

# ***COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST***

SUBJECT: Tree Removal Request on S. Beeline Highway

MEETING DATE: 8-19-10

PAYSON GOAL: NEW:            EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: LaRon Garrett, Pub. Wks. Dir.

AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$0

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA  
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$0

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: \$0

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Request from Billboard Owner, Map of the requested removal area, Photos of the existing trees

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## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

I move to deny the request for removing the existing trees in Town of Payson rights-of-way on the west side of Highway 87 south of Aero Drive.

Or

I move to approve issuing a permit for the removal of trees and minor trimming of two additional trees in Town of Payson rights-of-way on the west side of Highway 87 south of Aero Drive with the following conditions: (1) The area from where the trees are to be removed shall be re-landscaped with colorful plants and a 4' high evergreen hedge; and (2) The billboard owner shall provide 2 new trees (minimum size 24" box) to be planted elsewhere within the Town at the direction of the Public Works Department for each tree removed.

## **SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:**

Several years ago a billboard was legally constructed at the southwest corner of the Highway 87 and Aero Drive intersection. Also, several years ago, the Town planted trees in the highway rights-of-way in the same area of S. Beeline Highway as the billboard. At the time the trees were planted they were small. Today the trees, with one exception, have grown very well and have made it difficult to see the billboard. One of the four trees in question was in poor condition and has been removed already by the Town.

Recently we received a letter from the real estate representative of CBS Outdoor, owner of the billboard. The letter is requesting that they be allowed to either remove the trees and replace them with colorful plants and shrubs, or to trim the trees enough to allow visibility of the billboard. Since the trees are in Town rights-of-way a permit is required to do any work on them. Trimming the trees enough to allow visibility to the billboard will have a major effect on the trees and does not appear reasonable. Therefore, the only remaining alternatives are to either leave the trees as they are, or to allow them to be removed and replaced with some other equally attractive landscaping.

Staff requests if the Council approves removal of these trees that conditions similar to the following be required to be placed on the required right of way permit: (1) The area where the trees are removed from shall be re-landscaped with colorful plants and a 4' high evergreen hedge; and (2) The billboard owner provide 2 new trees to be planted within the Town at the direction of the Public Works Department for each tree removed. This is a little more restrictive than the code actually requires but it has been discussed with the billboard owner and they have tentatively agreed to it.

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**PROS:**

Removal of these trees will allow the billboard to be seen and provide the advertising it was intended to.

**CONS:**

The Town loses 3 existing mature trees.

**PUBLIC INPUT (if any):** None

**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):** None

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**FUNDING:**

Acct:	Budget:	Available	Expense:	Remaining:
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July 19, 2010

City of Payson, Arizona  
Attn: LaRon Garnett  
303 N. Bee Line Hwy  
Payson, Az. 85541

Re: CBS Outdoor lease # 04-7005; Hwy 87 and Aero Dr.

Mr. Garnett,

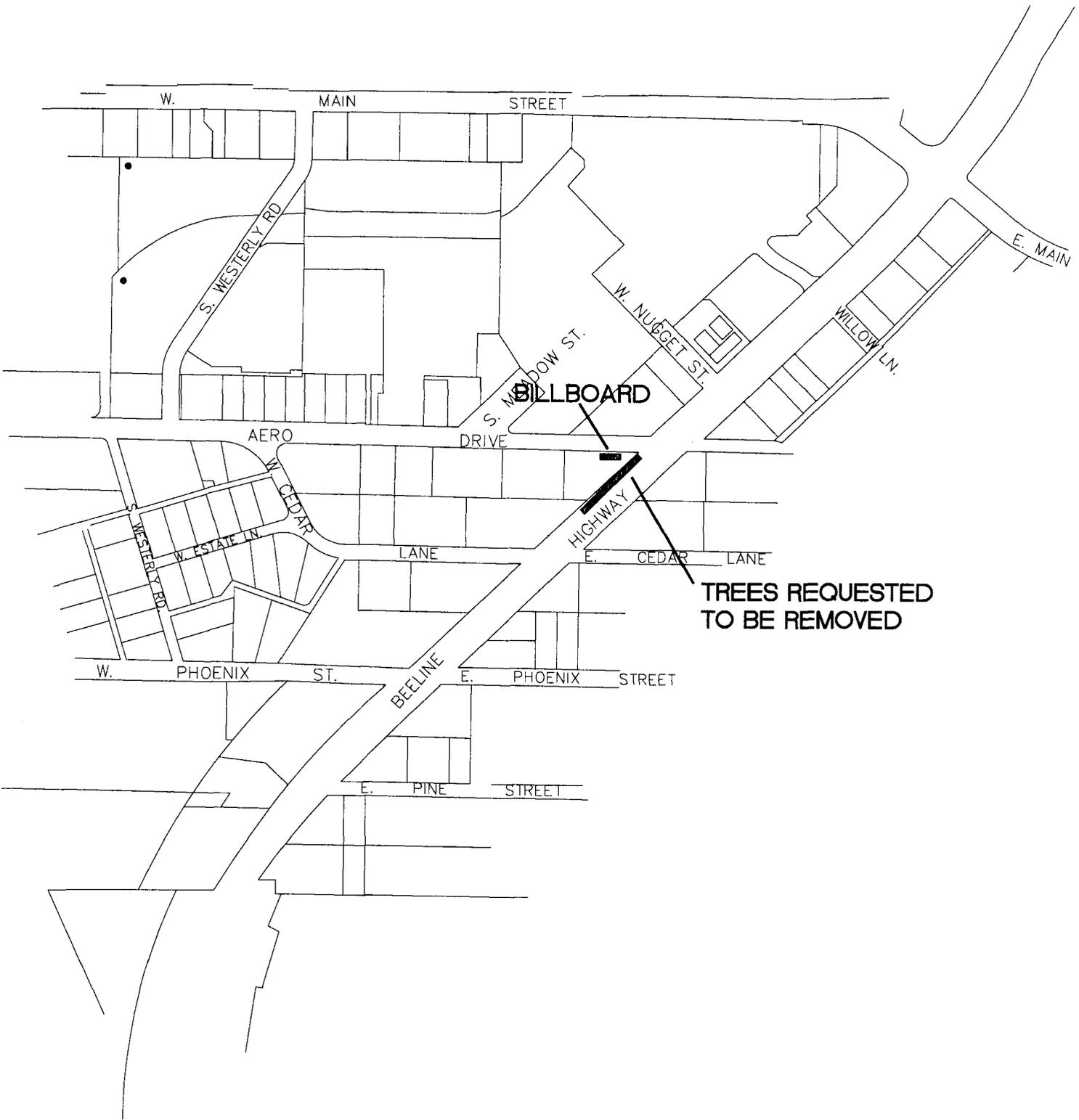
My name is Justin Lalley and work for CBS Outdoor here in Phoenix Arizona. We have a billboard located at Hwy 87 and Aero Dr. there in Payson, Az. There are four trees that have been planted in front of the billboard which over time and hindered our able to sell advertising on the structure.

We would like the opportunity to either remove the existing trees and replace them with colorful plants and shrubs or have the ability to trim the trees to allow visibility to the advertising face.

On behalf of CBS Outdoor I would like to thank you for your time in this matter. I look forward to hearing from soon.

Sincerely,

Justin Lalley  
Real Estate Representative  
[Justin.Lalley@cbsoutdoor.com](mailto:Justin.Lalley@cbsoutdoor.com)  
602-477-3063



**BILLBOARD**

**TREES REQUESTED  
TO BE REMOVED**

