



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



November 19, 2019

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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WEST COAST ARBORIST, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL CITY-WIDE TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The City of Chula Vista (City) and West Coast Arborist, Inc. (WCA) entered into a Tree Maintenance Services contract on November 21, 2017. The City and West Coast Arborist desire to amend the Agreement to provide citywide tree maintenance service by West Coast Arborist by increasing the Contract limit to \$1,700,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) because the proposed project would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

DISCUSSION

On November 21, 2017 by Resolution No 2017-212 Council approved the agreement with WCA for citywide tree maintenance services. The City has an estimated 35,000 trees citywide. The contract terms were initially from November 2017 to June 30, 2018, and upon satisfactory work performance the parties can mutually agree to extend the contract for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods from July 1 to June 30 for a maximum term of five (5) years. The City has extended the contract for two (2) of the four (4) one-year extension periods. The City is getting close to the initial not to exceed contract limit of \$950,000 within the first three (3) years of the contract due to unanticipated tree maintenance services, including:

- Pest infestation requiring multiple treatments or tree removals,

- Emergencies and hazards including broken or fallen limbs in parks and street right of way,
- Tree roots lifting sidewalks, curbs and gutters creating possible trip hazards.

Staff recommends increasing the contract amount as WCA has performed tree maintenance work to the City's satisfaction at a favorable price. City staff recommends increasing the WCA contract limit by an additional \$750,000 to provide tree maintenance services for the remaining two (2) one (1) year extension periods. This will allow the City to address routine maintenance and emergency services for the remainder of the contract period.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (California Government Code § 87100, es seq.).

Staff is not independently aware and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the contract is included within the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Public Works Budget.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

The annual contract cost will be included in the annual Public Works budgets for Urban Forestry and will be approved by the City Council as part of the annual budget process

ATTACHMENTS

1. West Coast Arborist Agreement

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