

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

7 FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 TREE POWER PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000

Assistant General Manager Michael Bacich gave a brief presentation on the Tree Power Program explaining the coupon promotion on the back of the March bill each year and the rebate program that can be used year round. He explained that the total trees allowed to be received under the program is six trees annually. Each rebate is for \$25. The kWh saved is counted per tree, the goal is to reduce summer cooling costs and enhance the City's green space.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager or his designee, to issue purchase orders to Parkview Nursery, 4377 Chicago Avenue; Parkview Nursery, 3841 Jackson Street; Louie's Nursery, 18550 Van Buren Boulevard and Moon Valley Nurseries, 9501 Lincoln Avenue and make changes to the purchase order amounts based on the variable product demand of each nursery in a collective amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the Tree Power Program's Free Shade Tree Coupon Campaign; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee, to credit customer accounts for trees purchased under the Tree Power Rebate Program in a collective amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Motion – Cole. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Austin, Scott-Coe, Cole, Crohn, Foust, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Absent: O'Farrell (absence due to vacation)