



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 22, 2019 Agenda Item 2

Regular Meeting

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Tree Planting in the Right of Way

Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinance

Context with Key Issues

The Urban Forest Manager requested pricing from three nurseries for the planting of 445 trees selected for this year's tree planting in the right of way. The work includes planting the trees in the selected locations, watering them four times in the first year and replacing the trees should they die within one year of planting. Responses were received as follows:

Arbor Landscapers, Inc.	\$23,560
Denison Landscaping & Nursery	\$24,081
Evergro Landscaping, Inc.	\$40,852

The Department recommends the award of the contract to Arbor Landscapers, Inc.

The City's tree planting program includes identification of the area for tree planting, notification of the adjacent property owner to provide an opportunity for them to select between three types of trees or request that no tree be planted. The tree options tend to be large over story tree species for the side of the street where there are no overhead utility lines and smaller understory trees for the side with overhead utility lines.

The Urban Forest Manager selected the following streets for street tree planting this year – Cedar Avenue and Takoma Avenue

Council Priority

Fiscally Sustainable Government, Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Considerations

Annual tree planting enhances the urban forest and maintains or increases the tree canopy.

Fiscal Considerations

The operating budget of the Urban Forest Division includes annual funding for tree planting.

Racial Equity Considerations

The street tree program plants trees in all areas of the city and efforts are made to provide tree planting in all wards over time.

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Approved by: Suzanne R. Ludlow, City Manager

Prepared by: Daryl Braithwaite, Public Works Director

Posted: May 14, 2019

Introduced by: Councilmember

Single Reading

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-

AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR TREE PLANTING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department FY 2019 budget includes funding for tree planting in public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited bids from qualified nurseries and Arbor Landscapers, Inc. was the lowest qualified and responsible bidder; 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 Arbor Landscapers, Inc. for these services at the cost of \$23,560.

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: