CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL



Agenda Item H January 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Approval to award a contract for tree clearing in preparation for the second phase of the Crescent Boulevard extension project to Asplundh Tree Expert Company, under the existing forestry services contract, in the amount of \$32,288.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$ 32,288
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 474,380 (of which \$364,524 was awarded for Phase 1 construction)
LINE ITEM NUMBER	204-204.00-865.260

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Crescent Boulevard extension is a multi-phased project to extend Crescent Boulevard (formerly known as Fonda Drive) from the current western terminus at Expo Center Drive to Grand River Avenue including an industrial spur road to the west to serve existing industrial property, and a bridge over the Walled Lake Branch of the Middle Rouge River. A map showing the overall project, which has historically been referred to as the Northwest Quadrant Ring Road project, is attached for reference. The first phase of the project is now substantially complete, which included the rehabilitation and partial reconstruction of the existing portion of Crescent Boulevard and Expo Center Drive located west of Novi Road. The bids for the first phase of the project were significantly lower than what was estimated because they were highly competitive; therefore, funds are now available for additional project work.

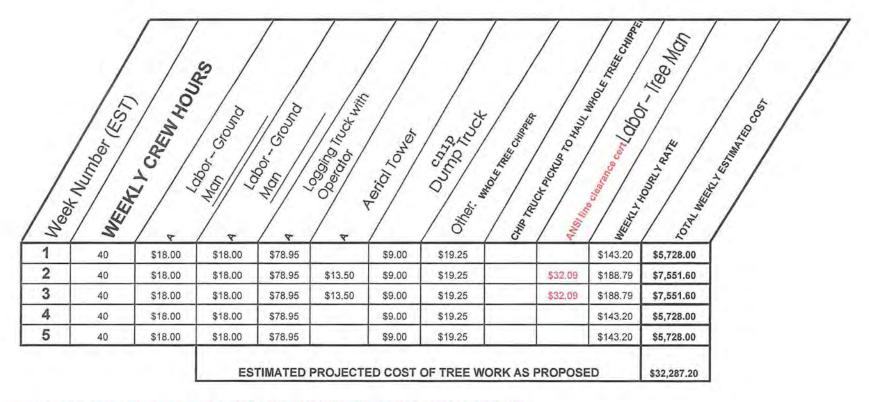
In anticipation of future phases of the road extension, the majority of the remaining tree clearing is being proposed now to take advantage of the frozen ground conditions which will reduce ground disturbance in this sensitive area near the river. Contracting tree clearing separately now would be less expensive than it would be as part of the project's second phase of construction because the cost would not be marked-up by the road construction contractor.

The City has an existing contract with Asplundh for forestry services. Asplundh has agreed to complete the tree clearing using the unit prices established in the contract. Asplundh has estimated that the clearing could take up to five weeks for a total fee of \$32,288 (see attached rate sheet and estimate with weekly rate breakdown). The attached figure delineates the two areas of tree clearing proposed. The project would remove the trees, but leave the stumps in place until the excavation for future phases of the road construction occurs. The tree clearing would be completed this winter. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to award a contract for tree clearing in preparation for the second phase of the Crescent Boulevard extension project to Asplundh Tree Expert Company, under the existing forestry services contract, in the amount of \$32,288.

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Crescent Boulevard Extension Ph 2 Tree Clearing



**** PLEASE NOTE CERTIFIED TREE PERSONEL NEEDED WHEN DOING TREES AROUND ELECTRICAL WIRES PER OUR CONTRACT WITH THE CITY THIS IS WHY THE ADDED LABOR JOURNEYMAN LINE CLEARANCE CERTIFIED TREE TRIMMER ALONG WITH THE AERIAL TOWER FOR LARGE TREE REMOVAL ALONG DTE WIRES



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FORESTRY SERVICES

PROPOSED HOURLY RATES - CONTINGENCY SERVICES

Needed -

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ITEM	Regular Rate	Overtime Rate	Holiday Rate
Labor – Certified Arborist	\$ <u>34.85</u> /Hour	\$48.79/Hour	\$_62.73_/Hour
Labor – Tree Man	\$/Hour	\$ <u>44.93</u> /Hour	\$_57.76 /Hour
Labor – Stump Grinder Operator	\$	\$44.93/Hour	\$_57.76 /Hour
Labor – Ground Man	\$ <u>18.00</u> /Hour	\$25.20/Hour	\$_32.40_/Hour
Logging Truck with Operator – mower	\$ <u>78.95</u> /Hour	\$ <u>92.89</u> /Hour	\$ <u>106.83</u> /Hour
Front End Loader with Operator	\$ <u>78.95</u> /Hour	\$/Hour	\$ <u>106.83</u> /Hour
Crane with Operator	\$ <u>cost + 10%</u> /Hour	\$ <u>cost + 10%</u> /Hour	\$ <u>cost + 10%</u> /Hour
Aerial Tower	\$13.50/Hour		
Chipper	\$5,10/Hour		
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