



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 25, 2019

Agenda Item 3

Regular Meeting

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

Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinance

Context with Key Issues

The Urban Forest Manager (UFM) requested pricing from three tree contractors for the pruning and removal of trees in the right of way (43 locations, 33 removals and 65 maintenance pruning). The list of locations and type of work is attached. Responses were received as follows:

Excel Tree Expert Co, Inc.	\$47,548
Takoma Tree Experts, LLC.	\$51,900
Davey Tree Expert Company	\$60,330

The Department recommends the award of the contract to Excel Tree Experts Co., Inc.

The Urban Forest Division budget includes \$100,000 for tree removal and maintenance. The UFM identifies trees in need of maintenance and removal on an ongoing basis and coordinates tree work several times each year. Frequently, when a tree has been identified for maintenance or removal, the other trees around that location are assessed so other maintenance needs are identified in the area.

Council Priority

Fiscally Sustainable Government, Environmentally Sustainable Community,

Environmental Considerations

Regular tree work enhances the health and safety of the urban forest. When trees are removed from the right of way or parks, the UFM maintains a list of those locations for possible replanting in future planting cycle.

Fiscal Considerations

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

Racial Equity Considerations

Tree removal and maintenance is done on an as needed basis, citywide several times a year. Trees are identified by a combination of staff observation and requests by residents.

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Submitted by: Daryl Braithwaite, Public Works Director
Approved by: Suzanne R. Ludlow, City Manager

Posted: 2019-09-17

Introduced by: Councilmember

Single Reading

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019 -
AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR TREE WORK IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

WHEREAS, the FY20 Public Works Department budget includes funding for tree work in public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited bids from qualified tree contractors and Excel Tree Experts Co., 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 for an amount up to \$74,548 with Excel Tree Experts Company, Inc. for these services.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of September, 2019 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

FY 20 Tree Removal & Tree Maintenance

Unit	Street	Tree	Remove	Prune
316	Boyd	5" maple		X
316	Boyd	6" mulberry		X
316	Boyd	28" dead tree	X	
316	Boyd	7" maple	X	
316	Boyd	18" catalpa		X
316	Boyd	18" mulberry		X
7421	Cedar	27" oak		X
7100	Central	21" maple		X
7100	Central	40" oak		X
7111	Central	26" maple		X
7111	Central	22" maple		X
7113	Central	22" maple		X
7116	Central	29" maple		X
7503	Chestnut	25" oak	X	
7510	Chestnut	22" oak		X
706	Colby	22" oak	X	
706	Colby	13" dead tree	X	
706	Colby	4" dead tree	X	
706	Colby	16" dead	X	
706	Colby	8" dead	X	
706	Colby	13" oak		X
706	Colby	11" oak		X
605	Elm	29" oak		X
Takoma	Fenton	30" oak	X	
7116	Garland	29" oak		X
7116	Garland	26" silver maple		X
7119	Garland	24" maple		X
7119	Garland	24" maple		X
7119	Garland	24" maple		X
7303	Glenside	24" oak		X
7305	Glenside	24" silver maple	X	
7310	Glenside	large remaining trunk	X	
7414	Glenside	15" honey ;locust		X
7504	Glenside	30" magnolia		X
7510	Glenside	13" honey locust		X
7511	Glenside	14" willow oak		X
7602	Glenside	10" honey locust		X
7604	Glenside	10" honey locust	X	
7606	Glenside	9" dogwood	X	
	Hodges Park	27" oak		X
	Hodges Park	23" dead		X

1100	Jackson	15" honey locust		X
1100	Jackson	17" honey locust		X
1100	Jackson	14" willow oak		X
7401	Jackson	25" bradford pear	X	
1203	Kingwood	20" catalpa	X	
1203	Kingwood	10" dead tree	X	
9	Lee	22" maple	X	
9	Lee	29" oak		X
7500	Maple	29" oak		X
7500	Maple	32" oak		X
7500	Maple	33" oak		X
7500	Maple	36" oak		X
7500	Maple	17" oak		X
7500	Maple	22" pine	X	
7500	Maple	45" silver maple		X
302	Mississippi	35" oak		X
6421	Orchard	6" pine		X
6421	Orchard	7" pine		X
6421	Orchard	11" maple		X
6421	Orchard	14" maple		X
6421	Orchard	13" redbud		X
6443-642	Orchard	24" walnut		X
6443-642	Orchard	14" mulberry	X	
6443-642	Orchard	7"mulberry	X	
6443-642	Orchard	7" catalpa		X
6443-642	Orchard	7" catalpa		X
6443-642	Orchard	3" & 2" catalap	X	
6443-642	Orchard	10" cherry	X	
6443-642	Orchard	14" cherry	X	
6443-642	Orchard	18" pine		X
6443-642	Orchard	13" elm		X
6443-642	Orchard	8" elm		X
6443-642	Orchard	7" elm	X	
6443-642	Orchard	5" catalpa	X	
6443-642	Orchard	10" elm		X
6443-642	Orchard	9" pine	X	
6443-642	Orchard	10" dead tree	X	
6443-642	Orchard	11" dead tree	X	
222	Park	26" oak		X
222	Park	19" cherry		X
226	Park	19" oak		X
226	Park	24" oak		X
Holly	Philadelphia	11" pine		X
Holly	Philadelphia	38" oak		X

6608	Poplar	28" silver maple	X	
101	Sheridan	27" dead	X	
101	Sheridan	29" oak		X
101	Sheridan	4" dead tree	X	
6482	Sligo Mill	23" locust		X
7200	Trescott	22" maple		X
7200	Trescott	29" maple		X
7201	Trescott	27" maple		X
7201	Trescott	26" maple		X
7201	Trescott	27" maple		X
7300	Willow	12" dead	X	
7005	Woodland	24" oak		X
Circle	Woodland	24" dead	X	

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