


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-538	Meeting:	December 16, 2019
	Agenda Item:	48B	Roll Call:	19-2041
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Accept sole bidder Family Tree Care (Rick Hanson, Owner) for City-wide hazardous tree removal services for use in the Public Works Department (six {6} potential bidders, one {1} received).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend acceptance of Family Tree Care, as sole bidder, at a cost of \$74,530 for removal of 24 trees in park cemeteries Citywide.

This current round of City park tree removals, will complete the parks tree removal work undertaken over the last three (3) years. The fiscal year (FY) 2018 award at that time was for \$349,016. In FY 18 Family Tree Care removed 151 park trees in accordance with bid specifications. This work was done to the satisfaction of the City. The current award will remove the balance of trees per the original bid specifications and additional trees that have come to the City's attention. Family Tree Care was also the City's first contractor to remove ash trees in FY 15-17. They removed 2,137 public ash trees in that 3-year period to the satisfaction of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$74,530

Funding Source: 2019-2020 CIP, Page Parks – 11, PK137 - Park Improvements, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- By Council action, in approving the Parks and Recreation Department 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 FY 18. FY 18 budget was \$200,000. FY 19 budget was \$149,307. FY 20 budget is \$75,000 (the remaining amount after FY19 activities were completed).
- In general, the state of forest health in parks are good, but there exists a backlog of critical work that requires the use of contract services. The City expects to have a new baseline of tree condition in parks at the end of this 3-year budget cycle. There are a limited number of vendors that can safely complete this work in the required timeframe.
- This amount represents a partial award for a bid of \$144,072. Available CIP removal funds are \$75,000. Public Works Forestry Division will manage the balance of removals in FY 20.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 6, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1344](#)

Action: Purchases from the following:

- (B) [Family](#) Tree Care (Rick Hanson, Owner) to continue and finish the remaining Citywide hazardous tree removal services, \$149,307. ([Council Communication No. 18- 414](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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