

Approved December 19, 2019

**TREE COMMISSION MINUTES**

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

**COM MEETING ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.