

MEASURE Z - FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Public Works Department

CITY COUNCIL
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BACKGROUND

- The City maintains street trees within the public right-of-way and parks to enhance the quality of life for all residents
- Riverside's urban forest includes approximately 35,000 park trees and 150,000 street trees
- Street trees are primarily located within parkways and along the front or side of homes and businesses
- The City's street trees have an estimated value of over \$449 million



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MEASURE Z INVESTMENT TO REDUCE TRIM CYCLE

- 2017 - \$1 million in annual Measure Z funding was allocated to Urban Forestry to improve the 11-year tree trimming frequency cycle.
- A long grid cycle results in
 - increased service requests
 - more emergency calls
 - more claims
- Increased tree trimming funding allows Public Works to
 - Be more proactive
 - Identify diseased or dying trees before they become a problem



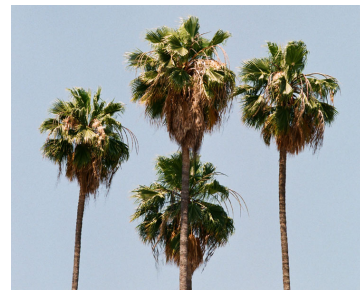
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MEASURE Z INVESTMENT TO REDUCE TRIM CYCLE

- June 2022 – the City Council approved an additional \$2,250,000 in Measure Z funding for trimming of City-owned palm trees, and planting of additional trees throughout the city
- Funding enables palm tree trimming every 2 years and helps retain a shorter trim cycle for other City-maintained trees
- Proper long-term care is essential to maintaining the health of the City's urban forest



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AGREEMENT WITH WEST COAST ARBORIST

- **June 12, 2018** – following a competitive RFP process, City Council awarded an agreement in the amount of \$6,679,536 with an initial two-year term through June 30, 2021 and with three optional one-year extensions
- **July 6, 2021** - First Amendment executed to increase compensation by \$1,995,748 and extend the term by one year to June 30, 2022
- **May 4, 2022** – Second Amendment executed to increase compensation by \$2,154,345 and extend the term by one year to June 30, 2023
- **December 21, 2022** – Third Amendment executed to increase compensation by \$2,250,000
- **June 30, 2023** - Fourth Amendment executed to increase compensation by \$4,306,389 and extend the term by one year to June 30, 2024



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FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

- Finance Department considers contract extensions if vendor agrees to maintain current pricing at the level of services through the extended term
- 5th Amendment increases compensation in the amount of \$4,306,389 and extends term one year to June 30, 2025
 - Extension enables Public Works to provide the same level of service to the community for another year

Original term	\$6,679,536
First Amendment	1,995,748
Second Amendment	2,154,345
Third Amendment	2,250,000
Fourth Amendment	4,306,389
Fifth Amendment	4,306,389
Total	\$21,692,407

- Fifth Amendment to extend for one year will be the final extension.
- Public Works will prepare an RFP for tree maintenance services beyond June 30, 2025



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship

Goal 4.5 - Maintain and conserve 30% of Riverside's natural lands in green space including, but not limited to, agricultural lands and urban forests in order to protect and restore Riverside's rich biodiversity and accelerate the natural removal of carbon, furthering our community's climate resilience.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability &
Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Municipal Tree Maintenance Services with West Coast Arborists, Inc. of Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$4,306,389 for services through June 30, 2025, for a total contract amount of \$21,692,407; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Fifth Amendment, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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