

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT – WINTER & SUMMER STREET TREE TRIMMING

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department requires various street tree trimming and stump grinding to be performed during the winter and summer contract periods. The 2010/11 budget includes \$60,000 for this work. The estimated amount needed for the winter tree trimming contract is \$30,000 and the summer tree trimming contract is estimated at \$25,000. That would put the contract at \$55,000, which will leave \$5,000 for other miscellaneous work.

City Council awarded a contract to LawnPro for the fiscal year 2009/10. LawnPro's original bid also included pricing for renewal of the 2010/11 Tree Trimming Program. The winter price will increase from \$35.00 to \$36.50 per crew hour and the summer price will increase from \$44.00 to \$45.50 per crew hour.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the contract for the 2010/11 Right-of-Way Tree Trimming Program to LawnPro, Colo, IA, in the amount of \$55,000.
2. Reject the renewal option and rebid the Right-of-Way Tree Trimming Program.
3. Reject the renewal option and purchase right-of-way tree trimming on an as-need basis.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The approved 2010/11 operating budget for the Public Works Department includes \$60,000 for tree trimming. The estimated cost of this contract is \$55,000 which will leave \$5,000 for miscellaneous tree trimming that may be outside the scope of this contract.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving award of contract for the 2010/11 Right-of-Way Tree Trimming Program to LawnPro, Colo, IA, in the amount of \$55,000.