

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-035

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A NEW TREE CANOPY REPLACEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND ADOPTING THE TREE CANOPY REPLACEMENT GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES, ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS EXHIBIT "A;" AUTHORIZING FUNDING FROM THE TREE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that its residents are confronting unforeseen and escalating financial burdens related to insurance, general landscape and structural maintenance, and various other homeownership expenditures; and

WHEREAS, tree canopy replacement remains a pivotal community endeavor in the fight against heat and the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG); and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of implementing the Tree Canopy Replacement Grant Program designed to provide financial assistance in these challenging times while maximizing the benefits that trees provide to communities and their residents; and

WHEREAS, the program guidelines intend to direct funds solely be used for the planting of trees in Coconut Creek and any other ancillary costs associated with the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Sustainable Development shall be responsible for overseeing the Tree Canopy Replacement Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein and made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission has reviewed and hereby approves the Tree Canopy Replacement Grant Program Guidelines, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A."

Section 3: That the City Commission hereby authorizes the use of \$250,000 from the Tree Preservation Trust Fund to fund this program.

Section 4: That if any clause, section, or other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

Section 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Sandra L. Welch, Mayor

Attest:

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

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Railey _____
Rydell _____
Brodie _____
Wasserman _____

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