

Legislation Text

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Tree Removal and Pruning Services

Action:

- A. Approve contracts with the following companies for tree removal services for a term of three years in amounts not to exceed:**
- The Davey Tree Expert Company (\$750,000),
 - Schneider Tree Care (\$750,000),
 - AAA Tree Experts, Inc. (\$675,000),
 - Cadieu Tree Experts, Inc. (\$630,000),
- B. Approve contracts with the following companies for tree pruning services for a term of three years in amounts not to exceed:**
- Arborguard Inc., (\$150,000),
 - The Davey Tree Expert Company (\$150,000),
 - Frady Tree Care (\$150,000),
 - Heartwood Tree Service, LLC (\$150,000),
- C. Approve contracts with the following companies for tree removal and stump grinding services related to utility relocation for a term of three years in amounts not to exceed:**
- Cadieu Tree Experts, Inc. (\$200,000),
 - Heartwood Tree Service, LLC (\$200,000), and
 - Lewis Tree Service, Inc. d/b/a Carolina Tree Care (\$200,000).

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

Actions A and B:

- These contracts will include the removal of trees identified by the City as storm damaged, diseased/deteriorated, or pose a safety hazard to the public.
- Services include but are not limited to:
 - Stump grinding,
 - Debris removal and disposal,
 - Seeding,
 - Mulching, and
 - Clean up.
- These contracts will also include systematic tree pruning services throughout the City to address safety and liability issues, as well as maintaining the overall health of street trees.
- Multiple crews can be retained for faster, ongoing pruning services, as well as quick response to storm events.
- On July 11, 2018, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); 17 proposals were received (eight for tree removal services and nine for tree pruning services).
- These eight firms best meet the City's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and

responsiveness to RFP requirements.

- Estimated contract expenditures for landscape tree removal are \$2,805,000 over the three-year term, and \$600,000 for landscape tree pruning over the three-year term.
- Tree removal and pruning services support focus areas and initiatives outlined in City Council's Urban Forest Master Plan, adopted September 25, 2017.

Action C

- These contracts will include utility tree removal and stump grinding related to utility relocation for projects identified in the Community Investment Plan.
- On July 11, 2018, the City issued an RFP; seven proposals were received.
- These three firms best meet the City's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- Estimated contract expenditures are \$600,000 over the three-year term.

Charlotte Business INclusion

Action A and B

No subcontracting goals were established because there are no opportunities (Part C: Section 2.1(a) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy). However, Frady Tree Care is a City SBE and The Davey Tree Expert Company has committed to use the following certified firms to participate as work scopes are defined:

The Davey Tree Expert Company

- Southern Stump Removal (SBE) (stump grinding, stump removal)

Action C

No subcontracting goals were established because there are no opportunities (Part C: Section 2.1(a) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: General Community Investment Plan, Transportation Community Investment Plan and Storm Water Community Investment Plan