



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Approving a Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Davis Tree Care and Landscape, Incorporated for Village Wide Parkway Tree Pruning and Removal Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$350,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution**

### **Overview**

The Public Works Department is responsible for Parkway Tree Pruning and Removal. To assist in this effort, a contractor is utilized. Davis Tree Care and Landscape, Incorporated performed this work over the last year after a competitive bidding process. The Agreement provides for two possible one (1) year renewals. It is proposed to exercise the first of the two possible renewals with Davis Tree Care and Landscape, Incorporated for the Fiscal Year 2022 Parkway Tree Pruning and Removal Services.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the Resolution.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund budget includes \$150,000.00 to perform Parkway Tree Removal, \$50,000.00 to perform Storm Clean-up, and \$300,000.00 to perform Parkway Tree Pruning in the General Fund, Forestry Division External Support account no., 1001-43800-741-530667.

A total of \$350,000.00 (\$300,000.00 for Parkway Tree Pruning, \$25,000.00 for Parkway Tree Removal, and \$25,000.00 for Storm Clean-up) from this account is proposed to be awarded to Davis Tree Care and Landscape, Incorporated. A renewal agreement with another tree removal and stumping contractor is proposed under another agenda item to utilize the remainder of these funds.

### **Background**

The Village has over 18,000 public trees on parkways and in other public spaces. Each year a portion of those trees need to be removed due to disease (Dutch elm disease), insect infestation (Emerald ash borer), storm damage, and senescence. The Village contracts for these services through a year-long contract. Tree removal contractors are also called on to provide emergency services such as storm damage clean-up and emergency tree removal.

Experience over the last several years has determined that a single contractor can have difficulty keeping pace

with removals and storm damage demands, especially if weather conditions for the season are severe. The Village contracts with multiple contractors for removals to assure trees are removed within a timely manner and meet goals before the end of the contract period.

In addition, the Village maintains a three (3) year pruning cycle where one-third (1/3) of all village-owned trees are pruned each year. All trees within a specified geographical area are pruned in a single season. Pruning is done by a contractor. The proposed fiscal year 2022 pruning area includes approximately 6500 trees located within the area bounded by Roosevelt Road to Madison Street from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue.

In September 2020 Village staff requested bids for three separate tree maintenance services (pruning, removal, and stumping) under a "Comprehensive Tree Maintenance Bid". Dave Tree Care and Landscape, Incorporated of Forest Park, IL was approved as one of the low responsive bidders for Parkway Tree Pruning and Removal Services.

Staff recommends renewing the agreement with our two current contractors for parkway tree removal, stump removal, cycle pruning, and emergency services. Davis Tree Care and Landscape, Incorporated has completed this work for the Village in a professional manner and is recommended to continue to provide the Village this service. The contract for the other contractor, A&B Landscaping and Tree Care, Inc., is under a separate agenda item.

### **Alternatives**

The Board can delay action to gain additional information.

### **Previous Board Action**

The Village Board has approved this contractor's work renewals for this type of work annually in the past.

### **Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A.

### **Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

It is anticipated that the Public Works Department will continue to request Village Board approval for contracts for parkway tree pruning and removal services in the future.

### **Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

None at this time.