

Tree Committee Minutes

7 pm September 27, 2023
Council Chamber

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA Flag

Roll Call

Present:

Voting Members: Anastasia Doshna, Linda Cohen, Neil Yorio, David Botto, and Lisa Rehm

Staff: John W. Coffey, ICMA-CM, City Manager; Orrie Covert, Management Analyst

Excused: Krista Ellingson (Alternate)

Approval of August 30, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve the amended minutes by David Botto, second by Neil Yorio, approved unanimously

Continuing Development of a Draft Tree Preservation Ordinance

- Discussion of influence of the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to the City Council.
- Discussion of City of Cocoa Beach's past beautification efforts of installing brick pavers and trees along city streets.
- Discussion of whether to remove permitting part of the ordinance
- Discussion of penalties section and Planning and Zoning Board member comments. Discussed making penalties voluntary. Discussed Tree City USA requirement that Tree Preservation Ordinance must be legally enforceable.
- Discussed removing "Detached" from singly family detached exemption and use "Single family residential property" language. Consensus to keep "detached" in the exemption.
- Consensus to remove government land exemption
- Consensus to remove permit requirement and penalties sections
- Consensus to wordsmith requirement to recommendations
- Consensus for the next meeting to be on Tuesday, October 17th at 7pm.

General Discussion

N/A

Public Forum

N/A

Adjournment

Lisa Rehm motion to adjourn, David Botto seconded it, consensus approved at 8:22 pm