

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2014- 17

WHEREAS, the Tampa City Council approved Resolution 2013-921, on November 21, 2013, which accepted the City of Tampa's Urban Forest Management Plan, the "Plan,"; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is a strategic plan, with a 20-year planning horizon, defining criteria, performance measures, and alternatives for action; and, by following an adaptable, quantifiable, and science-based approach, the City of Tampa will address the challenges to growing and maintaining a healthy urban forest, in an efficient and sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, to insure balance, consistency, and efficiency in interdepartmental coordination and public engagement, the Plan calls for the formation of an Internal Technical Advisory Committee comprised of department directors and their appointed designees, and the creation of an Advisory Committee on Natural Resources, which will be comprised of members from a variety of government, business, and neighborhood interests; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Tampa that all City departments actively cooperate in the implementation of the Plan, and that the Natural Resources Coordinator of the Planning and Development Department, Planning & Urban Design Division, be authorized to oversee and coordinate such interdepartmental cooperation and the overall implementation of the Plan.

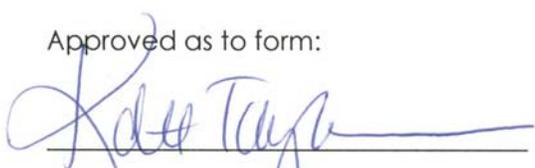
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Tampa by Section 4.01 of the Charter of the City of Tampa, and the laws of the State of Florida, I do hereby prescribe and promulgate the following:

1. That the Natural Resources Coordinator of the Planning and Development Department, Planning & Urban Design Division, is hereby granted the power and authority to take all necessary actions to implement the Plan.
2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution.

DONE AND ORDERED this 17 day of April, 2014.



BOB BUCKHORN, MAYOR

Approved as to form:


Kate Taylor, Assistant City Attorney

Preferred alternatives for action City of Tampa Urban Forest Plan



Performance Indicator - Low

(number represents estimated number of years to accomplish)

1 - Prepare a draft of an Executive Order, for the Mayor's consideration, that directs all City of Tampa agencies to actively cooperate in the implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 – Prepare a draft resolution, for City Council consideration, that recognizes the Urban Forest Management Plan as the strategic plan for the management of the urban forest in the City of Tampa. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Assign the Natural Resources Section of the Planning Division with the responsibility and authority for oversight of the City's implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan, including rule development and regulations. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 – Establish an Internal Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of appointed departmental representatives. The committee will meet quarterly to review progress, as part of the adaptive management strategy, identify issues and make recommendations associated with the successful implementation of the UFMP. The Planning Division Manager or Director of Department of Planning and Growth shall chair and facilitate the committee. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Create an Advisory Committee on Natural Resources, consisting of a balanced representation of the City's economic, environmental and social interests, to assist the Planning and Development Department on an annual basis in making recommendations as part of the adaptive management strategy for implementation of the UFMP. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Improve the efficiency of urban forest management by realigning the long-term management and regulation of the urban forest within the Planning Department, and consolidate management of public trees and natural areas within the Dept of Parks and Recreation. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Identify an appropriate inventory system to assess condition of publicly managed trees. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Prepare and implement the Neighborhood Tree Stewardship Program to educate residents on tree care and the urban forest. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

3 – Purchase a work order system for the management of trees in public rights-of-way. ***This alternative for action will require a capital expenditure.*****

3 – Encourage the organization of a Tampa Bay Urban Forestry Consortium within the Regional Planning Council and the Planning Commission, to ensure cooperation and interaction among planning agencies and governments to support forest sustainability within the watershed. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

5 – In cooperation with state universities and natural resources agencies develop a strategic framework, which include criteria, performance indicators and key objectives for the conservation of regional biological diversity that supports comprehensive plan policies. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

5 - Include the Forest Opportunity Spectrum Analysis as part of the 5 year urban forest inventory/analysis. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

Performance Indicator – Moderate

1 - Prepare and implement the Neighborhood Tree Stewardship program to educate residents on tree care and the urban forest. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Provide and maintain a current list of qualified and certified ISA or ASCA arborists working in the City of Tampa. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Prepare a LDR to require publicly financed tree planting projects to utilize wind resistant tree species along all emergency evacuation routes. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

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1 – Prepare a LDR to require the use of the City of Tampa’s Tree Matrix as a guidance document for all tree planting projects required through code or through use of public funds. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Prepare a LDR requires removal and treatment of invasive plant species (Florida Noxious Weed List – DPI, 5B – 57.007) on all new or redesigned development sites. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Prepare and maintain an interactive urban forest website for City of Tampa's residents. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 – Revise the current LDR to clarify and streamline protection and management requirements of private trees to support sustainable development, consistent with the City of Tampa's Comprehensive Plan. (CP# 32.3.3) ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 - Revise Land Development Regulations to allow the use of alternative site designs and mitigation strategies that support the key objectives of the UFMP. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

1 – Prepare a LDR that requires adherence to ANSI Tree, Shrub, and other woody Plant Maintenance (A300 series). ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

3 - In partnership with state universities and natural resource agencies conduct training programs on inventory and management of natural areas for public and private property owners. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

3 – Provide training of the GIS section of the Planning Division on the utilization of the citywide urban forest inventory/analysis to support monitoring and planning of the urban forest. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

3 - Establish a partnership with Emergency Operations Management agencies to support funding for a complete tree inventory that evaluates general tree risk within the rights-of-way along emergency-critical routes and evacuation routes. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

5 – Create a system of review and risk assessment of trees in parks and public spaces that is directly tied to an internal Parks and Recreation Department work order system. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

Performance Indicator – Good

1 - Revise LDR to include preservation and management plans for native plant communities, and restoration of native vegetation on development sites where appropriate. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

3 - Revise current LDR to reflect the comprehensive plan objectives and policies for UF management including its ecological structure and function. (CP obj# 32.3 – policies 2 – 6) (CP obj# 38.2 – policies 1 – 14) (CP obj #38.27 - policies1 – 4) (CP obj#38.3 – policies 4 – 14) (CP obj#38.4: policies 1 – 6) (CP obj#38.5 – policies 1, 2, 4 – 6) ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

3 - Require that all City of Tampa personnel enforcing UF LDR's have a minimum level of training equivalent to an certified arborist (ISA,ASCA), including continuing education. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

5 - Require the use of the City of Tampa’s formalized Tree Matrix on all tree planting projects through code or through use of public funds which follow Tree Matrix review committee recommendations. ***This alternative for action will not lead to an increase in operational budget or capital expenditures.***

STAFF SUMMARY SHEET



CS Tracking Item No.:

Resolution No.: 2013-921

Resolution Date: 11-21-2013

SUBJECT: Signature request from Mayor - City of Tampa's Urban Forest Management Plan

Department Name: Planning & Development - Planning and Urban Design Division

Contact Person: Catherine Coyle

Phone #: 274-7702

Sign-Off Approvals:

Bob McDonough _____ 4.11.14
 Bob McDonough, Administrator Date

Thomas Snelling _____ 4/11/14
 Thomas Snelling, Director Date

Thomas Snelling for Catherine Coyle _____ 4/11/14
 Division Manager Date

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

Dana Taylor _____ 4/14/14
 City Attorney Date

N/A

Sonya Little _____
 Sonya Little, Chief Financial Officer Date

Dennis Rogero _____
 Dennis Rogero, Chief of Staff Date

Bob Buckhorn _____ 4/17/14
 Bob Buckhorn, Mayor Date

 Received by City Clerk Date

Staff Recommendation: Signature request from Mayor

Financial Impact Statement:

Projected Cost: \$ 0

Activity Code:

Background: Signature required for the City of Tampa's Urban Forest Management Plan. Tampa City Council approved Resolution 2013-921, on November 21, 2013, which accepted the City of Tampa's Urban Forest Management Plan. The Plan is a strategic plan, with a 20-year planning horizon, defining criteria, performance measures, and alternatives for action; and, by following an adaptable, quantifiable, and science-based approach, the City of Tampa will address the challenges to growing and maintaining a healthy urban forest, in an efficient and sustainable manner.

List Attachments: Alternatives for Action, Executive Order

10:00 A.M. - STAFF REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS - (ITEMS 70 THROUGH 73) - (UP TO FIVE [5] MINUTES PER AGENDA ITEM)

71. **File No. E2013-8 CH 27 – Verbal presentation by Cathy Coyle, Planning Manager**
Cathy Coyle, Planning Manager, to appear and present recommendations regarding the request to review the regulations pertaining to the Downtown CBD Area for package sales in conjunction with restaurants; beer and wine; and the bar/lounge regulations. - (Original motion initiated by Montelione-Reddick on October 3, 2013.)

Motion: (Montelione-Cohen) That Cathy Coyle, Planning Manager, be requested to appear before Council on January 9, 2014, under Staff Reports, and provide a recommendation for Code language relating to the Central Business District (CBD) Table 18-1 Schedule of Permitted Principal Accessory and Special Uses for consideration in the January 2014 code cycle; further, that Cathy Coyle, Planning Manager, be requested to meet individually with Councilmembers prior to January 9, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion: (Reddick-Cohen) That the handout submitted by Cathy Coyle, Planning Manager, entitled “Central Business District (CBD) Table 18-1 Schedule of Permitted Principal Accessory and Special Uses” be received and filed. Motion carried.

72. **File No. E2013-8 CH 27 – Verbal presentation by Cathy Coyle, Planning Manager**
Cathy Coyle, Planning Manager, to prepare and present a resolution adopting the City of Tampa's Urban Forest Management Plan. - (Original motion initiated by Montelione-Reddick on November 14, 2013.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-921

Chair Pro-Tem Cohen presenting a resolution accepting the City of Tampa Urban Forest Management Plan as the strategic plan for the management of Tampa's urban forest; establishing adaptable, quantifiable, and science-based strategies for maintaining and expanding the urban forest; rescinding all resolutions in conflict; providing an effective date.

73. **File No. X2013-968 - Verbal presentation by David Vaughn, Director of Contract Administration, and Gregory Spearman, Director of Purchasing**
Purchasing Department and Contract Administration to appear and provide a report regarding the number of bids during the previous fiscal year that had to be re-bid, including the reason for the re-bid. - (Original motion initiated by Mulhern-Reddick on October 17, 2013.)

Memorandum from Gregory Spearman, Director of Purchasing, transmitting a list of Purchasing Bids that were re-bid during the previous year.

Motion: (Reddick-Cohen) That said memorandum be received and filed. Motion carried.

Motion: (Reddick-Cohen) That the memorandum presented by Chair Miranda from Dennis Rogero, Chief of Staff, requesting that Items 70 and 73 be heard together be received and filed. Motion carried.

Motion: (Reddick-Cohen) That the memorandum presented by Chair Miranda from Gregory Spearman, Director of Purchasing, regarding a follow-up report regarding said item be received and filed. Motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (IF ANY):