



# City of Key West, FL

City Hall  
1300 White Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, January 21, 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 - 5:03 P.M.**

#### Roll Call

**Absent** 2 - Commissioner Cabanas, and Vice Chair Pope

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, Commissioner Johnson, and Chairman McRAE

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.**

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

#### Approval of Minutes

1 December 3, 2024

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

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

#### Old Business

2 1019 16th Terrace/HT2024-0021/Marlene Thorn  
Requesting approval to recognize (1) Lignum Vitae as a

heritage tree.

Attachments: [Heritage Tree Report](#)

This item was postponed upon agenda approval to the March 18, 2025 Tree Commission meeting.

- 3                   **WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT:** 20 Hilton Haven Rd/T2024-0350/John M. Nichols  
Represented by Just Keys Trees - Rob Crider  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Avocado, (1) Star Fruit, (1) Mango, (1) Satin Leaf, and (2) Pigeon Plum trees  
This item was withdrawn upon agenda approval.

- 4                   719 Poorhouse Ln/T2024-0351/Doug Maxwell-Key West Modernist, LLC  
Represented by John Hartman  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla tree.
- Attachments:   [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Public Comments](#)  
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A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328 to deny the removal of (1) Sapodilla tree at 719 Poorhouse Lane due to the species, size, champion tree status, historical importance and condition of the tree that makes it a unique or rare specimen, and the size and location of the tree that makes it substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5                   1118 Fleming Street/T2024-0352/Orlando Torres  
Represented by Sean Creedon-Treeman  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.
- Attachments:   [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 1118 Fleming Street to be replaced with 24 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 6                   1007 A United Street/T2024-0348/Sandra Cottrell  
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care, LLC

Requesting approval to remove (1) Woman's Tongue tree.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Woman's Tongue tree, at 1007A United 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 unanimous vote.

7 1121 George Street/T2024-0358/Darryl & Cathy DeHanas  
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care,  
LLC

Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree, at 1121 George Street to be replaced with 6.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

8 735 United St & 733 United St/T2024-0361/Randy  
Falls/Henry & Cheryl Allen  
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care,  
LLC

Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 735 and 733 United Street to be replaced with 16 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9 2828 Fogarty Avenue & 2824 Fogarty  
Avenue/T2024-0225/Mohammed Billal Hossain/Edward O.  
Russell  
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care,  
LLC

Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree, at 2828 and 2824 Fogarty Avenue to be replaced with 10 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted

on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 10 3200 N. Roosevelt Blvd/TP2024-0012/REAL SUB, LLC  
Represented by Smith Hawks, PL  
Requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan Approval to include the removal of (112) Buttonwoods, (9) Yellow Tabebuia trees, (8) Gumbo Limbos, (75) Sabal palms, (5) Washingtonian palms, and (2) Date palms.

**Attachments:** [3200 N Roosevelt Tree Assessment Staff Report](#)  
[Conch RePublix Landscape Plans 11.6.2024](#)  
[Tree Application](#)  
[Tree Survey part 1](#)  
[Tree Survey part 2](#)  
[Tree Survey part 3](#)  
[Tree Survey part 4](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to approve the Conceptual Landscape Plan at 3200 N. Roosevelt Boulevard as presented to include tree removals. The motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

- 11 14 Golf Club Drive/T2024-0365/John Abare  
Represented by: Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care, LLC  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 14 Golf Club Drive to be replaced with 14.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 12 907 Caroline Street/TP2024-0015/City of Key West  
Represented by: Keith Oropeza  
The City is requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan Approval with tree removal to include the removal of (1) Fiddlewood, (1) Silver Buttonwood, (1) Wild Tamarind, (4) Pigeon Plum, (1) Washingtonian palm, (4) Christmas palms, (8) Coconut palms, (1) Fan palm, (2) Alexander palms, and (4) Sabal palms.

**Attachments:**     [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to approve the Conceptual Landscape Plan at 907 Caroline Street as presented, to include tree removals. The motion passed unanimously.

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1904-1908 Flagler Avenue/TP2024-0014/1908 Flagler Avenue Corp-Somerset Island Prep Charter School  
Represented by: Keith Oropeza & Trepanier & Associates, Inc.

Final Landscape Plan Approval with tree removal is requested for the expansion of the school. The project will require the removal of (5) Pigeon Plum, (9) Marlberrry, (4) Jamaican Dogwood, (1) Mahogany, (1) Gumbo Limbo, (2) Strangler Fig, (3) Strongbark, (1) Yellow "Poinciana", (1) Lignum vitae, (3) Coconut palms, (1) Royal palm, & (1) Alexander palm. All of the required tree mitigation has been incorporated into the landscape plan.

**Attachments:**     [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to approve the Final Landscape Plan at 1904-1908 Flagler Avenue as presented, to include tree removal, conditional upon all fees being paid prior to the issuance of permits. The motion passed unanimously.

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1528 Flagler Avenue/T2024-0377/Lynn Tyler Roberson  
Represented by: Fabis Gardens  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

**Attachments:**     [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328 to deny the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 1528 Flagler Avenue due to the species, size, champion tree status, historical importance and condition of the tree that makes it a unique or rare specimen, and the size and location of the tree that makes it substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion passed unanimously.

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1525 Johnson Street ROW/T2025-0002/City of Key West  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree on the right of way.

**Attachments:**     [\(LARGE FILE\) Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 1525 Johnson Street ROW to be replaced with 24.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site, to include at least one Royal Poinciana in the replacement and the site being treated for subterranean termites prior to the replanting of any trees. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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### Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Cullen nominated Chairman McRAE to continue as Chair and Commissioner Cunningham to be Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to accept the nominations on the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Cabanas, and Vice Chair Pope

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, Commissioner Johnson, and Chairman McRAE

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### 908 Packer Street/T2024-0369/Jonathan Cohen

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) Sea Grape tree.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this item to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by 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) Sea Grape tree, at 908 Packer Street to be replaced with 4.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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### 906 Packer Street/T2024-0370/Danielle Hert

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (2) Frangipani trees & (1) Autograph tree.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this item to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Frangipani trees and (1) Autograph tree, at 906 Packer Street to be replaced with 18 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list,

FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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3630 Flagler Avenue/T2024-0378/Taweh Beysolow  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments:     [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this item to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by 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) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 3630 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 14.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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1412 White Street/T2024-0379/Wendy Snyder  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove ~~(2)~~(1) Royal Poinciana trees.

Attachments:     [Staff Report](#)  
                              [Signed City Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this item to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by 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) Royal Poinciana tree, at 1412 White Street to be replaced with 18.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## Reports

## Public Comments

## Commissioner Comments

## Adjournment - 6:39 P.M.