



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to Contract No. 29182 with TruGreen Landcare, a California General Partnership, increasing the contract amount by \$1,000,000 for the third year, to furnish and deliver tree-trimming services. (Citywide)

On March 1, 2005, the City Council awarded a one-year contract to furnish and deliver tree-trimming services to TruGreen Landcare, a California General Partnership, in the amount of \$800,000, with the option of renewing for two additional one-year terms (see Attachment). Through this contract, timely maintenance is performed, thereby preserving and protecting the urban forest by reducing the number of trees damaged or destroyed by overgrowth and inclement weather. Complementing the Public Works tree trimming operation with contracted services has proven to be an effective means of providing this service to the public.

Based on the contractor's acceptable performance in completing all assigned tree trimming work, the contract was amended on March 21, 2006, to extend the contract for another year and increase the contract amount by \$1,000,000, which provided additional contract authority of \$200,000 for Park tree maintenance, bringing the total contract amount for the first two years to \$1,800,000. Staff is now recommending that the contract be extended for a third and final year, increasing the contract amount by \$1,000,000, bringing the total contract amount for the three years to \$2,800,000.

The contractor has agreed to continue street tree trimming work at a marginal 6 percent increase above the current unit prices. At the request of the City, the Contractor has provided a new unit price for an emergency three-man trimming crew, which will provide as-needed backup support when the city encounters heavy tree damage from storm events.

The annual contract for tree trimming provides for the trimming of 11,000 to 12,000 trees and City crews are typically able to trim another 5,000 trees. This is less than the 22,000 trees that should be trimmed annually to maintain the recommended four to five-year trim cycle. To close this gap, City crews and the contractor have trimmed only the largest trees, leaving the newer smaller trees to be trimmed on a much longer cycle. As the City's tree population has matured, selective trimming can no longer close the gap between the number of trees that need to be trimmed and the budgeted resources available for tree trimming. This fiscal year, the budgeted \$715,000 in Public Works for contract tree trimming will be depleted by April, leaving an additional 8,000 trees that will still require trimming. City crews will be able to trim a portion of the remaining trees, but the majority of this work will need to be completed by the contractor. Staff will be reviewing the current budget for operational savings that could be applied to the tree trimming contract to help close this gap. The proposed contract authority increase of \$1,000,000 will provide staff the opportunity to utilize additional tree trimming funds that may become available this fiscal year, or any budget increases included in the FY08 budget.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lori A. Conway on February 15, 2007, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on February 16, 2007.

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Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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