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COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

TO: Mayor Garrett and City Council Members

FR: Sheryl Mitchell Theriot, City Administrator

DA: August 26, 2021

RE: Approval of Tree Management Program and Funding

The city has received a number of concerns from residents regarding the need for a regular schedule for the maintenance of trees. One action taken was the formation of a Tree Committee. Two issues identified are a regular maintenance schedule and a timely response to trees/branches requiring immediate trimming or removal.

I have asked Rami Sweidan to take the lead and work with DPS in developing a Tree Program, with regular tree pruning is scheduled, developing a tree inventory with GIS mapping, and contracts for emergency branch trimming and/or tree removal. The objective is to cover the entire city of 3 years.

The city has been working for Hart Forestry for several years for tree assessment and remediation services. However, with the exceptional storms and associated tree damage, they are not able to address the number requests in a timely fashion.

Tree Management Program Estimated Budget Proposal

DPS to perform weekly pruning (branches up to 12 feet) – Equipment repair/purchase	\$1,500
Contract with Davey	
Tree Removal	\$7,150
Stump Grinding	\$2,075
Tree Pruning	\$1,650
Giffels Webster – GIS Platform for tree inventor	\$2,500
Contingency	\$1,125
TOTAL	\$16,000

It is being recommended to approve the program, with funding to be provided from the Local Street Fund and Major Street Fund – Forestry line items.

Suggested Motion:

Approve the Tree Management Program, with funding of up to \$16,000 from the Forestry line items in the Local and Major Street Funds. And, authorize the City Administrator to contract with Davey's Tree Service and Giffels Webster for related services.