



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 14, 2020 Agenda Item 5

Work Session

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

Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinance

Context with Key Issues

The Department requested pricing from four tree maintenance companies for tree removal and pruning. The work includes removal of 6 dead trees, stump grinding for one tree, and pruning of one tree. The work includes trees in the right of way (512 Albany Ave & 705 Elm Ave), pruning dead branches over the alley behind 903 Sligo Creek Parkway, and 4 removals on private property through the emergency assistance fund (7420 Baltimore Ave, 6704 Prince Georges Ave, 7009 Aspen Ave and 7417 Piney Branch Rd). Responses were received as follows:

Excel Tree Expert Co.	: \$18,850
S & P Tree Care	: \$13,700 (does not include 2 removals valued at over \$7,000)
Takoma Tree Experts	: \$25,400

The Department recommends the award of the contract to Excel Tree Expert Co.

Council Priority

Fiscally Sustainable Government, Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Considerations

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

The Emergency Tree Fund is available to any property owner whose household income is below 85% of the median County income.

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by: Councilmember

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - ____
AUTHORIZE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department's FY 21 budget includes funding for maintenance of trees and required removals in public right of ways; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited bids for the removal of two right of way trees, four trees on private property eligible for the City's emergency tree removal fund, and pruning of one tree over the right of way; and

WHEREAS, the City received three responses and Excel Tree Expert 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 with Excel Tree Expert, Co for these services.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of October 2020 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: