of the Duval Legislative Delegation.

Following his service in the Legislature, Mr. Hazouri was elected to Mayor of Jacksonville in 1987. Mr. Hazouri was elected to the School Board in 2004, serving two terms through 2012 and being elected as Vice Chair in 2007-08 and Chair of the board in 2008-09. In 2015, Mr. Hazouri was elected to the City Council as an At-Large Council Member and was re-elected to a second term in 2019. His council colleagues elected him Vice President for 2019-20 and Council President for 2020-21.

Policy Impact Area: Thomas L. “Tommy” Hazouri, Sr. Park

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Distel