



# City of Key West, FL

City Hall  
1300 White Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall

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**FOR VISUAL PRESENTATIONS:** For City Commission meetings the City Clerk's Office will need a copy of all presentations for the agenda at least 7 days before the meeting.

**Call Meeting to Order - 5:00 P.M.**

#### Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, and the Commission unanimously voted to change Item 22 from an Action Item to a Discussion Item.

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

#### Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

#### Approval of Minutes

1 April 15, 2025

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

- 2 Request for Postponement by Applicant  
2429 Fogarty Ave/ T2025-0035/ Samuel Snodgrass  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

This item was postponed to the June 17, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 3 Withdrawn by Applicant: 306 Truman Ave/ T2025-0065/  
Darek Lyzwinski  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

Withdrawn

### **New Business**

- 4 Request for Postponement by Applicant:  
820 Georgia St/ T2025-0088/ Byron Colley  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

This item was postponed to the June 17, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 5 2707 Flagler Ave/ T2025-0092/ Grace Lutheran Church  
Represented by Alvarez Landscaping Group, Inc.  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application \(Large Attachment\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree, at 2707 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 19.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 6 3820 N Roosevelt Blvd/ T2025-0091/ KW 3820 Owner,  
LLC  
Represented by Brightview  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Green Buttonwood tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1)

Green Buttonwood tree, at 3820 N. Roosevelt Blvd. to be replaced with 17.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 7                    3029 N Roosevelt Blvd #39/ T2025-0069/ Peggy Longshore  
Represented by John Hartman  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments:      [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to postpone this item to the June 17, 2025 Tree Commission meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 8                    704 Eaton St/ T2025-0084/ Tom Laufenberg  
Represented by John Hartman  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments:      [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 704 Eaton Street to be replaced with 10.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 9                    1317 Olivia St/ T2025-0080/ Charles Whelan  
Represented by Clifton Turner  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments:      [Report and Application](#)

Commissioner Cunningham recused himself from this item but did not leave the dais.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 1317 Olivia Street to be replaced with 19.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 10                   401 South St/ T2025-0109/ Dennis and Allyson Sheckler  
Represented by Clifton Turner  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Seagrape tree.

Attachments:      [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Seagrape tree, at 401 South Street to be replaced with 4.7

caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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508 Simonton St/ T2025-0087/ Sandra Henning

Represented by Sean Creedon

Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 508 Simonton Street to be replaced with 6.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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910 Simonton St/ T2025-0085/ Courtyard of Key West  
Condo Assoc.

Represented by Sean Creedon

Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 910 Simonton Street to be replaced with 15 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote, with the condition that the replacement tree is a Royal Poinciana and is planted on site.

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210 Elizabeth St/ T2025-0089/ John Bolte

Represented by Keith Oropeza

Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig, (8) Silver Buttonwoods, (1) Seagrape, and (1) Unknown, regulated tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application \(Large Attachment\)](#)

The first motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig, (1) Seagrape, (1) Unknown, regulated tree, and (1) Silver Buttonwood, marked as #2 against power box on the staff report, at 210 Elizabeth Street to be replaced with 90.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The second motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to postpone the request to remove the remaining (7) Silver Buttonwood trees, marked as #3 through #9 on the staff report, until the June 17, 2025 Tree Commission meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 14 Fort Zachary Taylor State Park/ TP2025-0007/ FL DEP -  
David Matson  
Represented by Keith Oropeza  
Requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan Approval with the removal of (2) Gumbo Limbos, (1) Silver Buttonwood, (1) Seagrape, and (1) Coconut Palm.
- Attachments:** [Report and Application](#)
- Commissioner Cunningham recused himself from this item but did not leave the dais.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Pope, to approve the requested Conceptual Landscape Plan with the condition that the applicant work with the Urban Forester to provide a mitigation plan to improve the ratio of palms to dicots in order to achieve compliance with regard to City Code 108-481. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 15 1671 Dunlap Dr/ TP2025-0003/ Housing Authority of the  
City of Key West  
Represented by Gavin Scarbrough  
Requesting Final Landscape Plan Approval with the removal of (3) Royal Poincianas, (5) Jamaican Dogwoods, (1) Strangler Fig, (3) Buttonwoods, (3) Gumbo Limbos, (4) Coconut Palms, and (2) Washingtonian Palms.
- Attachments:** [Report and Application \(Large Attachment\)](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Pope, to approve the Final Landscape Plan with the removal of (3) Royal Poincianas, (5) Jamaican Dogwoods, (1) Strangler Fig, (3) Buttonwoods, (3) Gumbo Limbos, (4) Coconut Palms, and (2) Washingtonian Palms at 1671 Dunlap Drive to be replaced with 549.9 caliper inches (dicot mitigation only), 19 approved palms (based on associated ratios for heights) and all trees are to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 16 1410 Von Phister ROW/ T2025-0093/ City of Key West  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.
- Attachments:** [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 1410 Von Phister ROW to be replaced with 20.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote, with the condition that the replacement tree is a Royal Poinciana and is planted on City property at a location to be determined.

- 17                    1415 1st St ROW/ T2025-0094/ City of Key West  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.
- Attachments:**     [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 1415 1st Street ROW to be replaced with 15.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote, with the condition that the replacement tree is a Royal Poinciana and is planted on City property at a location to be determined.
- 18                    719 Poorhouse Ln/ T2025-0100/ Doug Maxwell  
Represented by Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (3) Gumbo Limbo trees.
- Attachments:**     [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Pope, to table this item until the end of the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (3) Gumbo Limbo trees, at 719 Poorhouse Lane to be replaced with 5.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 19                    1215 Petronia St/ T2025-0098/ Jeffrey Jenkins  
Represented by Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Silver Buttonwood tree.
- Attachments:**     [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to table this item until the end of the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Silver Buttonwood tree, at 1215 Petronia Street to be replaced with 6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- 20                    1220 Royal St/ T2025-0103/ Geraldine LaGotta  
Represented by Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mango tree.
- Attachments:**     [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner

Cullen, to table this item until the end of the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mango tree, at 1220 Royal Street to be replaced with 6.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## Action Item

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Requesting Approval to Use Tree Fund Money for Transplants

Attachments: [Request for use of Tree Fund Money](#)

The Commission unanimously agreed to review requests on a case by case basis based upon feasibility and cost. There were no requests or cost estimates submitted with this action item.

## Discussion Item

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Request for Postponement by Staff: A Resolution of the Tree Commission of the City of Key West, Florida, supporting the Urban Forester's proposed budget recommendations for FY 2025/2026 as appears in *Exhibit A*. Attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution; and hereby authorizing the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida.

Attachments: [Public Comment TC Budget](#)

Discussed

## Reports

## Public Comments

## Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:45 P.M.