



# Council Communication

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<b>Date</b>	October 26, 2009
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<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>40E</b>
<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>09-</u></b>
<b>Communication No.</b>	<b>09-764</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Donald M. Tripp, Director of Park and Recreation</b>

## **AGENDA HEADING:**

Award of Bid No. V10-033, Fall Tree Plantings.

## **SYNOPSIS:**

The Purchasing Department issued bids to 13 qualified vendors and received seven responses. Recommend approval to award contract to lowest bidder for tree plantings to TNT Landscaping, John Church, Owner, 131 S.W. Ordinance Road, Ankeny, IA 50023.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$90,442

Funding Source: Fiscal Years 2010-11/2015-16 Capital Improvements Program, Forestry Improvements, PKS146 CP040 PKS990000, G.O. Bonds, Park Improvements – Page 10.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The urban forest in the City of Des Moines is a significant public asset providing shade and character throughout the City. Currently, the urban forest within the City consists mostly of aging mature native tree species. As the City Department responsible for the care and stewardship of a significant portion of the City's urban forest, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department is undertaking a long-term reforestation effort to ensure the future of the urban forest.

In 2005, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department contracted with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to complete a forestry study for the six largest City parks. Those parks were Ewing, MacRae, Greenwood, Grandview, Pioneer and Union. This study conducted a tree assessment of each park and completed a reforestation plan recommending tree locations and species.

In 2006, the reforestation plan was put into action by the planting of 330 trees in Union Park, 387 trees in Grandview Park, 132 trees in Greenwood Park and 158 in Pioneer Park. In 2007, the reforestation effort continued with the fall planting of 205 trees in MacRae Park and 155 trees in Ewing Park, which completed the six parks outlined in the study. In 2008, an effort was made to expand the reforestation effort into all of the parks with a fall planting of 330 trees in a total of 24 Parks, 3 Cemeteries and 1 Community Center.

To continue the reforestation effort for all City parks, a bid proposal for the fall planting of 660 trees in a total of 20 Parks, 4 Cemeteries, 4 Athletic Facilities and along 2 Recreational Trails. Park and

Recreation Department anticipates the removal of over 150 trees next year due to capital improvement projects in parks and along trails and noting that the fall tree plantings count towards the Tree Removal and Mitigation Ordinance requirements. The fall planting bid was sent to 13 landscape contractors. Of the 13 bids mailed, the City received a total of 7 bids. Based upon number of trees, species of trees and logistics involved in installation at each park, the Park and Recreation Department recommends awarding the bid based on the lowest, completed bid tab. This recommendation is as follows:

660 Tree Planting award to TNT Landscaping, John Church, Owner, 131 S.W. Ordinance Road, Ankeny, IA 50023, as low bidder for \$90,442.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 8, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1960

Action: Bid from TNT Landscaping for plant materials to be used by the Parks & Recreation Department for installation at various City park locations, \$46,780. (Thirteen bids mailed, two received). (Council Communication No. 07-597) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-678

Action: Iowa Outdoor Products for items 1 and 5 on bid tabulation form, \$46,800.71; TNT Landscaping for items 2 and 4 on bid tabulation form, \$63,300; Perficut Lawn & Landscape for item 3 on bid tabulation form, \$13,102.50; to be used at various City Park locations. (Twelve bids mailed, six received). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: September 12, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2225

Action: Professional Services Agreement with Prairie Wetlands, (Tre Wilson, Proprietor, DSM) for services associated with natural forest regeneration, \$7,920. (Council Communication No. 05-492) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: April 26, 2005

Roll Call Number:

Action: Park and Recreation Board voted to receive and file a reforestation report on six City parks.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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