

Agenda Report

February 27, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 20,536 WITH DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP FOR INVENTORY OF STREET TREES FROM \$200,000 TO \$242,250

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an affect on the environment;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 20,536 with Davey Resource Group for the Inventory of Street Trees to increase the total contract not-to-exceed amount from \$200,000 to \$242,250, an increase of \$42,250, for the re-inventory of the City's Street Tree Canopy; and
3. Appropriate \$42,250 from the Street Tree Deposit Fund account (Budget Account 6740-301-765200) to the Forestry Operations Operating Budget (Account 101-765210) for the Inventory of Street Trees in the amount of \$42,250 and authorize staff to make necessary adjustments to the budget.

BACKGROUND:

On November 8, 2010, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Davey Resource Group, in the amount of \$200,000, to inventory the City's urban forest. The project, funded through a State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) Proposition 40 grant, involves the inspection of each City tree with a GPS device and recordation of information such as tree species, condition

and health. The inspection information updates the existing tree inventory and will be incorporated into work history and service requests.

Prior to the windstorm on November 30 - December 1, 2011, Davey Resource Group had completed approximately 60 percent of the tree inventory. Damage from the storm necessitated the removal of numerous trees and changed the condition of many others. As a result, it is necessary to re-evaluate and update information collected prior to the windstorm.

Beginning in March, Davey Resource Group will assign an arborist to work in the areas that were surveyed prior to the windstorm. The inspection will document newly vacant sites where trees were either uprooted by the windstorm or removed due to extensive damage, as well as changes in the condition of existing trees. The street tree inventory is a crucial step in developing and implementing a replanting plan and beginning an effective recovery of the urban forest.

The proposed contract amendment will increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$42,250. The contract, including the re-inventory of the trees affected, is expected to be completed by June 30, 2012.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council's goal to "Improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure." It also supports the City of Pasadena's adoption of the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords (UEA) action 11, "... tree canopy coverage maintained in more than 50 percent of available planting sites." Finally, the inventory is consistent with the General Plan's Conservation Element Objective 2.4, retention of Pasadena's image and heritage of mature trees and plant life.

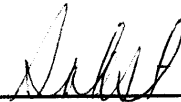
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

On May 22, 2001 the City's Environmental Administrator determined the project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15061 (b)(3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed actions will not result in any new development or activity that could have a significant effect on the environment. Mapping the City's street trees will assist in the management of one of Pasadena's most valuable natural resources, trees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this action will be \$42,250 and it will be funded from additional revenues from the Street Tree Deposit Fund Account (Budget Account 6740-301-765200) bringing the total cost of the contract to \$242,250. Funding for this action will be addressed by an increase in appropriations in the Forestry Operations Operating Budget (Account 8114-101-765210) in the amount of \$42,250. It is anticipated that all of the cost will be spent during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,




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**Disclosure Pursuant to the
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

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1. Contractor/Organization Name: Davey Resource Group, A Division of
The Davey Tree Expert Company

2. Type of Entity:
 non-government nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)

3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:

Karl J. Warnke, Chairman, President, and CEO
David E. Adante, Executive Vice President, CFO, and Secretary
Patrick M. Covey, Executive Vice President, Operations
Steven A. Marshall, Executive Vice President, Operations
Howard D. Bowles, Sr. VP and General Manager, Davey Tree Surgery Company
James F. Stief, VP and General Manager, Residential/Commercial Services
George M. Gaumer, VP and General Manager, Commercial/Landscape Services
Fred Johnson, Vice President, Operations Support Services
Gordon L. Ober, Vice President, Personnel Recruiting and Development
Richard A. Ramsey, Vice President and General Manager, Canadian Operations
Nicholas R. Sueic, Vice President and Controller
Joseph R. Paul, Treasurer
Marjorie L. Conner, Assistant Secretary and Counsel

4. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:

Not applicable.

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