



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 1, 2019 Agenda Item 3

Voting Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Tree Pruning, Removal and Stump Grinding at Various Locations

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The Urban Forest Manager requested pricing from three tree maintenance companies for tree maintenance work and removals. The work includes crown cleaning and maintenance pruning for 23 trees, removal of 7 dead trees, and stump grinding of 11 stumps. Some of the trees identified for pruning may be determined to require removal once the tree crew examines the trees. Responses were received as follows:

Takoma Tree Experts	\$45,575
Ex-Cel Tree Expert Co.	\$46,360
Davey Tree Experts Co.	\$51,600

The Department recommends the award of the contract to Takoma Tree Experts.

Council Priority

Fiscally Sustainable Government, Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Considerations

Maintenance pruning removes hazards from trees and prolongs their life. Removal of dying or hazardous trees protects the public and property.

Fiscal Considerations

The operating budget of the Urban Forest Division includes annual funding for tree maintenance and removal work.

Racial Equity Considerations

There is no impact on racial equity from this project

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by: Councilmember

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - ____
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVALS**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department FY19 budget includes funding for maintenance of trees and required removals in public rights-of-ways; and

WHEREAS, the Department solicited bids from qualified contractors and received three responses; and

WHEREAS, the lowest qualified and responsible bidder was Takoma Tree Experts; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the operating budget to cover the anticipated cost of these services.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Takoma Tree Experts for tree maintenance and removals.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2019 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: