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
COMMENTS
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

MAWSS
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
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

1. Applicant:
   Name: McGowin Park, LLC
   Address: 736 Cherry Street
   Chattanooga Zip Code: 37402
   E-mail: galexandris@hutton.build
   Telephone Number: 423-643-9220

2. Owner (if different from applicant):
   Name: ________________
   Address: ________________
   Zip Code: ______
   E-mail: __________________
   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 Requested:
   Median opening to allow full access for McGowin Park

Application Fee - None
Applicant or Agent must be present at meeting to represent request.

All supporting information (photos, location plan, names and addresses of adjacent property owners and directly across the street – on mailing labels, along with postage fee for each) must be submitted with the application (Four Copies) by filing date. Appeals must be made in writing to the Mobile City Council within 15 days of the decision.

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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2 crape myrtles to be removed