

**Meeting Minutes**  
**City of League City**  
**Planning and Zoning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023**  
**Council Chambers, 200 W. Walker Street, League City, TX 77573**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**

Paul Maaz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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**2. Public Hearing and Action Items**

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- B. Hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to City Council on Revisions to Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Article 4, entitled "Site Development Standards", to revise regulations related to landscaping requirements.

Mr. Maaz opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Kris Carpenter, Planning Director, gave a presentation on behalf of the City of League City.

Mr. Dodson asked about the hardiness of palm trees in League City.

Mr. Carpenter responded that any required landscaping that dies is required to be replaced. He added that the City Arborist has recommended six species of palm trees that are appropriate for the climate.

Ms. Irwin voiced concerns about maintenance since four of the six palm species proposed were dated palms, which could create a mess on the property. She recommended a provision of maintenance to ensure by-products of certain palm trees would not create a nuisance to the public and/or revisit the species of palms proposed.

Dr. Propst read a written statement in opposition to the request. The items discussed are as follows:

- Shade trees offer urban heat reduction with the larger canopies providing a more comfortable pedestrian environment, lower temperature, and less strain on electrical grid by the shading of equipment and structures.
- Shade trees have a higher carbon sequestration, a larger root system, a larger biomass which has a greater effect on reducing pollution.
- Shade trees support biodiversity by providing larger habitats for animals in the area.
- City's such as San Diego and West Palm Beach have rolled back ordinances involving palm trees.
- Higher aesthetics of palm trees would result in higher property values and would result in higher property taxes.

Ms. Arnold stated her opposition to the request to the proposed palm trees.

Mr. Dodson asked what the comparable cost difference between a shade tree and a palm tree was.

Mr. Carpenter indicated he did not have that information.

No one spoke at the public hearing.

Mr. Maaz closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Mr. Dodson made a motion to recommend denial on the Revisions to Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Article 4, entitled “Site Development Standards”, to revise regulations related to landscaping requirements.

Dr. Propst seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

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## **6. Adjournment**

Dr. Propst made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Dodson seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Maaz adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.