

CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item G
September 22, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval to award the Fall 2008 Tree Planting bid of 295 trees to Greg Davis Landscape Services, the low bidder, in the amount of \$ \$73,590.00.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$73,590.00 (\$72,000.00 is funded from the tree fund and \$1,590.00 from various street tree escrow accounts)
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 200,000 (Remaining monies are allocated for the Spring 2009 Plantings)
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ N/A
LINE ITEM NUMBER	209-000.00-939.260 (Tree Fund Account) and other escrow accounts

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Novi has planted over 4,500 trees within the City to replace ash trees and enhance public property using Tree Fund monies. In 2007, staff developed a Five-Year Tree Fund Planting and Utilization Strategy in effort to manage this resource.

This fall, a total of 295 trees will be planted, staked, and mulched through this contract, which includes a two-year warranty on all trees and any required replacement trees. This project includes planting a variety of different species along major roads (12 Mile Road behind West Oaks) and subdivisions (Chase Farms, Bristol Corners, Cedar Springs...) within municipal facilities (City Hall), and in parks (Lakeshore and Rotary). The primary goal of this project will be to enhance the aesthetics of the community and to provide the timely replacement of recently removed trees.

Staff will hand-select trees prior to planting to ensure specimen quality and will be maintained as outlined in the Five- Year Tree Fund Planting and Utilization Strategy. Staff will base tree selection on pertinent site factors, such as soil type, proximity to adjacent trees and other vegetation, the location of overhead and underground utilities, the exposure of the site and the amount of growing space available to support healthy tree growth and development.

The City received 5 bids for this planting on September 11, 2008. Staff reviewed the bids and investigated jobs performed by Greg Davis Landscape Services and are satisfied that they can meet our quality standards. Greg Davis Landscape Services has been installing trees for 20 years in several communities such as the Livonia, Sterling Heights, and Birmingham.

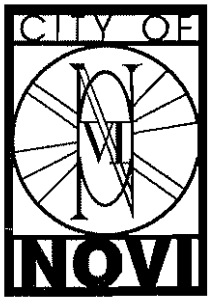
The planting will commence in October and be completed by November 15, 2008. Adjacent property owners will be notified of the planting and receive tree care instructions. Please reference the attached documents for more detailed bid information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval to award the Fall 2008 Tree Planting bid of 295 trees to Greg Davis Landscape Services, the low bidder, in the amount of \$ \$73,590.00.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Capello				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Gatt				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				



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MEMORANDUM

TO: RANDY AULER, DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY
FROM: STEVE PRINTZ, PARKS AND FORESTRY OPERATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION FOR FALL 2008 TREE PLANTING TO GREG DAVIS LANDSCAPE SERVICE
DATE: 9/12/08

Below, please find the tabulation of bids opened on September 11, 2008, for the fall 2008 tree planting project. The City received five bids and staff recommend that the award be given to Greg Davis Landscape Service of Gross Pointe Woods, in the amount of \$ 73,590.00.

Greg Davis Landscape Services has been planting trees for nearly 20 years and was hired by the City for the spring 2007 planting. Attached is a letter from Mr. Davis indicating that he fully understands the scope of the project and can meet or exceed our quality expectations.

The tree planting program includes planting a variety of different species along major roads and subdivisions, within municipal facilities, and in parks. The plantings will commence in October and be completed by November 15, 2008. Residents will be notified of the plantings. Funds for the plantings will come from the tree fund account and various escrow accounts for approximately \$72,000.00 and \$1,590 respectively.

BID TABULATION FOR TREE PLANTING

Greg Davis Landscape Services	\$ 73,590.00
KLM Landscape	\$ 93,175.00
Sherman Nursery Farms	\$ 107,267.95
Elite Lawn & Landscape, Inc.	\$ 120,897.05
Panoramic Landscaping, Inc	\$ 121,325.00

City of Novi - Fall 2008 Tree Bid Tab

3" Caliper Trees			Elite Lawn	Elite Lawn Total	Greg Davis	Greg Davis Total	KLM	KLM Total	Panoramic	Panoramic Total	Sherman	Sherman Total
Alternate B2- (2 yr. warranty)												
ACER freemanii 'Autumn Blaze'	Autumn Blaze Maple	40	\$343	\$13,712	\$259	\$10,340	\$305	\$12,200	\$415	\$16,600	\$326	\$13,042
AESCULUS hippocastanum 'Ruby Red'	Ruby Red Horsechestnut	30	504	15,110	319	9,570	345	10,350	495	14,850	474	14,220
MALUS spp. 'Indian Fall' 'Red Jewel'	Crabapple	35	256	8,965	242	8,470	275	9,625	365	12,775	248	8,686
SYRINGA reticulata	Japanses Tree Lilac	30	449	13,476	270	8,085	340	10,200	465	13,950	451	13,520
TILIA cordata	Littleleaf Linden	40	467	18,662	248	9,900	340	13,600	425	17,000	421	16,827
ULMUS parvifolia 'Pathfinder', 'Dynasty', 'Drake', 'Prospector'	Chinese Lacebark	40	504	20,146	253	10,120	345	13,800	425	17,000	385	15,410
ZELKOVA serrate 'Village Green'	Zelkova	35	504	17,628	242	8,470	340	11,900	425	14,875	429	15,010
2-1/2" Caliper Trees												
Alternate C2 (2 yr. warranty)												
ACER freemanii 'Autumn Blaze'	Autumn Blaze Maple	10	256	2,562	204	2,035	275	2,750	305	3,050	185	1,854
PICEA pungens (5'-6')	Blue Spruce	20	219	4,381	182	3,630	205	4,100	295	5,900	185	3,709
ULMUS parvifolia 'Pathfinder', 'Dynasty', 'Drake', 'Prospector'	Chinese Lacebark	15	417	6,256	198	2,970	310	4,650	355	5,325	333	4,991
		295		120,897		73,590		93,175		121,325		107,268

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