

1. Tree Committee Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026

Approved and filed the regular Tree Committee meeting minutes of March 18, 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

2. Semi-Annual Reporting of Urban Forest Activities: July–December 2025

Cari Dillman, Community Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that two written public comments had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Brower closed public comment.

The Committee noted that tree removals have decreased over the past five years.

Committee Member Binder moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission receive and file the report, seconded by Committee Member Sifuentes, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Committee Member – Binder, Brower, Sifuentes

NOES: Committee Member – None

3. Urban Forest Update

Cari Dillman, Community Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Manager Dillman; Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director; Richard Hecker, Landscape Maintenance Supervisor and certified Arborist; and Kyle Jennings, Maintenance Craftworker I and certified Arborist; responded to questions from the Committee regarding community outreach on the importance of proper tree watering, the costs to plant and remove trees, the responsibility of property owners to water City trees as stated in the Municipal Code, reasons young trees may not survive, the possibility of offering incentives to property owners for watering trees, planting trees only at properties where property owners agree to water them, restrictions against planting on private property, suspending City-sponsored volunteer planting events, grant opportunities for tree planting, factors contributing to the decline in the number of trees in the urban forest, species most requested by residents, reasons specific trees have died, and reasons the City does not plant fruit trees.

Chair Brower invited public comment.