

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: October 18, 2016****APPLICANT NAME**

City of Mobile

LOCATION

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

REQUEST

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

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 1

PRESENT ZONINGB-1, Buffer Business
LB-2, Limited Neighborhood Business
B-2, Neighborhood Business**HEALTH OF TREE**

The trees appear to be in good health

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

Major improvements to the Florida / Old Shell intersection, along with associated drainage projects in the immediate vicinity make this project not only viable, but given the existing flooding in the area, necessary for public safety.

ENGINEERING**COMMENTS**

There are severe flooding issues in the Florida Street and Old Shell area. There are several utilities that limit the design of drainage improvements. The request was made in order to accommodate needed storm pipes and sidewalks.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING**COMMENTS**

None

URBAN FORESTRY**COMMENTS**

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PLANNING**COMMENTS**

The major improvements mentioned above relate to the new Publix and associated development at 100 N Florida St (Corner of Florida and Old Shell). While those intersection improvements are being made is the most logical time to also include drainage projects to address the significant flooding that occurs in the area. While the details of the associated drainage projects was not known at the time of the Publix public hearings, it was known that they should occur as near simultaneously as possible.

MAWSS

N/A

ANALYSIS

The City is requesting permission to remove one 60" Oak, one 36" Oak, and one 33" Oak. The reason for the removal relates to damage to existing drainage infrastructure, and the interference of the trees with a drainage project that is to address the existing flooding condition in the immediate area, and to be coordinated with major infrastructure improvements that will be occurring at the intersection of Florida Street and Old Shell Road.

The Engineering Department has determined that the root system of the trees will interfere with the new drainage pipes and the sidewalks along this section of Florida Street. Flooding has been a major issue in this general vicinity for a number of years. Given the amount of infrastructure improvements that are required in the general area to accommodate the new Publix development, and the need for other drainage improvements nearby to address the existing flooding in the area, these projects are very important and the timing is as important.

These projects are related to both public safety and economic development. The developer of the Publix site has already discussed a mixed use redevelopment of two blighted properties on the South side of Old Shell road, across from the Publix Development; while others have talked about the potential for redevelopment along the West side of Florida, North of Old Shell.

While economic development is not a concern of the Tree Commission, public safety surely is. There are ties between public safety and economic development, and thus the Tree Commission. As redevelopment of older, dilapidated structures occurs throughout these older parts of town, it affords the opportunity for much needed infrastructure projects to be undertaken, as is the case for this project, thereby potentially increasing the number of applications to the Tree Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, this request is recommended for Approval, 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.

MOBILE TREE COMMISSION LOCATOR MAP

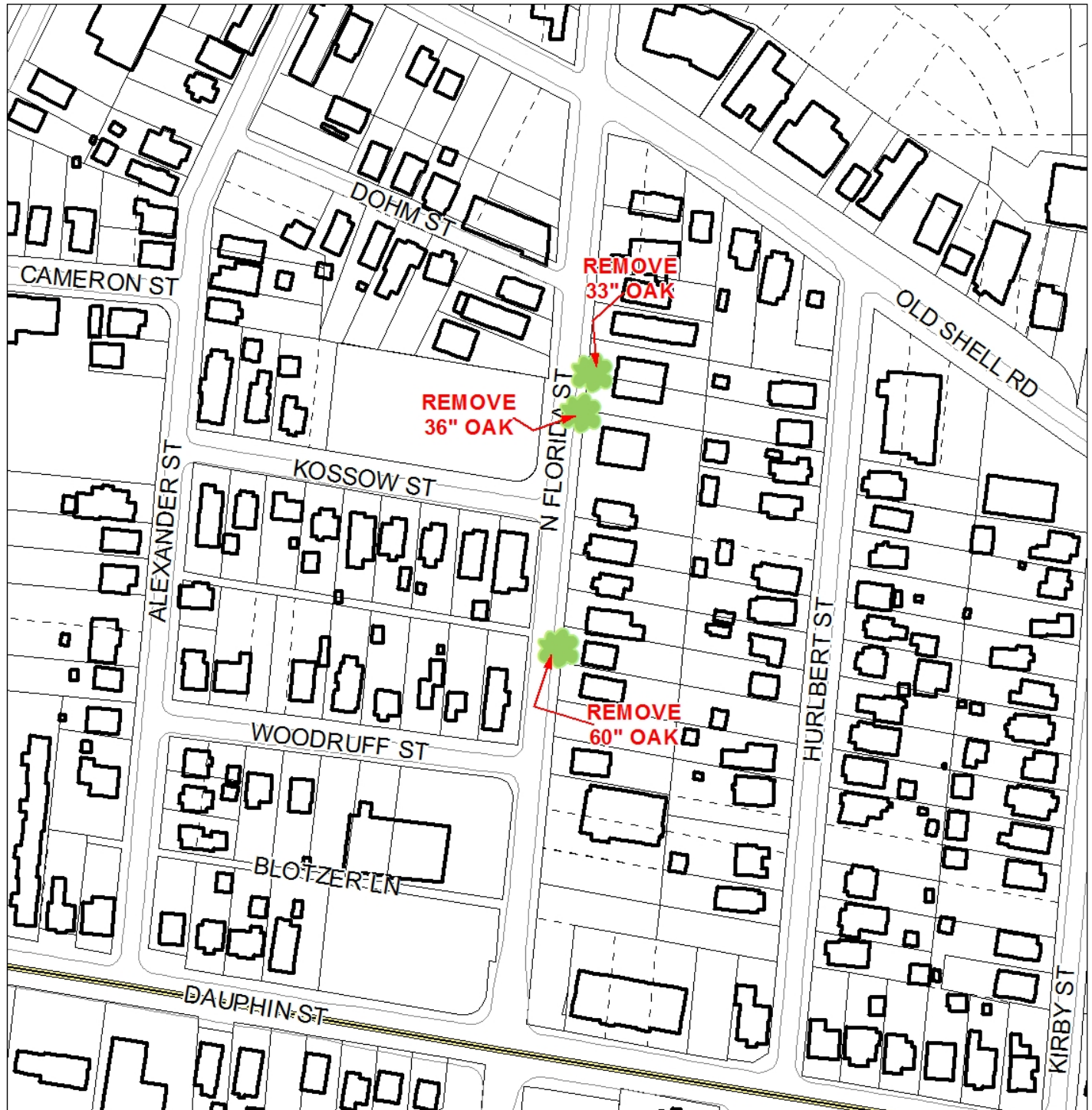


Application P-2016-013 Date October 18, 2016
Location East side of Florida St, b/w Old Shell Rd and Dauphin St
Request Remove 3 Oak Trees

1 inch = 500 feet



MOBILE TREE COMMISSION VICINITY MAP



Application P-2016-013 Date October 18, 2016
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
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Application No. _____
Date: 9/13/2016

1. Applicant:

Name: City of Mobile Engineering

Address: 205 Government St

Zip Code: 36602

E-mail: aimee.williams@cityofmobile.org

Telephone Number: 208-7630

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone Number: _____

3. Location of Tree: 22 Florida Street City Council District: 1

4. Type of Tree: oak Trim: _____ Remove: ☒

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 60" Height: 35'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Tree roots are interfering with the storm drainage system and sidewalks

Applicant: Aimee Williams Owner – if different from applicant: _____

Application Fee - None

Applicant or Agent must be present at meeting to represent request.

All supporting information (photos, location plan, names and addresses of the applicant, property owner, adjacent property owners and directly across the street - on mailing labels, along with postage fee and \$1.00 notification fee for each) must be submitted with the application (Two Copies) by filing date.

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Major projects involving multiple trees may be held over to the following month's agenda due to the time required by staff to investigate.

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Telephone Number: _____

3. Location of Tree: 56 Florida Street City Council District: 1

4. Type of Tree: oak Trim: _____ Remove: ☒

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 36" Height: 35'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Tree roots are interfering
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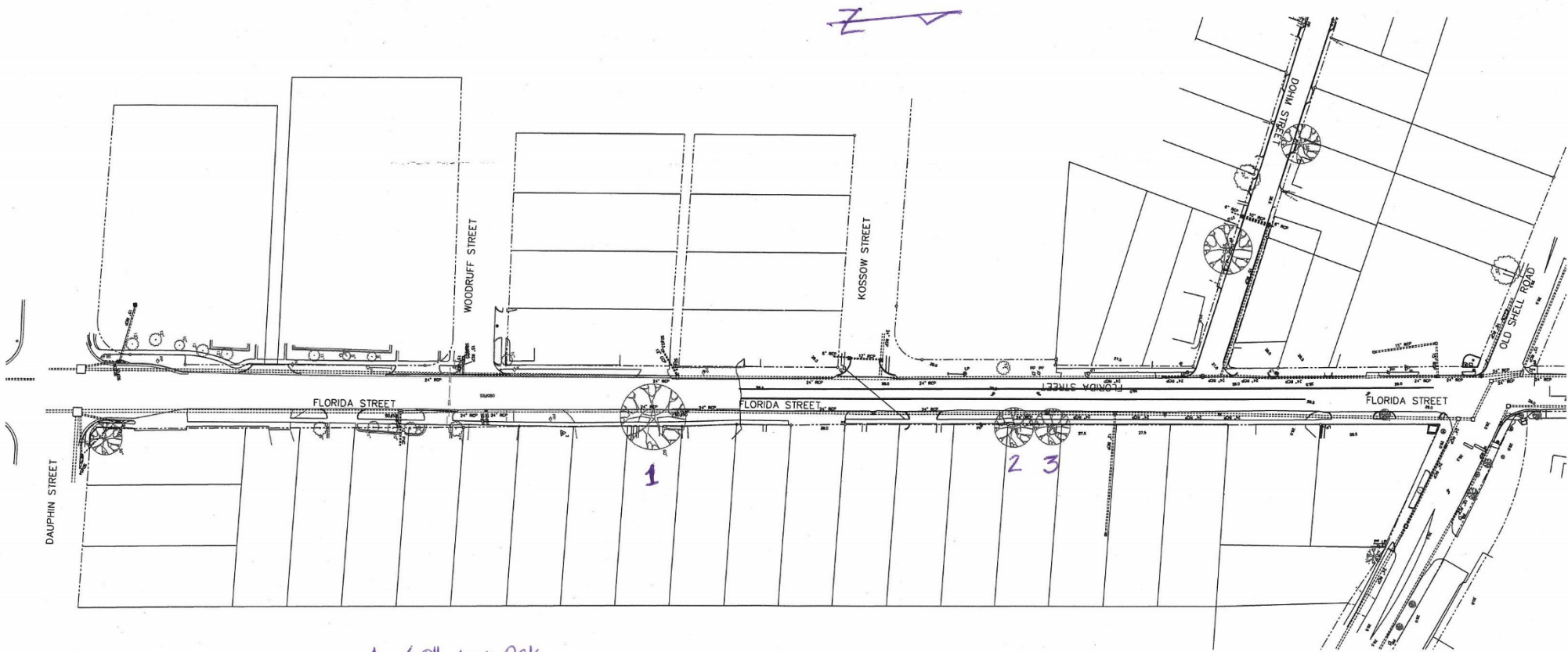
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1- 60" Live Oak

2- 36" Live Oak

3- 33" Live Oak

NOT TO SCALE

Google Maps 87° 37' 36.15" W 28° 51' 51.15" N



My location: 87° 37' 36.15" W 28° 51' 51.15" N

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