



MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
Jonathan Curth, Development Services Director
Alison Jumper, Director of Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs
Ted Jack, Park Planning Superintendent
Jessica Masters, Development Review Manager

FROM: John Scott, Urban Forester
Melissa Evans, Urban Forester

DATE:

SUBJECT: Recognize Tree Escrow Payments for the 2023 Urban Forestry Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Urban Forestry recommends the recognition of \$101,992.00 in tree escrow payments and interest received in the escrow – Tree Ordinance Account, which is to be used for tree planting projects at various locations throughout the City of Fayetteville, and approval of a budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

Our unified development code, chapter 167.04 J4 allows developers to pay into a tree escrow account as a last option for planting trees. From 2015 to 2020, staff collected no escrow funds, and developers planted the trees. In 2021, staff received funds from projects on Freshwater Lane, and off Old Wire Road. In 2022, Weddington Place subdivision, Stonebrook, and Crain Kia paid into the tree escrow fund instead of planting the required trees.

DISCUSSION:

The money collected into the tree escrow account was paid as a last resort for developers. These funds will help Urban Forestry plant trees throughout the City.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

\$101,992.00 to be recognized and available in the escrow account.

ATTACHMENTS: 2023-438 SRF Tree Escrow, 2023-438 BA Tree Escrow