



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: August 21, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language: Approve order exempting the purchase of Tree Removal and Pruning Services at Webberville Park from Davey Tree Expert Co., from the competitive procurement process pursuant to section 262.024(a)(2) of the County Purchasing Act.

- **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets/does not meet the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

This Exemption Order is for a public safety exemption pursuant to section 262.024 (a)(2) of the County Purchasing Act. TNR is requesting this Public Safety exemption to remove 30 dead trees and pruning of 42 severely stressed trees at Webberville Park as a result of the last year's drought. These trees pose an immediate safety hazard to park visitors and County staff.

- Contract Amount: \$45,300.00

- **Funding Information:**

- Shopping Cart no. 1000004302 in SAP:
- Funding Account(s):
- Comments:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



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July 19, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent

FROM: Steven Manilla, P.E., County Executive

SUBJECT: Request for Exemption from Competitive Bidding
Public Safety-Hazardous Tree Removal/Pruning-Webberville Park

TNR is requesting exemption from competitive bidding for services relating to the removal of thirty (30) dead trees and forty-two (42) trees that are severely stressed due to last year's drought at Webberville Park. We have received a bid from a certified arborist, Davey Trees, for \$45,300.00 to remove the dead trees and prune the dead limbs from the stressed trees.

These trees pose an immediate and significant hazard to the park visitors and staff. Therefore, we are requesting a public safety exemption order to expedite the removal of these hazards. Our park maintenance staff is picking up broken dead limbs on a daily basis and feel if these trees are not removed or cut back we are putting the public in danger.

Funds for this request are encumbered under shopping cart number 1000004302, fund center 1490220001, GL #511610.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Isabelle Lopez in Financial Services at ext. 47675, or Kurt Nielsen, East District Park Manager at ext. 47218.

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cc: Charles Bergh, Parks Director
Robert Armistead, Park Program Manager
Dan Chapman, Chief Park Ranger
Kurt Nielsen, District Park Manager
Jorge Contreras, Operations Park Supervisor
Isabelle Lopez, Financial Services

**ORDER EXEMPTING
PURCHASE OF TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING SERVICES AT
WEBBERVILLE PARK FROM DAVEY TREE EXPERT CO.
FROM REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas has received a Public Safety Justification from Transportation and Natural Resources Department and an Affidavit of Public Safety sworn and submitted by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, 262.024 (a) (2) and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas finds that there is a need to protect the safety of the residents of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas hereby orders that the purchase of Tree Removal and Pruning Services at Webberville Park is exempt from the requirements of the County Purchasing Act because it is a purchase needed to protect the safety of the residents of the County.

Signed and entered this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge
Travis County, Texas

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