

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2021-33

Sponsor: Council President Hazouri

Date of Introduction: January 12, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 11, 2021

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the reappointment of Curtis Hart to the Tree Commission, as a real estate professional from the At-Large Group 4 residency area, for a second term ending December 31, 2022.

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 three of the seven members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council 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 real estate professional.

Mr. Hart received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Florida. He holds a Florida Real Estate Sales Associate license and owns *Hart Resources, LLC*, a real estate development company. Mr. Hart also participates in several community organizations including the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee and the Northeast Florida Builders Association. He resides in the Hogan area within Council District #4.

Attendance: Mr. Hart attended 37 of 42 meetings for an attendance record of 88%.

Policy Impact Area: Tree Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel