



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2023
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator
FROM: Lucas J. Miller, Assistant Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Professional Services with Rainbow Tree Care

Budgeted Amount: \$12,500 (For tree removal and EAB)	Actual Amount: \$5,700	Funding Source: General Fund
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Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Agreement for Professional Services with Rainbow Tree Care to treat existing ash trees on City and private property by injection.
- Agreement for Professional Services with Rainbow Tree Care to treat smaller existing ash trees on City property by ground treatment.
- Agreement for Professional Services with Rainbow Tree Care to treat existing oak trees on City property by injection.

All items need a simple majority for action unless otherwise noted.

Background/Discussion

On March 20, 2023 at the Council Work Session, City Council discussed contracting with Rainbow Tree Care (RTC). The contract sets the cost rate per inch for the City to treat by injection existing Ash trees and also provides Arden Hills residents a discounted rate from RTC’s standard fee to treat their Ash trees by injection, if interested. RTC is offering \$7.25 per inch for residents and \$5.15 per inch for the City in 2023, correlating tables can be seen in Attachments B & C. Attachment A is a copy of their professional services agreement.

Also discussed at that Council Work Session was contracting with RTC to provide services to ground treat existing City Ash trees that are too small for injection treatment. The contract sets the cost rate per inch for the City to ground treat at \$4.57 per inch. The proposal agreement and cost breakdown are shown in Attachment D for 2023 EAB ground treatment.

Lastly, at that Council Work Session, Council discussed contracting with RTC to provide services to treat oak trees against Two Lined Chestnut Borer via injection. The contract sets the cost rate per inch for the City to treat by injection existing City Oak trees. RTC is offering \$5.15 per inch for the City in 2023. Attachment E is a copy of their proposal agreement and cost breakdown. RTC does not currently offer this service to private Oak trees, but will keep the City apprised to if and when this discount to residents could be offered in the future.

Budget Impact

Ash Tree Injection Treatment - ~\$4,700

Ash Tree Ground Treatment - ~\$1,000

Oak Tree Injection Treatment – TBD (\$5.15/diameter inch)

Attachments

Attachment A – PSA with Rainbow Tree Care

Attachment B – City Property Injection Pricing

Attachment C – Private Property Injection Pricing

Attachment D - Proposal Agreement for EAB Ground Treatment with RTC

Attachment E – Proposal Agreement for Oak Tree Injection Treatment with RTC