

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-697

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Howland

Date of Introduction: August 27, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 28, 2024

Type of Action: Historic Marker installation, appropriation, designation of oversight agency and directive to Legislative Services

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$10,000 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Office of the Director, Miscellaneous Services and Charges account. The installation of an Historic Monument Marker recognizing and honoring the life and untimely death of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Chappell is authorized. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Department of Public Works will provide oversight. Legislative Services Division is directed to send a copy of this legislation, once enacted, to the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Director of the Department of Public Works.

Background Information: Near the intersection of New Kings Road and Flicker Avenue in Council District 10, on the evening of March 23, 1964, during a month marked by racial violence in Jacksonville, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Chappell was targeted by four men and shot by one of them due to the color of her skin. Her murder went unsolved for months and, when the case was finally prosecuted, the killer was convicted and served just three years of a ten-year sentence for manslaughter. Johnnie Mae Chappell was a devoted wife to Willie, a dedicated mother of ten, a housecleaner, and a proud resident of Jacksonville’s Pickettville neighborhood. This historic marker will serve as a tribute to Mrs. Chappell, as a reminder of a tragic incident in Jacksonville’s past, and as an inspiration for a future dedicated to peace, equality, and justice for all residents of our City.

Policy Impact Area: Historic Marker – Mrs. Johnnie Mae Chappell

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$10,000 related to the construction costs for a monument for Johnnie Mae Chappell

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