



Meeting Date: August 1, 2016

Consent Docket Item: 3-h

Report No.: CC-16-98

Department: Operations

Subject: Amendment to the SUA tree trimming agreement with Asplundh Tree Expert Co.

Budget Impact: The FY17 adopted budget includes adequate funding to cover the recommended expenditures.

Prior Council Action or Part of an Approved Project: No
Renewal [FY16 Addendum](#)

Related Items: [FY17 SUA Contract](#)

Alternatives:

1. Solicit competitive bids for the services. Asplundh's prices are very competitive and their service has been satisfactory. Soliciting competitive bids would unlikely yield better results.
2. Do not continue the program. Non-continuance of the program would have a significant negative impact on City parks, right-of-ways, and easements.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council approve a one year extension of the amendment to the SUA tree trimming agreement with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. and authorize expenditures up to \$141,440 for tree trimming and removal services.

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Background Information: Prior to FY15, City crews were assigned to do hazardous tree maintenance and removal within public property including along streets, alleys, sidewalks and within utility and drainage easements. In general, tree maintenance was reactive and not proactive based on time and resources. In FY15, Operations Department was able to proactively plan tree maintenance by using a crew from Asplundh Tree Expert Company. Additionally, the contracted tree crew was able to complete tree maintenance SNAP requests that were submitted by the public. The cost analysis continues to show that it would be more cost effective to contract the tree cleanup with Asplundh than to perform the work internally. Tree trimming and removal on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.