

Urban Forestry

Tree Maintenance

Item #5





Contract Background

- Contract duration: 3 years + 2 option years
- Total contract value: \$1,500,000
- Built in flexibility – Moving from unit to hourly rates
- Successful Bidder: Burkett Arbor
- Previous Contract Holder: Burkett Arbor
- Burkett, a proven partner with a track record of prioritizing the City's interests

Goals



- 1. Health and Safety:** Regular maintenance ensures disease-free and structurally sound trees, minimizing hazards to residents and property.
- 2. City Aesthetics:** Well-maintained trees contribute to the city's visual appeal, enhancing the urban landscape.
- 3. Environmental Impact:** Trees are crucial for air quality, biodiversity, and overall environmental health. Maintenance supports resilience against climate challenges.
- 4. Community Engagement:** Beyond practical benefits, the contract fosters community involvement through transparent reporting and citywide green initiatives.



Scope

- General tree and palm maintenance
- Augmenting internal operations and enhancing the City's capacity to respond to emergency situations and high-risk events.
- Flexibility to use the contract throughout the City, including parks, rights-of-way, and other properties, reflects a commitment to comprehensive urban care.

Benefits

Support for this contract ensures a resilient, thriving city—where safety, beauty, and environmental responsibility coalesce.



Staff Recommendation



- Staff recommends approval.