

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESCIND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION FOR GREAT SCOTT TREE SERVICES, INC. AND ESTABLISH A NEW AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GEORGE SALINAS COMPANY FOR PALM TREE PRUNING SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Rescind the contract authorization for Great Scott Tree Service for palm pruning services.
2. Accept the bid dated November 9, 2004 submitted by George Salinas Company in response to specifications for palm pruning services for the Department of Public Works.
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract with the George Salinas Company for a period of three years or until \$322,500 is expended, whichever occurs first, with two additional one-year extensions, each not to exceed \$107,500 per year.

BACKGROUND

On December 20, 2004, the City Council awarded the palm tree pruning contract to Great Scott Tree Services, Inc. Subsequently, Great Scott Tree Services informed the City that it would be unable to comply with the palm tree pruning specifications in their entirety and, as a result, will be unable to provide this service. The next lowest bid came from the George Salinas Company.

Six valid bids for palm pruning were compiled following the City's bid process on November 9, 2004.

The bid results are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Evaluated Bid Price for Palm Pruning</u>
Great Scott Tree Service - Stanton, CA	\$280.00
George Salinas Company –Temple City, CA	\$285.00
West Coast Arborist – Anaheim, CA	\$309.00
TruGreen Land Care – Upland, CA	\$539.00
United Pacific Services – Anaheim, CA	\$607.00
Harnisch Tree Care –Temple City, CA	\$680.00

The evaluated bid prices are based on criteria set forth in the specification that uses the average cost per tree and accounts for different types of work and the difficulty involved in maintaining different tree species.

Since Great Scott Tree Service is non-responsive to the bid specifications for palm tree pruning, George Salinas Company is the lowest responsive bidder that meets all of the requirements of the specifications for palm pruning.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council authorize a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$322,500 representing an annual cost of \$107,500 to George Salinas Company for the pruning of public palm trees for three years from the date of contract execution by the City. The contract may be extended for a period of up to two additional one-year increments, subject to the approval of the City Manager, with each not to exceed \$107,500 per year.

The proposed contracts are in compliance with Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance P.M.C. 4.08 and the rules and regulations promulgated there under.

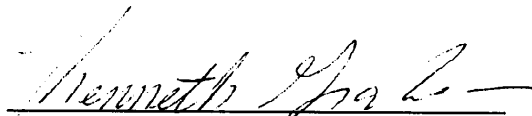
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are available in the Parks and Natural Resources, Fiscal Year 2005 Operating Budget (budget accounts 8114-101-765210, 8114-101-765100, and 8114-101-765300).

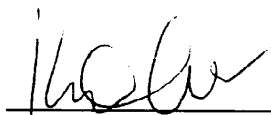
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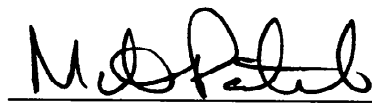
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