

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci and Peluso and Co-Sponsored
2 by Council Members Clark-Murray, Miller, J. Carlucci and Johnson and
3 amended by the Finance Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2025-277-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC
8 PARK LOCATED AT 2874 PARK STREET, JACKSONVILLE,
9 FLORIDA, 32205, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, TO BE
10 KNOWN AS "PEACE MEMORIAL PARK"; WAIVING SECTION
11 122.105 (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND
12 PUBLIC PARKS NAMING AND RENAMING PROCEDURES),
13 PART 1 (MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND OFFICES),
14 CHAPTER 122 (PUBLIC PROPERTY), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
15 TO ALLOW FOR NAMING OF THE PARK, ALTERNATELY
16 KNOWN AS "PEACE MEMORIAL PARK" AND "PEACE
17 MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN PARK"; APPROPRIATING
18 \$965,000, INCLUDING \$735,000 FROM A GRANT FROM
19 THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA,
20 INC. ("COMMUNITY FOUNDATION"), \$100,000 FROM THE
21 COUNTYWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS
22 PROJECT, AND \$130,000 FROM THE PARKS,
23 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TRUST FUND,
24 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT PEACE
25 MEMORIAL PARK; AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR
26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE
27 2024-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF
28 FUNDS TO THE PEACE MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT;
29 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
30 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ALL
31 GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND COMMUNITY

1 FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO
2 SUCH GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO
3 FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; PROVIDING FOR CITY
4 OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION
5 AND COMMUNITY SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
6 DATE.

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

11 **WHEREAS,** this parcel was part of the City's original 13-acre
12 purchase of Willowbranch Park until 1951, when the Garden Club of
13 Jacksonville conceived of a plan to transform the area between Mallory
14 and Cherry Streets into a place of reflection and beauty, planting
15 200 peace roses in 1950 and dedicating the newly named Peace Memorial
16 Park in April 1951; and

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

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

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

30 **WHEREAS,** RAP and Friends of the Labyrinth have demonstrated a
31 significant commitment to the revitalization of Peace Memorial Park

1 by raising \$130,000 to construct a labyrinth, symbolizing community
2 collaboration, wellness, and reflection; and

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

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

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

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

24 **Section 2. Waiver of Section 122.105, Ordinance Code.**
25 Section 122.105 (Public buildings, public facilities and public parks
26 naming and renaming procedures), Part 1 (Municipal Buildings and
27 Offices), Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby
28 waived to allow for the formal naming of the City-owned and operated
29 public park "Peace Memorial Park". The waiver is appropriate as the
30 modification does not rename the park, nor name the park after someone
31 new, but simply codifies the name "Peace Memorial Park" and removes

1 alternate reference to the rose garden. In the early 1950's, 200 rose
 2 bushes were planted, however the roses are no longer growing in the
 3 park.

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

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

10 (a) Appropriated from:

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

12 (b) Appropriated to:

13 See **Exhibit 1** \$965,000

14 (c) Explanation of the appropriation:

15 The funding above represents an appropriation of funds from
 16 a not-to-exceed grant received from the Community
 17 Foundation of Northeast Florida, Inc. ("Community
 18 Foundation") (\$735,000), funding from within the
 19 Countywide Parks and Recreation Projects capital
 20 improvement project (\$100,000), and revenue within the
 21 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Trust Fund
 22 (\$130,000) to provide \$965,000 for the construction of
 23 improvements at Peace Memorial Park (the "Project")
 24 consistent with the terms set forth in the Grant Term Sheet
 25 attached hereto as **Second Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as
 26 "Second Revised Exhibit 2, 2nd Rev Term Sheet, May 20, 2025
 27 - Finance".

28 **Section 4. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
 29 Section 3 is to permit and construct improvements at Peace Memorial
 30 Park located on Park Street, between Cherry Street and Mallory Street.
 31 However, these improvements and any efforts made towards construction

1 of the Project shall commence only after the \$130,000 contribution
2 made from Riverside Avondale Preservation has been received by the
3 City.

4 **Section 5. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance
5 2024-505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
6 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is
7 hereby amended to reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project,
8 as more fully described in the Project Information Sheets attached
9 hereto as **Revised Exhibit 3**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 3, Rev CIP
10 Sheets, May 20, 2025 - Finance" and incorporated herein by this
11 reference. The City Council finds that the deferral of this amendment
12 of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will be
13 detrimental to the best interests of the community because of the
14 limited timing of this funding opportunity.

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

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

24 **Section 7. Execution Authorized.** The Mayor, or her
25 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
26 execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, all Community
27 Foundation grant agreements, including any grant agreement
28 extensions, for the Project between the City and the Community
29 Foundation, as well as any and all documents related to such grants,
30 that are substantially consistent with the terms set forth in **Second**
31 **Revised Exhibit 2.**

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

3 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation Prepared By: Dylan Reingold

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