



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 3, 2017 Agenda Item 3C

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing a Contract for Tree Planting

Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinance

Context with Key Issues

The FY17 Public Works budget includes \$25,000 for tree planting in public space. The Department identified locations within City parks that could benefit from additional trees. Based on the staff recommendations, 154 trees were recommended for City parks and green spaces.

The Department solicited proposals from three vendors and received the following responses:

Arbor Landscapers	\$27,120
Denison Nursery	\$30,019
Patuxent Nursery	\$35,915

The Department recommends awarding the contract to Arbor Landscapers.

The tree planting program typically identifies streets with fewer trees in the right of way and follows the process for notification and permission from adjacent residents to plant the trees. For this fiscal year, due to the vacancy of the City Urban Forest Manager, the Department recommends planting in city owned parks, which are also in need of tree replenishment.

Council Priority

A Livable Community For All; Engaged, Responsive and Service-oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

Trees provide numerous environmental and social benefits. Among the environmental benefits are reduced air pollution due to absorption of CO₂ and ozone while releasing oxygen, reduced energy costs by providing shade and wind breaks, reduced surface run-off and erosion, reduced noise and creation of an ecosystem to provide food and habitat.

Fiscal Impact of Action

Expenditure of \$27,120

Racial Equity Impact Statement

The City's annual tree planting program has not previously considered racial equity as a factor in determining locations for tree planting. The primary driver has been identifying areas with space available along the right of way for trees. In the future, the Department will consider racial equity when planning for new tree planting. The FY18 budget includes funding to update our street tree inventory and identify available planting spaces.

Attachments and Links

Draft Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO PLANT TREES IN CITY PARKS
AND GREEN SPACES**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City procurement procedures, the Public Works Department requested proposals for tree planting and one-year warranty; and

WHEREAS, three responses were received and Arbor Landscapers were the lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has determined that the bid is responsive and responsible; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY17 Public Works operating budget for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into a contract with Arbor Landscapers for tree planting in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$27,120).

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of May, 2017.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: