

Memorandum Public Works Department



To: City Council
Subject: Tree Trimming and Removal Using Downtown TIF Funds
Date: 5/21/2021
Number: 2021-086

The Public Works Department requested a cost estimate for trimming all downtown trees from Advantage Tree Service, which holds the City's 2021 tree services contract. The Department also requested a cost estimate for removing all dead, dying, and dangerous trees. The two cost estimates together total \$27,654.54 and reflect the hourly rate specified in the City's tree services contract. Tree trimming and removal is an eligible infrastructure expense identified in the Council's resolution committing remaining Downtown TIF funds. As such, it is proposed that those funds are used for this activity.

The Public Works Department has worked with other City departments and the Downtown Manager to determine the need for this work and notify downtown property owners who will be affected. The Downtown Steering Committee was also consulted and understood the need for the work. At this time, no strong opposition to the work has been received by the Department.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$27,654.54 from the downtown TIF to fund the tree trimming and the removal of dead, dying, or dangerous trees.

Vendor: Advantage Tree Services LLC., Davenport, IA
Contract Amount: \$27,654.54

Fund:	201	Downtown TIF
Department:	312	Economic Development
Cost Center:	801	General Development
Object Code:	54101	Contributions and Sponsorships

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