Mobile Tree Commission Minutes of Meeting October 27, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Tom McGehee, Chairman.

Mobile Tree Commission members present: Tom McGehee, Chairman, Dr. Maurice Holt, Vioce Chairman, Allan Cameron, Cleve Formwalt, Douglas Kearley, Ron Jackson, ex-Officio member.

City of Mobile, David Daughenbaugh, Gerard McCants, James Bolin, Theresa Jernigan.

Others present: Blake Jarrett, Alabama Power Company.

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Permit applications

P-2009-16 2867 Nall Street Cindy Ferguson represented this application to remove a Water Oak Tree. After discussion, a motion was made to remove the tree at City's expense. Motion carried.

P-2009-17 1045 Downtowner Boulevard Jerry Luker of Speaks and Associates represented this application to remove a Live Oak Tree for installation of a driveway, also requests to install new driveway on the south side of the property between two existing Live Oak Trees. Discussion followed and a motion was made as per staff comments as follows:

1) Plant new 3" caliper Live Oak Tree on the right of way next to the Northern driveway; 2) The Southern driveway is to be placed in the middle of the existing Live Oak Trees without cutting roots any closer than ten feet from the trunks of the trees; 3) all work shall be done at the applicant's expense in coordination with Urban Forestry with issuance of proper right of way permits. Motion carried.

Urban Forestry - Report under new business.

Traffic Engineering – No report.

Alabama Power – Working to get taller poles on Spring Hill Avenue in front of the Visitation Monastery, but keep trimming at same height.

Old Business - None

New Business - Staff reported the removal of two trees at 2852 Dauphin Island Parkway. Restitution of \$4,500.00 is to be paid, plus planting two 3" caliper Live Oak Trees with proper right of way permits and coordination with Urban Forestry. There was discussion as to whether or not there is a line of sight problem with the Cedar Tree and the Water Oak Tree; Traffic Engineering to assess.

Tree planting projects for Fall 2009. Ms. Dubose is requesting 100 Crape Myrtle Trees for planting on St. Stevens Road. Motion made to approve funding of this project. Motion carried.

262 Broad Street – Board of Adjustment required one Live Oak Tree be planted. Homeowner asked to make a donation to the tree bank (\$200.00) since there is no space for the tree on their property or right of way.

There was discussion concerning Ashland Place United Methodist Church not being in compliance with the landscape plan. Staff to follow up.

Announcements - none

Adjournment - 6:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa N. Jernigan

Recording Secretary