

# Agenda Report

To: City Council

Date: March 20, 2000

From: City Manager

Subject: Extension Of Contract With Davey Tree Surgery Company For One Year Not To Exceed \$300,000

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to extend Contract Number 16,386 with Davey Tree Surgery Company, for a period of one year or until an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is expended, whichever occurs first.

## BACKGROUND:

Trimming trees located in close proximity to overhead power distribution lines is necessary to avoid creating safety hazards, causing service outages, and is required by the State of California.

In July 1997, the City entered into Contract Number 16,386 with Davey Tree Surgery Company for these services. The tree trimming for power line clearance follows guidelines set forth in a specification prepared jointly with, and approved by, the City's certified arborist. As a part of the contract, Davey Tree provides on-site supervision of their tree crews by a certified arborist. In addition, the City's certified arborist will periodically inspect tree trimming done by Davey Tree. Last year Davey Tree trimmed 4200 trees for an average of 16 trees per day using two, three-man crews. Of the 4200 trees, 80% are rear property trees. Trimming costs are on a per hour basis, and the goal is to trim up to 4500 trees during this final contract period.

The term of the contract was for one year with two optional one-year extensions. Since the conclusion of the base term, the contract has been extended twice, once for a six-month period and once for a one-year period. The request for the first extension of six months rather than one year was made because the Living Wage Ordinance was not adopted at the start of contract but was adopted soon thereafter. The six-month extension was separate from the terms and conditions of the original contract. In keeping with the spirit and intent of that Ordinance, staff did not want to

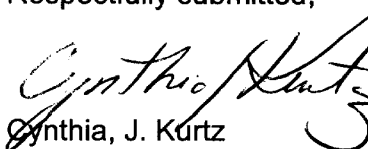
wait an entire year before incorporating the policy into the contract. Subsequently, the contract was extended for a one-year period that expired January 25, 2000.

Davey Tree Surgery Company has not only performed well but is willing to extend the same pricing of the last one-year contract to this proposed final one-year extension.

FISCAL IMPACT:


Funds for this contract are available in the Power Division's Fiscal Year 2000 and 2001 operating budget (Account Number 0593, Maintenance of Overhead Lines – Distribution).

Respectfully submitted,



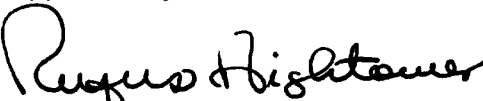
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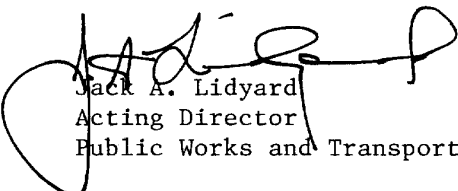
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