

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. DISCUSSION:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TREE INVENTORY SERVICES AND ARBORIST SERVICES, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND/OR BEST BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.- PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

MENCINI, ROBERTS, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE, TROYER, COYNE, SCOTT

Also in attendance were Mayor Orcutt, Assistant Law Director Sackett, Safety Director Sensel, Service Director Beyer and Recreation Director Gonzales.

DISCUSSION:

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Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Mayor Orcutt stated this is identical to an Ordinance passed in April, 2022 and the city has been awarded \$46,085.29 to have trees placed around the municipal campus.

Mr. Mencini recognized former Mayor Gammella and stated the trees (planted) took a lot of space and the architectural design showed a straight line from Sylvia (Drive) to Holland (Road) for a possible barrier. Are there any ideas where these trees might be planted?

Mayor Orcutt responded the ideal place would be around the fencing area of the National Guard, the water park, along the back service building, safety town and around the national guard fencing area.

Mr. Troyer asked Mayor Orcutt what is the cost?

Mayor Orcutt responded the amount awarded to the city and the city portion is for labor of service crews helping to plant the trees.

Mr. Troyer continued the \$46,085.29 is for the trees; what is the expected cost for the arborist?

Mayor Orcutt the \$46,085.29 also pays for the arborist's labor.

Mr. Troyer stated there has to be a limit.

Discussion: cont.

Mayor Orcutt responded in 2022, 160 trees were planted and this year with the awarded amount this will be for 100 trees, due to price increases, identical to what was awarded in 2022.

Mr. Troyer reiterated what is the arborist going to cost; this legislation is for the inventory services; what is the estimated cost for arborist services?

Mayor Orcutt concurred and stated last year it was a 25%-75% program with the city's portion being for service crews helping, the arborist and trees are included.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mayor Orcutt the city used Davey Tree last year?

Mayor Orcutt clarified Bartlett Trees.

Mr. Troyer there should be a 'not to exceed' will not vote for anything without a limit.

Mayor Orcutt stated the \$46,085.29 is awarded to the city.

Mr. Troyer stated this is a bit confusing, the first round of trees with the last administration went through Planning Commission, due to being on city property. This should go through Planning Commission to approve the master plan.

Mayor Orcutt the former economic development commissioner stated the trees would go along I-71 from Sylvia (Drive) to Holland (Road) and when being planted trees have to be separated by certain amount of feet. This will be put in front of the Planning Commission and the one thing that has changed this year is the county wanted the trees planted and reported back to by June and just learned most municipalities haven't passed legislation, to date, so this may have to be extended. The sooner this legislation is passed allowing to go out to bid for pricing and labor this can be put in front of Planning Commission with a drawing of where the trees will be planted. When meeting with the county they thought this was a great idea to put a buffer for the National Guard, north of the waterpark, wrap around the back of service building and run a whole line around the tennis courts, safety town and around the National Guard fencing.

Mr. Poindexter stated the prior plan, approved by the Planning Commission, shows a row of trees from Sylvia (Drive) to Holland (Road).

Mr. Troyer clarified that plan went through Planning Commission?

Mayor Orcutt concurred and mentioned there was a rendition that also went through the Planning Commission.

Discussion: cont.

Madam Coyne asked Mayor Orcutt is the future will be for (residential) tree lawn trees, or something of that nature?

Mayor Orcutt responded this group of trees will be for the municipal campus and will be looking into getting (residential) tree lawn trees, not many people want tree lawn trees.

Mr. Mencini commented for that rendition the city paid \$17,200.00 and commented anything that improves the municipal campus is a good thing.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to place on tonight's Council agenda.

Mr. Troyer - Point of Order, hasn't been introduced.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Scott, Coyne, Mencini, Roberts
NAYS: Troyer, Poindexter.

Mr. Vecchio stated that will appear under Letter J - Introduction.

There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Madam Coyne, to adjourn.

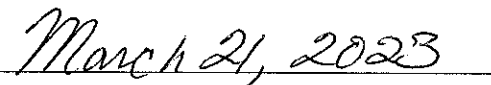
ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Coyne, Troyer, Scott, Roberts, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: Unanimous.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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