



AGENDA REPORT

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City Council Meeting

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Meeting Date: 3/7/2023

Agenda Item: 6G

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Subject:
GOLF COURSE TREE MAINTENANCE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION

Fiscal Impact:

The costs associated with the replacement of trees and damage repair caused by the fallen trees will be \$66,000 and was not anticipated in the current municipal budget.

Summary:

Staff and the Golf Course Committee recommend the City Council authorize funding for the removal, repairs and cleanup of damaged trees and the replacement of certain trees at prioritized locations at the golf course at holes 2, 3, 5, and 8. The appropriation will mitigate impacts on the playability of the course while minimizing impacts on the course property and surrounding properties.

Background:

On January 23, 2023, a significant winter storm damaged trees throughout the Municipal Golf Course. This included a total loss of ten mature trees listed below.

- #5 Street by Tee box - Eucalyptus
- #2 Green - Aleppo Pine
- #2 Tee - Pepper Tree
- #3 Right rough - Eucalyptus
- #3 Behind 4 tee - Eucalyptus
- #3 Behind 4 tee - Eucalyptus
- #6 Tee - Eucalyptus
- #12 and #11 - Eucalyptus
- #8 Left side of Fairway - Eucalyptus

At its February 2, 2023 meeting, the Golf Course Committee discussed the loss of trees due to storm damage. The Committee recommended the City Council approve funding to replace damaged trees, prioritizing the trees on #5 (left), #8 (left), #2 (green), and #3 (right).

Discussion:

Landscaping, including the placement of trees, on the golf course is designed for playability and aesthetics while maximizing the safety of the course and the areas surrounding the property. While the sites of all lost trees will require the replacement of landscaping, the Golf Course Committee has prioritized the replacement of trees in the following areas #5 left, #8 left, #2 green, and #3 right. The Committee commented that the loss of trees in these locations negatively affects the playability of the

course and can result in unintended architectural design impacts, therefore the repair/replacement at these four holes should be prioritized and addressed as soon as possible.

Staff assessed each of the sites prioritized by the Golf Course Committee, and recommended replacement tree sizes and species for each location to provide maximum mitigation of the discussed concerns. The recommended replacement trees are either Norfolk Pine or Tipu species. Based on quotes received, the trees will be replaced at a cost of \$46,000 through an agreement with Moon Valley Nursery. The cost includes the purchase, installation, and one-year warranty for each tree.

Additionally, the cleanup and removal of the ten trees and surrounding landscaped areas of the course required additional contractual services support estimated at \$20,000. Tree maintenance along the Golf Course is not included in the citywide tree trimming contract because of the nature of the Enterprise Fund with the activity and amounts being on an as-needed basis. A separate line item is established within the Golf Course Operating Fund and is used to support the routine maintenance of trees throughout the course. The work is done in small jobs with a three quote/bid estimate process.

Recommended Actions:

Staff Recommendation

Staff and the Golf Course Committee Recommend that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation of \$66,000 to the Golf Course Maintenance of Trees Account #056-661-43426 for cleanup and repairs of the course related to the January 2023 storm and for the purchase and installation of replacement trees on the golf course at holes #2, 3, 5, & 8.

Attachment:

None.

Notification:

None.