



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 22-00720

City Council

7/21/2022

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND TREE PLANTING TRUST FUND MONIES TO PROVIDE ROOT REVITALIZATION AND RESTORATION SERVICES FOR THE HERITAGE LIVE OAK AT GARDEN STREET AND BRUE STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the use of the Tree Trust Fund monies, in an amount not to exceed \$8,565,00, to provide root revitalization and restoration services for the heritage live oak tree at the intersection of Garden Street and Brue Street. Finally, that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute all contracts, related documents and take all related actions necessary to complete this project.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On June 2, 2022, Wallace Landscape called the city with concerns regarding a declining live oak located within the center median along Garden Street at its intersection with Brue Street. Wallace Landscape, as part of the Garden Street revitalization, was concerned that the tree was dead, that heavy vines were the only green foliage within the tree crown, and that the tree should be removed as a potential hazard. The City Arborist inspected the 34-inch dbh tree and found that it was in decline due to the 2-feet of soil accumulated at tree trunk base. Rather than remove the heritage live oak, it was found that through removal of excessive soil and debris from the tree base along with removal of the developed adventitious rooting system the tree could be revitalized and health restored.

Under the City of Pensacola Arborist's direction, Tri-State Tree Service will remove the excessive soil and debris from trunk/root interphase, prune away any adventitious root system, perform aeration of soil to reduce compaction, add Bio-Char to increase organic matter in soil & water holding capacity, and removed dead, dying, and diseased limbs and branches from tree crown.

PRIOR ACTION:

None.

FUNDING:

Budget: \$ 8,565.00 Tree Trust Fund Appropriated Balance

Actual: \$ 8,565.00 Professional Services- Maintaining Tree

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

An appropriated balance in the amount of \$245,122.00 is currently available in the Tree Planting Trust Fund. The total cost of the root revitalization and restoration services shall not exceed \$8,565.00. Upon City Council approval, \$8,565.00 will be transferred from the current holding account to an account specifically for this project within the Tree Planting Trust Fund.

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: Yes

7/8/2022

STAFF CONTACT:

Kerrith Fiddler, City Administrator
David Forte, Deputy City Administrator- Community Development
Amy Tootle, PE - Director Public Works & Facilities
Brad Hinote, PE - City Engineer

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Garden Street Live Oak Tree Report

PRESENTATION: No