

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: May 16, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2023-08 – Revising Sections 2-82 & 2-83 relating to the City Tree Board, and changing its name to the Tree & Landscape Board

SUMMARY:

At the April 17, 2023 work session, the City Commission provided direction on proposed changes to the name and official duties / functions of the City Tree Board. The proposed ordinance is intended to reflect that direction, including renaming the board to the Tree & Landscape Board.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The City Tree Board was created in 1990. Sections 2-82 & 2-83 of the City's Code of Ordinances, which establish the board's advisory function and composition, were last amended in 2004 (Ordinance 2004-48). At the April 17, 2023 work session, the City Commission provided direction on desired future changes to the name of the board, and its functions and composition. Thereby, the proposed Ordinance is presented for the review and approval of the City Commission.

The revisions to the Ordinance include: changing the name of the board; reducing the number of members from seven (7) to five (5); adding the authority to advise on a City work plan for tree and landscape maintenance; clarifying the board's authority to reflect its existing activities; modifying language regarding board member terms and the annual election of the chair and vice-chair; and providing for technical qualifications for two (2) of the five (5) board members.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2023-08 on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing for June 6, 2023.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 2023-08