

Approved December 19, 2019

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY 18, 2017 - 4:30 P.M.

COM MEETING ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, GOVERNMENT PLAZA

MEMBERS

X	Dr. Maurice Holt, Chair- arrived 4:48 PM
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	Peter Toler
	Alabama Power	Eric Garrett
X	Planning & Zoning	Richard Olsen

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:39 P.M. and stated that the number of members present constituted a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rooks presented the Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$15,574.50 after a \$400.00 donation from Joe Asarisi (P-2017-8/3213 Dauphin Street) and a donation of \$5,180.00 to plant trees in Medal of Honor Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Formwalt, with second by Dr. Pfeiffer, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT REQUESTS:

[MTC-005324-2017](#)

Tom Herder

25 Van Heuval St

Request to trim one Live Oak tree and one Pecan tree.

Tom Herder, 25 Van Heuval Street, Mobile, AL, spoke on his own behalf and stated that he had seen the staff report and was in agreement.

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

1. All work to be performed under the supervision of a certified arborist;

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2. The applicant or his contractor obtain the necessary right-of-way permits, if any;
3. All work to be coordinated with Urban Forestry.

The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. Toler advised Commission members of the following:
 - Administrative approval granted for removal of a Pecan tree on Grand Boulevard due to the collapse of a sewage lateral causing a structural liability to the tree and was deemed a hazard to public safety;
 - Administrative approval granted to trim the roots of two Live Oaks on Imperial Court due to work to be performed to increase the inlet capability for storm water.
- Dr. Pfeiffer stated that he would appreciate it if staff were to notify members of any projects that might garner the public eye to give them a heads up.
- Mr. Toler stated that there is a need to educate people about Formosan termites and how to care for their trees, especially by getting rid of mulch volcanoes.
- Mr. McDaniel asked Mr. Toler about the need for using a certified arborist and noting that in letters of Administrative Approval. The Commission members and staff discussed the certified arborists in the area who are actively working:
 - Billy Allen – Top Notch Tree Care;
 - Chris Frances – Chris Frances Tree Service;
 - Gary Ickes – Ickes Tree Service;
 - Gene Hendrix – Hendrix Tree Service; and
 - Steve Cain – Cain’s Tree Service.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 P.M.