



**City of Pass Christian Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 19,2026**

Board Members Present: Terry Gibson, Melinda Taylor, Lolita Welch, Brandi Viator

Board Members Absent: Mariah Furtze, Avra O'Dwyer Chris Daniels (alternate)

Staff Members Present:

Melodie Hayes, City Planner

Brad Manus, Beautification Director & City Arborist

Audience Present: Katie Bredth

1. Call To Order

Board Chairman Terry Gibson at 10:01 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 Welch 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 Taylor made a motion to approve minutes from January 19, 2026, meeting; Board Member Welch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Applications

a. Consideration to approve removal of one Live Oak tree and one Water Oak tree located at Tax Parcel 0412P-03-019.002, at the corner of Espy Avenue and 2nd Street. Cynthia Droulhet, owner and 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 Live Oak tree and one Water Oak tree, with a 2-tree replacement or paid to the tree replacement fund at \$289 each tree, plus \$54 tree removal permit fee assessed. Board Member Welch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussions

a. Ordinance revision finalization for presenting to Board of Aldermen

The suggested revised ordinance is ready to present to the Board of Aldermen after Jim Simpson, City Attorney, reviews and he will take the matter to the next available Board of Aldermen meeting for final approval.

Katie Bredth came to the podium and spoke regarding a citizen opinion for the proposed revised ordinance and her concerns regarding new wording in the critical root zone areas and question how the new ordinance will impact property owners. Board Chairman Gibson explained the reasoning for the ordinance revisions, and this is designed to protect residents as well as the city and stay in compliance with the Tree City requirements.

b. Miscellaneous

None.

8. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

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

Melodie Hayes

City Planner

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