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	Agenda Item No.	42C
	Roll Call No.	<u>17-1669</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-668</u>
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Accept sole bidder for tree removal in parks.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend acceptance of Family Tree Care at a cost of \$199,709 as sole bidder for removal of trees in parks Citywide. The volume and urgency of tree removals in City parks requires the services of a company with sufficient resources to manage the work in the next four (4) months. This time limit has been established by the City Forester based on the deteriorating condition of the trees. There are only a few local companies with sufficient resources to safely and efficiently remove 162 trees within the specified four (4) months timeframe. Family Tree Care was the City’s first contractor to remove ash trees in fiscal year (FY) 15-FY17. They removed 2,137 ash trees in that 3-year period to the satisfaction of the City. Though there was only one (1) bidder, the price quoted is within 4% of the low bid for the current ash tree removal contract, awarded to a different contractor. Public Works is confident this is a fair price.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$199,709

Funding Source: 2017-2018 CIP, Page Parks – 11, PK137 - Park Improvements, G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- By Council action in approving the Parks Improvement budget, the City has established a 3-year funding program of \$400,000 to manage critical tree issues in all City parks, beginning in FY18. This year’s budget is \$200,000.
- Citywide, trees in our parks system have more needs than resources. In general, the state of forest health in parks is good; however, there exists a backlog of critical work that requires the use of contract services.
- The four (4) months window for contract completion is because, unlike the City’s typical removal contracts, all of these trees are in parks. The department wanted to minimize the impact of the removal process on the public’s enjoyment of the affected areas.

- The present bid revealed to the City that there is current need to spend \$349,000 just on removals.
- An indication of the urgency of this project is the fact that since the tree assessments for this bid began in June, three (3) of the trees have already fallen and been removed by City staff.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 6, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-0444](#)

Action: [On](#) proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. ([Council Communication No. 17-282](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Coleman and Gatto.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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