

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 22, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sara Lillevand, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Rejection of All Bids for the FY2021-2022 Street Tree Pruning Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution rejecting all bids for the FY2021-2022 Street Tree Pruning Project.

BACKGROUND:

The annual assessment of street trees to verify the next cycle of pruning was performed by the City's certified arborist Nick Millosovich. Based on previous cycles of pruning, observations since the last street tree pruning project, input from residents, and his professional judgement, this year's list of trees was developed. The Base Bid is for the pruning of a total of 1,038 street trees and the removal of 3 street trees. The list of streets, species of trees, and quantity to be pruned are listed below.

Trees to be Pruned:

STREETS	TREE TYPE	QUANTITY
El Cerrito	London plane	55
Estrella	Liquid Amber	3
	London Plane	36
Greenbank	London Plane	24
Guilford	Horse Chestnut	32
Hampton	Carob	6
Harvard	Liquid Amber	39
	Silver Maple	1
Highland Ave.	London Plane	103
	Horse Chestnut	42
	Camphor	4
	Elm	3
La Salle	London Plane	45
	Liquid amber	12
Magnolia	Liquid amber	47

Moraga	London Plane	69
Oakland	London Plane	228
Olive	Chinese Pistache	22
Park	London Plane	42
Ramona	London Plane	35
Ronada	London Plane	31
	Liquid Amber	15
Scenic	London Plane	8
Sheridan	Horse Chestnut	35
	London Plane	8
	Liquid Amber	4
Sierra	London Plane	25
Sunnyside	Liquid Ambers	3
Wildwood	Chinese Pistache	59
	Magnolia	2

Trees to be removed:

STREETS	TREE TYPE	QUANTITY
Piedmont Park (near Guilford Rd.)	Oak	1
Bellevue (tag number 153 & 154)	Liquid Amber	2

BIDDING

Bids were advertised on December 17, 2021 and due on January 20, 2022. Several companies were notified by phone and a public notice was also published in the East Bay Times, the Piedmonter and the Piedmont Post. The following bids were received:

BIDDER	BASE BID
Hercules Tree Service and Landscape Construction	\$168,494.34
Julian Tree Care, Inc.	\$192,399.99
The Professional Tree Care Co.	\$344,850.00
West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$551,650.00

Staff examined the bids submitted by Hercules Tree Service and Landscape Construction and Julian Tree Care, Inc. and they were found to not be in conformance with the requirements of the bid documents. Hercules' bid did not include a bid bond or other bid security; Julian's bid identified several different entities as the holders of the various required licenses and registrations, whereas to be responsive all must be from a single entity. The remaining two bids far exceeded the engineer's estimate for the completion of this scope of work. Based on findings from the review of all the bids received, Staff is recommending that the Council reject all bids. Staff will prepare the project documents and re-bid the project in February 2022.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

When awarded, this project will be funded through the Public Works Operating Budget for FY21-22 - Street Tree Pruning Account # 101-0402-058-001 with a current balance of \$235,000. While there are no assurances, City staff is optimistic that a re-bid will result in a conforming bid for an amount less than the current low conforming bid.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW

The City Attorney has reviewed these matters and agrees with staff's recommendation from a legal perspective

Attachment: Draft Resolution

By: Daniel Gonzales, Director of Public Works
Nick Millosovich, Public Works Supervisor

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR
THE FY2021-2022 STREET TREE PRUNING PROJECT

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2021, The City of Piedmont advertised the bidding of the FY2021-2022 Street Tree Pruning Project, which were opened in public on January 20, 2022, in conformance with applicable provisions of the California Public Contract Code and the Piedmont City Code; and

WHEREAS, the two lowest bids were examined by staff and the City Attorney's office and found to not be in conformance with the requirements of the bid documents; and

WHEREAS, the remaining two bids far exceeded the engineer's estimate for the completion of this scope of work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council rejects all bids for the FY2021-2022 Street Tree Pruning Project.

[END OF RESOLUTION]