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Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember

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MOTION

WE MOVE the Administration to produce a report within 60 days on the legality and options for increased flexibility on how the Urban Forestry frontage assessment funds are utilized, including identifying other Ohio cities that have more flexibility in their programs. The current program is limited to planting, maintenance and management of trees that are within and/or pose a risk to the right of way. If the funds could be used to plant and maintain trees on other public property, including other city property or Cincinnati Public Schools property, it could be a tool in reducing heat islands in vulnerable low canopy neighborhoods, such as Bond Hill, Avondale, Millvale, Winton Hills, and others.

This motion and the subsequent report should not raise the assessment, just create flexibility on how existing funds could be spent.

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