



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the contract with Trees, Inc. of Houston, Texas for tree trimming for power line clearance (\$420,000) (EUD)

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2007

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the contract with Trees, Inc. of Houston, Texas for tree trimming for power line clearance for fiscal 2007-08 in the amount of \$420,000 and subsequently, with continued satisfactory performance, for fiscal year 2008-09.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On June 21, 2006, the City Council awarded a contract for tree trimming for power line clearing to Trees, Inc. of Houston, TX, and authorized use of that contract up to \$350,000 for fiscal year 2006-07. The contract documents provided for up to two one-year extensions. In the extension periods, prices are as mutually agreed prior to the extension, subject to a maximum escalation percentage no greater than the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers unit percentage of salary increase.

The \$350,000 figure was to cover a two-person crew (a street crew) plus a three-person crew (a backyard crew), including equipment. Staff is recommending two three-person crews for fiscal year 2007-08 to keep up with necessary backyard and street-side trimming. With the larger crew and escalation as provided in the contract, a cost up to \$420,000 for fiscal year 2007-08 is projected.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$420,000 per year.

FUNDING: An amount of \$420,000 is included in EUD's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-08 under Account No. 160654.7335 – Tree Trimming, Sublet Service Contracts. Funding for fiscal year 2008-09 will be addressed in the operating budget for that year.

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APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND
THE CONTRACT WITH TREES, INC. FOR TREE
TRIMMING (POWER LINE CLEARING)

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WHEREAS, trimming trees near power lines is necessary for public safety and for reliability of electric service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi has entered into a contract with Trees, Inc., to provide tree trimming services for fiscal year 2006-07, which contract has provisions for up to two one-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, Trees, Inc., has provided satisfactory and economical service to date and staff recommends extension of the Trees, Inc., contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute an extension of the contract with Trees, Inc. of Houston, Texas for tree trimming for power line clearance for fiscal 2007-08 and, subsequently, with continued satisfactory performance, for fiscal year 2008-09, with use of the contract subject to limitations established in the operating budget (not to exceed \$420,000).

Dated: June 6, 2007

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-_____ was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held June 6, 2007, by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

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