

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2016- 5:30 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

MEMBERS

X	Dr. Maurice Holt, Chair
X	Terry Plauche, Vice-Chair
X	William Rooks, Sec/Treasurer
X	Dr. Rip Pfeiffer
X	Cleve Formwalt
X	Jesse McDaniel
X	Evan Cox

STAFF

	Parks and Recreation	Matthew Capps
X	Urban Forestry	Gerard McCants
X	Urban Forestry	Peter Toler
X	Alabama Power	Blake Jarrett
X	Alabama Power	Eric Garrett
X	Planning & Zoning	Richard Olsen
X	Legal	Melissa Mutert

Dr. Holt called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. and confirmed that the number of members present constituted a quorum.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Rooks presented the Treasurer’s Report with an ending balance of \$14,454.57 and no activity. A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Plauche.

The motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT REQUESTS:

P-2016-012

City of Mobile

Carter Avenue, between Main Street and Jessie Street.

Remove various trees for Trinity Gardens ditch closure project.

Nick Amberger, City of Mobile Engineering Department, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL, represented the application and made the following points in favor of the request:

- This is Phase 2 of a Capital Improvements Project where the Council Representative wants to close the ditches in Trinity Gardens.
- Construction is underway on two streets now;
- There are a number of trees either in the ditch line or in the top rear of the ditch that need to be removed;
- There is a 60’ ROW on the street;

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- It is possible that some trees could be replanted post-construction. The work is being contracted out, and there is nothing in the contract about tree replacement;
- The job will take four to six months.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. McDaniel, with second by Mr. Plauche, to approve the request, subject to the following conditions:

1. Provision of replacement trees in a quantity equal to the number of trees removed, said replacement trees to be of an appropriate species from the recently developed *Right Tree, Right Place* list of trees;
2. Tree removal and replanting to be coordinated with the Forestry Unit of Parks and Recreation.

P-2016-013

City of Mobile

East side of Florida Street, between Old Shell Road and Dauphin Street

Remove one 60” Oak, one 36” Oak, and one 33” Oak due to damage to existing infrastructure and interference with new improvements to the drainage system and sidewalks.

Nick Amberger, City of Mobile Engineering Department, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL, represented the application and made the following points in favor of the request:

Mr. Olsen stated that Mr. McCants determined that the two water oaks, closer to Old Shell Road, are on private property, so they are no longer part of the application.

Mr. McCants advised that one is a water oak and one is a live oak.

Mr. Amberger made the following points in support of the application:

- The storm water drainage on Florida Street is inadequate;
- The whole street will be reconstructed as the road has concrete underneath it that has caused the asphalt to fail;
- This project is an \$800,000 project;
- City Engineering has been working with a consultant on the project for over a year.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Pfeiffer, to approve the request provided the City replant 20 trees along the ROW within the City of Mobile with the Tree Commission paying for the trees.

Mr. McDaniel suggested that the motion be amended to state that the trees were to be planted in District 1.

Dr. Pfeiffer amended his motion to approve the request, and the motion was seconded by Mr.

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Plauche. Approval was given, subject to the following conditions:

1. Provision of 10 replacement trees to be planted in District 1, said replacement trees to be of an appropriate species from the recently developed *Right Tree, Right Place* list of trees;
2. Tree removal and replanting to be coordinated with the Forestry Unit of Parks and Recreation.

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A request was made by Dan Miller for a donation from the Tree Commission to plant a replacement tree at 213 Lanier Avenue for a Heritage Live Oak that was uprooted and totaled two vehicles.

A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel, with second by Dr. Pfeiffer, to donate a replacement live oak tree, size to meet City standards, to be planted by the City.

The motion carried unanimously.

- A request was made by Linda St. John on behalf of The Village of Spring Hill that the Tree Commission help the purchase and installation of eighteen (18) Live Oak trees to be planted within the boundaries of the Village of Spring Hill. After she met with and received approval from the EMA Board, John Olive, Mr. McCants, Traffic Engineering, and Mayor Stimpson, she amended the request to twelve (12) live oaks for better spacing. The Live Oaks will be planted on public rights-of-way around the perimeter of the roundabout on North McGregor Avenue and Museum Drive.

A motion was made by Mr. Rooks, with second by Dr. Pfeiffer to donate \$1200.00 for twelve (12) Live Oaks per the above request.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blake Jarrett introduced Eric Garrett as the arborist that will represent Alabama Power on the Tree Commission going forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.