

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2020-539

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 25, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 25, 2020

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Chris D. Flagg to the Tree Commission, as a landscape architect from the At-Large Group 2 residency area, for a first full term ending December 31, 2021.

Background Information: The Tree Commission is established as an advisory board pursuant to Chapter 94, *Ordinance Code*, and empowered to study, make recommendations, and formulate an overall plan with respect to the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy which includes maintenance of an inventory of the urban tree canopy, conducting educational outreach programs, preparing and analyzing maps, identifying issues relating to health of public trees, recommend and develop opportunities for the City's grant writing office to aide in solicitation of donations to support the tree canopy, perform an annual audit of funded projects to be included in an annual report to the Mayor's Office and City Council. Finally, it is the duty of the Commission to review expenditure proposals for planting projects and formulate a priority list, based on established criteria for recommendation to the Council.

Section 94.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that two of the seven members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor from the general public. Members should possess a specialized knowledge about trees and, to the extent possible; members should represent each Council At-Large residency area and come from various categories, including a landscape architect.

Mr. Flagg is the AE Group Operations Principal at *Haskell*. He has served on a number of community organizations including the Friends of Hemming Park Executive Board, Downtown Vision, Inc., and the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville. He resides within Council District #4.

Attendance: Mr. Flagg has an attendance record of 26 out of 34 (76%).

Policy Impact Area: Tree Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel