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# Minutes

## Town Commission Workshop

Tuesday • June 7, 2016 • 6:30 pm

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1. Call to Order: 6:32 pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
3. Roll Call:  
Commissioners Attending:
  - Joseph Aufmuth Absent
  - Virginia Mance, Mayor Absent with notice
  - Timothy Parker Present
  - Mike Roberts Present
  - Richard Shutterly, Mayor Pro-Tem Present

- Tree Committee Members Attending:
- Karen Hill, Chair Present
  - Christine Steurer, Vice Chair & Recorder Present
  - Mike Campbell Present

- Town Staff Attending:
- Stephen Lee, Town Attorney Present
  - Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator Present
  - Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Present

Richard Shutterly, Mayor Pro-Tem directed the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

4. Consent Agenda Approval:
  - A. Agenda Approval  
***Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 3-0***

5. Ordinance No. 2016-05: Tree Ordinance Workshop  
The Tree Preservation Committee has prepared and presented a proposed tree ordinance to the Commission for consideration. A workshop has been scheduled to complete the ordinance for presentation to the Commission for a first reading in June.

Attorney Lee provided a Memorandum to respond to several points raised by the Tree Preservation Committee (TPC) regarding the latest draft of the ordinance, and it was provided to them and the Town Commissioners for review prior to the workshop.

Karen Hill, Tree Committee Chair, presented the proposed changes to Ordinance 2016-05 discussing the underlined additions in section 15-14 Occupational License. She understands that an occupational license is required by anyone doing work in Micanopy. Mike Campbell clarified that the intention of this added section is protect the citizens and to make sure they get the best service available by requiring that tree service providers present proof of liability insurance, workers compensation insurance, and proof that a certified arborist is on staff. Attorney Lee answered that it is a commission policy decision whether to regulate tree service providers. An occupational license is merely a revenue producer; therefore possible regulation of tree service providers should not be accomplished through an occupational license. If the Commission

agrees that Tree Service Providers should be regulated then a separate ordinance should be drafted to accomplish that purpose.

Section 15-13(d) and 15-18(f) were discussed at length regarding the requirements for a vegetation management plan.

Section 15-18(e) requiring the town to apply for a permit to remove a regulated tree on private property and to act as the property owner's agent. Attorney Lee does not understand why the town would apply for a permit on someone's private property or act as the agent. Discussion ensued.

Sections were discussed individually with input from commission, tree committee, and the public present.

Attorney Lee will make the changes to Ordinance 2016-05 as discussed during this meeting and provide the updated version to the Town Administrator.

6. Adjourn: 8:10 pm

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**MINUTES APPROVED:**

as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ as amended \_\_\_\_\_ at Town Commission Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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**Virginia Mance, Mayor**

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**Patty S. Polk, Recorder**