



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the award of Option Year Two to Contract 21-040, Tree Removal and Stump Grinding, to D. Ryan Tree and Landscape LLC and Steve Piper and Sons for an amount not to exceed \$152,500

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works

SUBMITTED BY: Richard Dublinski, Director

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

In March 2021, the City Council approved Bid 21-040, Tree Removal and Stump Grinding, to contract with experienced and qualified forestry contractors for tree and stump removal services on the right-of-way of any street or alley and on property owned or maintained by the City. This contract supplements the work of the City's in-house crews to meet the demand for parkway tree removals. The first option year was awarded on December 7, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Both D. Ryan Tree and Landscape and Steve Piper and Sons have performed well during the original term and first option year. During the original term of the contract, D. Ryan Tree and Landscape LLC and Steve Piper and Sons assisted with storm clean-up of downed trees and brush in the roadways following the June 2021 tornado. The vendors also assisted with the special brush collection for the area most affected by the tornado.

Based on the vendors' performance, staff recommends extending the contract for the second option year. D. Ryan Tree and Landscape LLC and Steve Piper and Sons requested a 5% rate increase to offset rising costs, particularly increases in wages and fuel expenses. Staff was able to negotiate a 3% increase.

The term of the second option year is January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, with one, one-year option remaining on the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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Tree removal, stump grinding, and restoration is expensed to the Operational Services and Infrastructure accounts listed below. A total of \$52,500 is budgeted for contracted tree removal in 2023. Removal of ash trees is expensed to the capital projects account below as part of PA040,

Emerald Ash Borer Removal and Replacement Program. The 2023 budget for PA040 is \$175,000 and includes tree removal and replacement. Staff estimates \$100,000 will be used for tree removal. The total award of \$152,500 is within the budgeted amount for this expense.

Account Number	Fund Description	Total Budget Amount
31251100-531308	General Fund	\$1,947,670
31252200-551502	Capital Projects Fund	\$3,575,000