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MEMORANDUM

To: Administration / Public Works Committee Members

From: Rick C. Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: April 30, 2021

Re: Contractor Proposals for 2021 Tree Planting

Background

At the April meeting, the Department made a recommendation to the Committee to select STL Tree Pros for a city-contractor agreement for the spring 2021 tree planting project, which includes the replanting of about 62 trees within the Town Center area. This would include several varieties of #15 container stock. A copy of the prices furnished by contractors in response to our RFP is shown below.

Unfortunately, the Department has become aware that STL Tree Pros can not meet the insurance requirements in the request for proposal (RFP), nor did they account for them in their proposal price, which was the basis for the Department's recommendation. After requesting consideration of reduced insurance coverage, STL Tree Pros still would not honor their proposal price but requested a price increase.

Recommendation

Therefore, due to the above concerns, the Department is recommendation the selection of Gamma Tree Experts, for a city-contractor agreement for spring 2021 Tree Planting for the not to exceed amount of \$20,000.

Reasons Recommendation

1. Gamma Tree Experts has the second lowest price for the #15 container stock (used in the spring planting project) and had the lowest price on the larger trees.
2. Gamma Tree Experts completed our tree planting project in 2019, and the Department was very satisfied with their performance.
3. Gamma Tree Experts is a 2021 City Right-of-Way Maintenance contractor and is already authorized to work under an existing city-contractor agreement.

With approval of this recommendation by the Committee, the Department would like to move forward with Gamma, amending our existing city-contractor agreement to allow this work.

I will be available at the May 4th meeting of the Administration/Public Works Committee for any questions regarding this recommendation.

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Table 1: Tree Planting Bids

Spring 2021 Town Center Tree Planting Project					
Size	Davey	Gamma	STL Tree Pros	Omni	Arbor Masters
#15	\$306	\$295	\$195	NA	\$495
Fall 2021 Tree Planting Project					
#15	\$312	\$295	\$195	NA	\$495
#25	\$429	\$395	\$612	NA	\$630
1" BB	\$495	\$425	\$480	NA	\$655
2" BB	\$573	\$500	\$660	NA	\$780
2.5" BB	\$652	\$575	\$960	NA	\$945
3" BB	\$715	\$675	No Price	NA	\$1,275
3.5" BB	\$765	No Price	No Price	NA	\$1,395
4" BB	\$795	No Price	No Price	NA	\$1,525