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MEMORANDUM

To: Administration/Public Works Committee Members

From: Rick C. Brown, Director of Public Works

Date: October 24, 2022

Re: Fall Tree Planting Project Update

Ash Tree Removal Status: Over the past two years the Department of Public Works has removed approximately 655 ash trees that have been infected by the Emerald Ash Borer. The city began this process with nearly 1,500 ash trees. The Department removed several hundred ash trees preemptively prior to 2021 and treated about 390 trees. Since June 2021, based on their condition, the Department has prioritized the removal of the remaining 820 ash trees. Thus far the Department has removed 655 trees from the prioritized list. Next spring, we will have to decide whether to continue to treat about half of the remaining 320 treated ash trees.

Tree Planting: Since 2016, the city has planted about 430 street trees to address the ash tree loss. Again this year, the Department utilized the expertise of Davey Resource Group (DRG) to develop the planting locations and ensure the sites are ready for a new tree. As you know, Gamma Tree was awarded the contract to plant new trees this fall, which is expected to be completed by December.

New trees will be installed in the following subdivisions:

Babler Park Estates (14 trees), Brentmoor Place (10), Chesterfield Valley (2), Clayton Woods (1), Evergreen (34), Valley View (12), Westglen Farms (~76), Westhampton Woods (1), Wilderness Trails (2), Winding Trails (7), Woodcliff Heights (1), Town Center (~35).

The following species have been selected for planting by DRG:

American Hornbeam, Redbud, Baldcypress, Overcup Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Swamp White Oak, Tuliptree, Nuttall Oak, Princeton Elm, Redmond Linden, White Shield Osage Orange, Kentucky Coffeetree.

Notification postcards were mailed out today (Tuesday 10/25) to each homeowner receiving a tree. In addition, working with DRG, the Department has developed a door hanger which provides tree care information. The door hanger will be placed on the front door of each home after tree planting.

Dan Rahn and I will be available for any questions at the October 25th Administration/Public Works Committee Meeting.

RCB