

**City Of Piedmont
Council Agenda Report**

DATE: November 5, 2007

FROM: Lawrence Rosenberg, Director of Public Works
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SUBJECT: **Award of Contract – Fiscal Year 2007-2008, Street Tree Pruning Contract**

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, award the contract for the 2007-2008 Street Tree Pruning Contract to The Professional Tree Care Company of Berkeley, CA in the amount of \$97,475 to prune 557 trees located throughout the City.

BACKGROUND:

Bids were advertised and solicited in October, 2007, with the bid opening on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. Twelve companies were mailed tree pruning specifications with three companies bidding the project. A public notice was also published in the Oakland Tribune, the Piedmonter and the Piedmont Post.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. The Professional Tree Care Company, Berkeley, CA	\$ 97,475
2. West Coast Arborist, Inc., Anaheim, CA	\$ 99,703
3. TruGreen Land Care, San Jose, CA	\$162,000

The unit bid price for this year is \$175.00 per tree which is \$41.50 more per tree when compared to the 2007 bid price. Staff anticipated the expected increase in pruning cost for 2007 due to the specific selection of large city street trees for pruning this year. The bid price is within the budget allocated for tree pruning for this current fiscal year.

Professional Tree Service meets all the requirements as set forth in the specifications and the City has had good working experience with this particular company on previous tree pruning projects. Staff will monitor the contract closely to ensure the contractor is in compliance with the specifications. The contractor will be expected to make the City aware of any damage (fractures, tears, split trunks, etc.) that they encounter while they prune the City street trees. Extra work might be required and the contractor will be asked to perform on a case-by-case basis. The fee for extra work will be negotiated between the contractor and the City. The City has established a goal to attempt to prune every City street tree on a three to five year pruning cycle. Staff anticipates that the contract will be completed in March, 2008. Please see the attached list for the streets that will be included in this year's street tree pruning contract.

STREET TREE PRUNING LIST

STREET NAMES

TOTAL TREES AND TYPE

Blair Ave	52	Sycamore & Liquidamber
Hampton Rd (LaSalle to Estates)	76	Liquidamber
Howard Ave	9	Liquidamber & Poplar
Lake Ave	31	Sycamore
Lexford Rd	22	Liquidamber
Marlborough Ct	4	Liquidamber
Mesa Ave	23	Liquidamber
Monte Ave	43	Liquidamber
Monticello Ave	45	Sycamore & Magnolia
Nace Ave	20	Liquidamber & Catalpa
Pala Ave(Highland to Park Way)	54	Sycamore & Liquidamber
Park Way Ave	30	Liquidamber
Sandringham Place	10	Horse Chestnut
Sandringham Rd	111	Liquidamber & Horse Chestnut
Selborne Dr	27	Liquidamber
<u>Total:</u>	557	

A total of 557 trees are to be pruned.

The majority of the street tree varieties are Liquidambers and Sycamores. All trees are larger than 3” Diameter Breast of Height (DBH).