

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: RIGHT OF WAY TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT

BACKGROUND:

The City's Public Works Department entered into a contract with LawnPro for tree trimming in the amount of \$55,000. This contract is for the trimming of right-of-way trees and the runs annually from October to October. The current contract will end on October 31, 2012, and is renewable until October 31, 2013.

Due to the two windstorms, payments authorized under the current contract were increased administratively by \$11,000 to bring the total contract to \$66,000. This increase allowed for the storm damage work to be covered, but does not allow enough funding to cover the remaining work needed until the October 31 ending date. Staff estimates that an additional \$12,000 is needed to finish the current year's work. This would place the total contract at \$78,000. This activity is programmed in the Public Works Operations Grounds budget (Road Use Tax Fund), and will allow the remaining work to be completed this year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Change Order with LawnPro in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the tree trimming contract, for a total contract amount of \$78,000.
2. Direct staff to make other arrangements for the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The two windstorms this year have caused an increase in the need for tree trimming to remove damaged trees and limbs. There is still tree trimming needed from the storm damage and regular maintenance to complete.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Change Order with LawnPro in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the tree trimming contract, for a total contract amount of \$78,000.