



**City of Pass Christian Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026**

Board Members Present: Terry Gibson, Avra O'Dwyer, Melinda Taylor, Lolita Welch

Board Members present via phone: Chris Daniels, Brandi Viator

Board Members Absent: Mariah Furtze

Staff Members Present:

Melodie Hayes, City Planner and Brad Manus, Beautification Director/City Arborist

Audience Present: Jeremy Herring, Pepper Tregre

1. Call To Order

Board Chairman Terry Gibson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the above-mentioned board members present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chairman Terry Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Board Member O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the agenda for November 20, 2025. Board Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Minutes Approval

Board Member O'Dwyer made a motion to approve minutes from November 20, 2025 meeting; Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Applications

a. Consideration to approve removal of one Live Oak tree located at 221 Hiern Avenue to allow for swimming pool installation. Neal and Donna Malbrough, owner. Backyard Living, applicant.

City Planner Melodie Hayes reviewed the application.

Pepper Tregre of Backyard Living was invited to the podium to speak regarding the application.

After a brief discussion regarding the application, Board Member O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the application for removal of one Live Oak tree. Board Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Consideration to approve removal/discussion of one Water Oak Tree at the property located at 722 W. Beach Blvd. Tree was inadvertently removed prior to staff approval. Donnie McLain, applicant.

City Planner Melodie Hayes reviewed the application.

After a brief discussion regarding the application, Board Member Taylor made a motion to approve the application for removal of one Water Oak tree with one replacement installed or \$289 presented to the city for the tree fund. Board Member O'Dwyer seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussions

Ordinance revisions- The Board discussed the revisions for the tree ordinance with adjustments made to the sections of the proposed revised ordinance to allow for clear and concise language. The label Certified City Arborist is to be put in the ordinance revisions. Tree pruning fees of \$54 should be included in the new ordinance. Revisions need to be given to Melodie Hayes and Brad Manus as soon as possible to allow time for staff to get with Jim Simpson, City Attorney, and once he has reviewed the revisions, he will present to the board of Aldermen for finalization, approval and ordinance revision adoption.

8. Adjournment

Board Member Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member O'Dwyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 A.M.

Passed and approved on the 19th Day of February 2026.

Melodie Hayes

City Planner

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