


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA HEADING:

Arbor Masters Tree Service (Heather Dirksen, President) for hazardous tree and debris removal and disposal services in City parks related to the derecho storm on August 10, 2020 as requested by the Public Works Department, \$973,000. Eight {8} potential bidders, two {2} received.

SYNOPSIS:

Due to the amount of damage sustained from the August 10, 2020 derecho, bids were sought for the removal of all hazardous tree situations (damaged trees, hangers, leaning trees, etc.) across all City of Des Moines parks. The low bidder is Arbor Masters Tree Service (8250 Cole Parkway, Shawnee, KS 66227, Heather Dirksen, President), who have demonstrated high quality work with the original emergency derecho response during the first week following the storm; also, the fire station cleanup, with which they were also the low bidder.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000 - the wide range is based on the estimate of work needed to be completed. The detailed price is \$15.95 per cubic yard of debris.

Funding Source: 2020-2021 Operating Budget, page 231- Public Works Forestry Fund (PW245000).

The City will incur the initial costs of the cleanup, but full reimbursement is anticipated from FEMA due to the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City Forestry Division was involved in the City brush pick up program through the full duration of the project. The impact of the derecho on the Forestry Division is such that it will be sometime next year that they are back to their normal schedule, hence the need of contractual services for cleaning up the City parks.
- Citywide, trees in the park system have more needs than resources. In general, the state of forest health in parks is good, but there exists a backlog of critical work that requires the use of contract services.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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