



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2023
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AGENDA ITEM: Accepting proposals for treatment and removal of ash trees

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:
None.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to accept proposal from Rainbow Treecare to treat public ash trees.

Motion to accept proposal from YTS Companies, LLC to remove public ash trees and stumps.

COMMENTS:

The first cycle of treatment and removal of public ash trees in residential neighborhoods has been completed. Below is a table showing total amount of trees treated and removed in 2021 and 2022.

Year	Trees Treated	Trees Removed
2021	1983	134
2022	1675	114
Total	3658	248

These numbers confirm 94 percent of the public ash trees throughout the city limits were treated since inception of the emerald ash borer treatment program. City staff anticipates future treatment numbers to be similar to previous years and removals to lessen. The decline in removals is because future work will occur in areas where trees have already been removed due to health concerns.

Total cost in 2021 for treatment was \$150,000 and for removals was \$90,000. Treatment costs are anticipated to be similar in 2023 and removals are expected to be lower because initial removal has already taken place in this area. The work has been budgeted for.

Work completed by these contractors will be in addition to and supplement the work of the public works staff. The acceptance of these proposals is subject to adequate liability insurance from both tree firms that will be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

It is recommended that Council accept proposals from Rainbow Treecare for treatment of trees and YTS Companies, LLC for tree removal, stump grinding, and restoration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Rainbow Treecare tree treatment proposal
Attachment B: YTS Companies, LLC. tree removal proposal