

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b> February 6, 2017
	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 35G <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>17-0208</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>17-050</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Jonathan A. Gano, P.E. <b>Public Works Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing increased FY17 spending limit for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan tree removals.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of an additional \$320,000 in spending on ash tree removals in FY17. The EAB Program annual spending limit of \$880,000 was not fully utilized in the last two (2) years. The unspent balance of \$320,000 will be used between now and June 30, 2017, to deploy the City’s secondary supplier, Wright Outdoor Solutions, to remove an additional 342 trees. This action will provide the needed service to ensure that tree removal metrics remain current in the approved 10-year EAB Management Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$320,000

Funding Source: 2016-2017 CIP, Page Miscellaneous - 7, Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan, G.O. Bonds Issued.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Family Tree Care has been unable to remove the number of trees necessary to meet yearly goals resulting in underspending of the CIP – EAB Response Plan budget in the amount of \$320,000.
- Wright Outdoor Solutions, secondary contractor, will be used to remove an additional 342 trees between now and June 30, 2017 utilizing the unspent balance of \$320,000.
- Council approved spending up to \$880,000 per year.
- Spending the unspent balance will bring total expenditures over the \$880,000 annual spending limit necessitating Council approval.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 23, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0973](#)

Action: [Family](#) Tree Care (Rick Hanson, President) and Kinnucan Tree Experts (Robert Kinnucan, President) (primary suppliers) and Wright Outdoor Solutions (Scott Packard, CEO) and TruGreen (Jim Boswell, President) (secondary suppliers) for an annual contract with two (2) additional one-year renewal options to furnish Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Services for use by the Public Works Department, estimated annual cost \$880,000. (Nineteen bids mailed, six received). ([Council Communication No. 14-304](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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