

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

June 15, 2011

10:05–10:30 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Renee Mitchell, Jon Wilkins, Dick Haines, Cynthia Wolken, Ed Childers, and Lyn Hellegaard

Members Absent: Marilyn Marler (chair), Dave Strohmaier, Stacy Rye

Others Present: David Selvage

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of [June 1, 2011](#) were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve the proposed bid contract award to Treasure State Tree Service the qualified and apparent low responsive bidder for tree pruning. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (David Selvage) (Referred to committee: 06/13/11)

Motion: The committee recommends Council approve and authorize the mayor to sign a contract in the amount of \$24,520 with Treasure State Tree Service for the 2011 tree pruning project.

Discussion:

The Mayor and Council's approved 2011 budget for the Parks & Recreation Department included \$30,000 earmarked specifically to address the backlog of public street tree pruning and removal work. On May 16, 2011 staff completed and issued the bid package for the project including: written standards, detailed list of the sites, tree work required, and priority rankings for fifty-one (51) potential project sites. Four qualified tree service vendors picked up bid documents. Bid closing occurred at 3:30 P.M. MST on Friday June 3, 2011. Only one qualified responsive vendor submitted bids for the project – Treasure State Tree Service. Staff contacted the other three firms to inquire why they chose not to submit bids. All three companies indicated that though they wanted the work, they had become too busy to take on any additional work through the summer months.

This project is necessary to reduce the City's potential liability exposure, reduce potential safety risks within public rights-of-way, protect residents from potential property damage, provide new tree planting opportunities, help maintain the health of viable public trees, and address related quality and safety needs of the City's public urban forest. All trees proposed to be removed under this contract have been deemed hazardous by trained

This contract will address numerous resident requests for service related to declining trees on boulevards. Written notice of pending contracted tree work (removal and/or pruning) will be mailed to the respective property owner and resident(s) subsequent to approval of this contract.

There was limited discussion and it was then moved to recommend Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Treasure State Tree Services in the amount of \$24,520.00. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

V. HELD IN COMMITTEE

1. Update from Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 04/11/11)
2. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/11)
3. Information on Trail Projects ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 08/23/2010)
4. Update on the University's efforts to install or utilize biomass fuel to generate energy on campus. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dick Haines) (Referred to committee: 04/25/11)

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.