

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

April 18, 2012
9:30–10:00 am
140 West Pine Street

Members Present Dave Strohmaier (chair), Adam Hertz, Caitlin Copple, Dick Haines, Jon Wilkins, and Ed Childers

Members Absent: Marilyn Marler, Cynthia Wolken, Bob Jaffe

Others Present: Greg Howe, David Selvage

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes.

Minutes of March 21, 2012 were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for stump grinding services in the amount of \$24,339 to Treasure State Tree Service. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Greg Howe) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

MOTION: The Committee recommends Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for stump grinding services in the amount of \$24,339 to Treasure State Tree Service.

Greg Howe – Urban Forester - There are two contracts to discuss today, one is for stump grinding and the other pruning, with funding for the contracts coming from the General Fund and Park District.

The first request is to approve a contract with Treasure State Tree Service for stump grinding services in the amount of \$24,330. The request for bids was sent to four vendors with only one response. This was partially due to the timing of the project.

The Parks Department does not own a stump grinder but it is a capital improvement request for FY13. The cost of a new stump grinder is between \$45,000 and \$50,000. It is important to move forward with stump grinding contract in order to keep the planting of new trees on schedule. The contract will include two different grind levels; one will be used on stumps where new trees will be planted. Greg explained the benefits of purchasing a grinder for the department. However Mr. Haines voiced concerns over the cost.

It was moved to recommend Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Treasure State Tree Service in the amount of \$24,339. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for tree pruning and removal services in the amount of \$23,700 to Treasure State Tree Service. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Greg Howe) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

MOTION: The Committee recommends Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for tree pruning and removal services in the amount of \$23,700 to Treasure State Tree Service.

A priority for these funds is to address individual property owner's requests for public street tree pruning and removal work. The contract with Treasure State Tree Service will include the pruning of 73 trees and the removal of 6 hazardous trees. The pruning contract is a more efficient way to deal with the scattered pruning or removals. This allows the urban forestry staff to focus on block pruning projects. The goal this year is to prune between 500-800 trees during the process.

Council members agreed this seemed like a very effective use of time and resources.

It was moved to recommend Council approve the contract in the amount of \$23,700 with Treasure State Tree Services. All members voted in favor of the motion.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

V. HELD ITEMS

1. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/2011)
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the agreement with Territorial Landworks, Inc. (TLI) in an amount not to exceed \$136,702.37 for professional services, including engineering, surveying, and construction management for Project #PR 08-02 GCT, Grant Creek Trail, CTEP #STPE 8199(105). ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Shaw) (Referred to committee: 10/24/11)

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.