



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – December 2, 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 Urban Forest Manager has identified eleven trees in the right of way that require removal or pruning to eliminate a hazardous condition. The Department requested pricing from three tree companies. The work includes removal of 6 hazardous trees and pruning of 5 trees. The locations include Spring Park, Kelly Park, Boyd Avenue, Holton Lane, Jackson Avenue, Maplewood Avenue, Maple Avenue, Mississippi Avenue, and Takoma Avenue. Responses were received as follows:

Adirondack Tree Company	: no bid (unable to do the work before January)
Excel Tree Expert Co.	: \$18,670
Takoma Tree Experts	: \$16,450

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

### **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 location for the tree work is across the entire City in every ward. The work involves two trees in each of Wards 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 and 1 tree in Ward 4.

### **Attachments and Links**

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by: Councilmember

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - \_\_**

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVALS**

- WHEREAS, the Public Works Department FY21 budget includes funding for maintenance of trees and required removals in public rights of way; and
- WHEREAS, The City solicited bids from qualified contractors and received three responses and Takoma Tree Experts was the lowest qualified and responsible bidder, with a bid of \$16,450; 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 these services.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: