

# Agenda Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2000

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** INCREASE TO CONTRACT WITH GOLDEN BEAR ARBORISTS INC. FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES IN THE LINCOLN AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to increase contract #16,401 with Golden Bear Arborist, Inc., by \$25,000 for a new total of \$88,000, to remove trees in the Lincoln Avenue Corridor Improvement Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Lincoln Avenue Corridor Improvement Project, approved by City Council in September, 1999, calls for removal of Holly Oak trees on North Lincoln Avenue and replacement with hybrid Desert Willow (*Chitalpa tashkentensis*). This species change was approved by the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee and the Design Commission in July of 1998.

The total cost to remove and replace the trees is \$55,000, including \$25,000 for removal of existing trees and \$30,000 for materials and labor for planting the new trees. Staff recommends that Golden Bear Arborists be contracted to remove the existing trees, and that city staff perform the labor to plant the new trees.

On July 2, 1997, City Council awarded a contract (#16,401) to Golden Bear Arborists, Inc. for citywide tree removal. The base amount of the contract was \$63,000. Staff recommends increasing the not to exceed amount of this contract by \$25,000 to include the Lincoln Avenue Corridor work. The recommended increase would bring the new total to \$88,000.

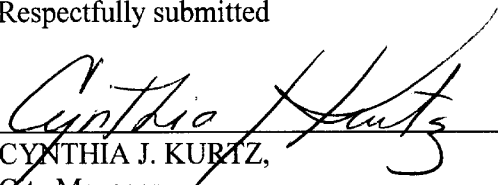
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

On September 13, 1999, City Council approved an amendment to the FY 2000 Capital Improvement Program Budget to fund this project and transferred \$55,000 from the Street Tree Replacement Deposit Account. These funds are currently available in Public Works account 765210.

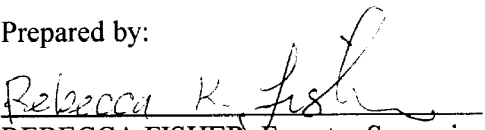
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Respectfully submitted

  
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