



# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: JUNE 21, 2021**

**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF TWELVE PALM TREES AND TWO CANOPY TREES FOR THE DWIGHT AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

## **ISSUE:**

Removal of twelve palm trees and two canopy trees for the Dwight Avenue Street Improvement Project.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive and provide feedback on the removal of twelve palm trees and two canopy trees for the Dwight Avenue Street Improvement Project.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Public Works Department, Engineering Division received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding that will be used to make street improvements along Dwight Avenue from Linden Street to Minnesota Street. The CDBG is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designed to fund local community development activities. On September 15, 2020, City Council approved and appropriated CDBG funding for the 2020/21 Program Year.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Engineering Division is requesting removal of twelve palm trees and two canopy trees to accomplish the following improvements:

1. Construct new widening improvements including new asphalt pavement and concrete curb and gutter to provide a consistent curb alignment at 18 feet east of street centerline including new sidewalk, driveways, and pedestrian ramps where widening is required;
2. Construct new concrete curb and gutter at 18 feet west of street centerline at locations where curb and gutter does not exist;
3. Remove all existing pavement and resurface with a 5-inch section of new asphalt;
4. Reconstruct existing damaged or non-standard concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveways;
5. Construct new traffic signing and striping throughout; and

6. Construct new streetlights within the easterly sidewalk.

Engineering Division staff are working to contact property owners that will have a tree removed from in front of their property. As of the writing of this report, six out of six property owners have been contacted. Four property owners were contacted by phone or on site and two were contacted by voicemail with no return calls. No objections have been received.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Dwight Avenue Improvements Plans (Preliminary)
2. Pictures of Trees Proposed for Removal
3. Map of Trees Proposed for Removal