



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2025-0004

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, Director of Parks and Natural Resources
DATE: January 13, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Street Tree Planting

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize a blanket purchase order / contract for 2025 Street Tree Planting to Michigan Lawn Maintenance, Inc dba Sherman Nursery Farms, St. Clair, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$210,000.00.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

Request for Proposals were solicited utilizing the MITN system. The Request for Proposal was distributed to six hundred twenty-one vendors with eight responses received. The contract calls for a one (1) year contract term with four (4) 1-year renewal options. A committee comprised of staff from Natural Resources Division reviewed the proposal responses received and is recommending award be made to Michigan Lawn Maintenance, Inc. dba Sherman Nursery Farms as the best value cost proposal, Michigan Lawn Maintenance, Inc, dba Sherman Nursery Farms was selected as most responsive and responsible bidder to the City based on their experience, qualifications, and wide network of tree sources, which provides greater flexibility and ensures project success. Currently they have access to fifteen nursery sources.

The Natural Resources Division contracts for planting of trees along City roads, in parks and at other facilities. There are two separate planting programs that are currently in effect through our city tree fund: the "Subdivision Tree Planting Program" and the "City Sponsored Tree Planting Program".

The Subdivision Tree Planting Program began in 1979, after adoption of the Subdivision Control Ordinance requiring developers of all new subdivisions to provide funds for one street tree to be planted by the City in the right-of-way of each new home. Funds for this program are held by the City in an escrow account until the new homes are completed and occupied. The Forestry Unit then includes those properties in a forthcoming planting project.

The City Sponsored Tree Planting Program or "Free Street Tree Program" was initiated in 2015. This program makes trees available at no cost to residents for approved planting sites along any public roadway. Forestry staff work with property owners to determine the tree locations(s) within the City's Street Tree Ordinance guidelines. Tree Fund revenues are generated from payments by developers and builders in lieu of planting replacements for regulated trees removed (or damaged) during construction.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Michigan Lawn Maintenance, Inc.
Dba Sherman Nursery Farms
2181 Mayer Rd.
St. Clair, MI 48079

Reason for Selection:

Responsive and Responsible Bidder

Method of Purchase:

Blanket Purchase Order/Contract

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Tree Fund	232.807000	City Sponsored Tree Planting Program	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0
Tree Fund	232.631000	Subdivision Tree Program	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
		Total	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$0

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize a blanket purchase order/contract for 2025 Street Tree Planting to Michigan Lawn Maintenance, Inc. dba Sherman Nursery Farms, St. Clair Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$210,000.00.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A