



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront

Subject: Contract No. 31900193 Amendment: Hamilton Tree Service, Inc. for As-needed Tree Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31900193 with Hamilton Tree Service, Inc, for as-needed tree services, increasing the amount by \$300,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$500,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for this contract amendment of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget in the Parks Tax Fund (138-52-542-566-0000-000-461-612990-) and the General Fund, Fire Fuel Abatement program (011-52-542-566-1001-000-461-612990-).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City currently has a contract with Hamilton Tree Service, Inc. to perform various tree services, primarily consisting of tree and stump removals and tree pruning throughout the city in the public right of way, street medians, pathways, and in public parks. To date, staff has identified trees to be removed and pruned to reduce fire fuel and improve public safety.

BACKGROUND

In April 2019, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued seeking qualified firms to provide tree services on an as-needed basis. The City determined that Hamilton Tree Service, Inc. was a qualified firm and executed contract No. 31900193. To-date, the contractor has completed required tree removals along Shasta and Tamalpais Roads, at the Waterfront, on Harding Path, on Ajax Place, along Summit Road, and in Remillard and John Hinkel Parks.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The maintenance of the urban forest and the prevention of destructive urban fires are essential to meeting the City's Climate Action Goals over the long term.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Staff has identified trees that require pruning or removal at various parks, on City paths, and along the public right of way that will reduce the fire fuel load and improve public safety. The City does not have the in-house labor or equipment resources to complete these jobs in an efficient manner.

Alternative Actions Considered

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Dan Gallagher, Senior Forestry Supervisor, 981-6687

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 31900193 AMENDMENT: HAMILTON TREE SERVICE, INC.
SPECIALISTS FOR AS-NEEDED TREE SERVICES

WHEREAS, in April 2019, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued seeking firms to provide tree services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2019, the City determined that Hamilton Tree Service, Inc was a qualified firm and executed contract no. 31900193; and

WHEREAS, to-date, staff has identified additional trees requiring removal to reduce the fire fuel load and other trees requiring pruning to improve the health and safety of the urban forest; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract amendment of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget from the Parks Tax Fund (138) and the General Fund, Fire Fuel Abatement program (011).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900193 with Hamilton Tree Service, Inc for as-needed tree services, increasing the amount by \$300,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$500,000. A record signature copy of any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

