



## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**From: Grant Yates, City Manager**

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**Date: April 23, 2019**

**Subject: Award a Purchase and Delivery Agreement to The Landscape Center (TLC) in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the transplant, purchase, and delivery of trees and shrubs for City Parks and Facilities**

### **Recommendations**

Approve, appropriate and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with The Landscape Center in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the specific transplant of canary palms and other palms trees of significant value and the purchase and delivery of trees and shrubs in City Parks and Facilities.

### **Background**

In the last twelve months, staff has researched several tree planting and growing venders and received proposals from two landscape contractors capable of supplying, delivering and planting specimen palm trees of various varieties. These palm trees are the non-fruit bearing trees. The trees have been grown in various horticulture operations in the Mecca and Palm Desert areas and shall acclimate to the Lake Elsinore area well. These trees have been used in the landscape scheme in other parks and facilities. Of particular importance has been the care and quality of transplanting of City Canary Palms to the Campground by the contractor, TLC. Their operation, processes, organization and management oversight is second to none as this has been consistently observed and experience with the success rate of planting many large palms.

### **Discussion**

The Landscape Center has provided in the past very competitive price per tree including delivery and sales tax at \$4,382.50. For the same tree West Coast Arborist proposal was \$5,100.00 per tree. In this agreement the City will purchase a wide variety of trees and shrubs to complete the landscaping of the city parks and facilities. The below is an Itemized list of the trees and shrubs that will be considered for purchase: (Each purchase will be negotiated for size, quality, and price.)

- 12' to 20' Palm trees – various species (all diamond cut (cat eye) trunk and pineapple cut the top portion of the tree trunk)
- 24 inch to 48 inch box trees – various (Crepe myrtle Trees (multi-color) etc)
- 5 gal plant material various

- 1- 5 gal plant material various seasonal

These trees and shrubs will be utilized in areas to make a significant statement and present shade opportunities to mitigate the need to install expensive shade structures. For example, the Macho Dactyfitera Male Date Palm Trees are considered high quality ("A" rated trees) and are typically utilized in upscale resort hotel landscaping themes and with up to 30-foot canopies can provide substantial shade. All of these trees and shrubs will be hand selected and tagged by the project manager before delivery to the park sites. The restrained tree crowns will remain secured for a minimum of 90 days and/or as advised by The Landscape Center arborist.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The purchase of these trees and shrubs for city parks and facilities will be funded within projects and with maintenance funds budgets.

### **Exhibits**

A - The standard City Purchase Agreement will be utilized for each purchase and delivery of trees and shrubs and in total not to exceed \$250,000.00.