MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT November 17, 2015:

APPLICANT NAME McGowin Park, LLC

George Alexandris

LOCATION Boling Brothers Boulevard, 375± West of McVay Drive

REQUEST Remove two Crape Myrtles

CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT District 3

PRESENT ZONING B-3, Community Business

HEALTH OF TREE Healthy

CONTRIBUTING

FACTORS Potential median cut

ENGINEERING

COMMENTS None

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

<u>COMMENTS</u> The applicant has been in discussion with the Engineering and Traffic Engineering Departments. Since the median is not large enough to shelter in for a left turn, more than the two crepe myrtles shown may have to be removed to allow for adequate line of sight for a left turn. A final recommendation will be available for the Tree Commission Meeting.

URBAN FORESTRY

COMMENTS No issue removing trees

PLANNING

COMMENTS There should be no impact to the existing development

<u>MAWSS</u> None

ANALYSIS The application requests the removal of two Crape Myrtle trees location in the median of Bolling Brothers Boulevard to allow a new median cut for better access and circulation for the McGowin Park development.

As stated in the Engineering and Traffic Engineering comments, the applicant has been in discussion with the City regarding the proposed median cut, which is likely to be approved with modifications – which may require removal of more than just the two trees as requested.

The Commission's policy for removal of healthy trees is a replacement ratio of two replacement trees for each tree removed. As the trees in question are relatively young Crape Myrtles, the Commission may want to reconsider applying the policy in this case, especially as the trees are located in a median that will be reduced in size by the proposed median cut.

RECOMMENDATION Based on the preceding, it is recommended that this request be modified to allow removal of the number of trees specified by Traffic Engineering (for safety reasons), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. There be a one for one replacement for each tree removed, species and location to be coordinated with Forestry;
- 2. Removal to be done by a licensed and bonded arborist, and to be coordinated with Forestry;
- 3. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit;
- 4. All associated costs to be borne by the applicant.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE	Application No
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION	Date:
1. Applicant:	2. Owner (if different from applicant):
Name: McGowin Park, LLC	Name:
Address: 736 Cherry Street	Address:
Chattanooga Zip Code: 37402	Zip Code:
E-mail: galexandris@hutton.build	E-mail:
Telephone Number: 423-643-9220	Telephone Number:
3. Location of Tree: 2 trees along Bolling	Brothers Blvd City Council District: 4
4. Type of Tree: Crape Myrtle	Trim:Remove: X
5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from	the ground: 4" Height: 10'
6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requ	ested: Median opening to allow full
access for McGowin Park	
Applicant	Owner – if different from applicant
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licant or Agent must be present at meeting to rep	
<u>upporting information (photos, location plan, na</u>	mes and addresses of adjacent property owners and
ctly across the street - on mailing labels, along wi	th postage fee for each) must be submitted with the
ication (Four Copies) by filing date. Appeals mu	st be made in writing to the Mobile City Council
in 15 days of the decision.	
or projects involving multiple trees may be held o	over to the following month's agenda due to the time

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required by staff to investigate.





