

Meeting Date: 04/26/2016

Agenda Item 6

REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION:

Consent Ordinance Resolution Consideration/Discussion Presentation

SHORT TITLE **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2016 NATIONAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, AGREEING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE GRANT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED TO THE CITY, AND TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Summary of Purpose and Why:

The Development Services Department in conjunction with the Public Works Department, is applying for grant funding from the Florida Department of Agriculture 2016 Urban Forestry Grant. The grant will support Phase II of the City Tree Inventory project previously funded in part by the DOA in 2015.

Support from DOA will be used primarily for the implementation of a tree survey and planting plan for City facilities recognized as priority areas. This new tree survey and planting plan will enable the City to further bolster its urban tree canopy, revise the Urban Forestry Division's planting and maintenance program and serve as a guideline in strengthening Pompano Beach's urban forestry program.



Accomplishing this item supports achieving initiative 2.11.3 "Submit grant application to complete a comprehensive tree inventory" as identified in the City's 2013 Strategic Plan.

- (1) Origin of request for this action: Development Services Department
- (2) Primary staff contact: Robin Bird/Karen Santen Ext. 4926
- (3) Expiration of contract, if applicable: NA
- (4) Fiscal impact and source of funding: \$20,000 from the Tree Canopy Trust Fund #112

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION	DATE	DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENTAL HEAD SIGNATURE
Dev. Services	03/29/2016	Approval	Memo #16-144 <i>NS</i>
City Attorney	<i>4-12-16</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Public Works	<i>4/19/16</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Manager		<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSION:

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Consideration</u>	<u>Workshop</u>
1 st Reading _____	1 st Reading _____	Results: _____	Results: _____
2 nd Reading _____	_____	_____	_____



City Attorney's Communication #2016-700
April 6, 2016

TO: Karen Santen, Development Services, Grants Coordinator
FROM: Mark E. Berman, City Attorney
RE: Resolution – DOA Urban Forestry Grant

As requested in your memorandum of March 29, 2016, Department of Development Services Memorandum No. 16-144, the following form of Resolution, relative to the above-referenced matter, has been prepared and is attached:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2016 NATIONAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, AGREEING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE GRANT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED TO THE CITY, AND TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.



MARK E. BERMAN

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Attachment

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2016 NATIONAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, AGREEING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE GRANT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED TO THE CITY, AND TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach desires to apply for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant, which would provide monies in which to help enhance the city's Urban Forestry Program; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded to the city, the City of Pompano Beach intends to provide monies for Phase II of the previous DOA grant including surveys and planting plan for city facilities recognized as priority areas; and

WHEREAS, if approved for the grant, the City of Pompano Beach will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, if approved for the Grant, the City of Pompano Beach will provide matching funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 towards the Phase II project; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO
BEACH, FLORIDA:**

SECTION 1. The City Commission hereby supports the city's urban forestry efforts and approves the application for the Grant submittal with a matching fund amount of \$20,000.00, a copy of the which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. That the proper city officials are hereby authorized to submit said proposal requesting the grant.

SECTION 3. If awarded the grant, the City of Pompano Beach will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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MEMORANDUM

Development Services

MEMORANDUM NO. 16-144

DATE: March 29, 2016
TO: Mark Berman, City Attorney
VIA: Robin M. Bird, Development Services Director 
FROM: Karen Santen, Grants Coordinator 
RE: Request for Resolution - DOA Urban Forestry Grant

The City of Pompano Beach is preparing to submit an application for the Florida Department of Agriculture 2016 Urban and Community Forestry Grant. In conjunction with the City's Public Works Division, our Urban Forestry Department would like to conduct Phase II of the DOA grant received in 2015, focusing on parks and facilities recognized as priorities in in the Phase I tree inventory. A copy of the grant application, is enclosed.

Our department, conjunction with the City's Public Works Division, will be requesting \$20,000 in grant funding and will offer a 100% match. This will be provided from City funds, which has been approved by the City Manager's office.

Cities must submit a resolution from the City Commission supporting the application and committing the funds. The resolution gives the proper city officials authorization to sign agreements regarding this specific grant without need of a new resolution. Please prepare the appropriate resolution. For your convenience, we have drafted a sample resolution of support.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at extension 4926.

Thank you.

Project Description

In 2010, the City received an urban forestry grant to accomplish a Comprehensive Tree Management and Planting Plan. A tree inventory was produced and was used to assess and provide base-line data for evaluating the benefits derived from our public trees. The plan provided a detailed planting and maintenance program to develop a more functional and sustainable urban forest in the future.

Fulfilling item 2.11.5 of the City's Strategic Plan, funding from this new grant will be used for Phase II of the DOA grant received in 2015. This includes detailed surveys and planting plans for parks and facilities that were recognized as priorities in in the Phase I tree inventory. Sand and Spurs Park, which was recently hit by a tornado, will be a focus area.

Description of Community: The City of Pompano Beach is an urban area with a population of 104,000 and approximately 23,000 single family homes and duplexes. Pompano Beach has had an active Urban Forestry Division (UFD) since 2001 with the mission to promote healthy urban forests through leadership, education, awareness and advocacy so as to enhance the beauty and prosperity of the community. In keeping with the growing need for the UFD, the City Commission approved two new Landscape Inspectors in March 2016.

Funding will be used for Phase II of the DOA grant received in 2015. This includes detailed surveys and planting plans for parks and facilities that were recognized as priorities in the Phase I tree inventory. Sand and Spurs Park, which was recently hit by a tornado, will be a focus area. The park is centrally located near the Goodyear Blimp hangar and Pompano Beach Community Park. The park is home to *U Can Ride*, a non-profit therapeutic, equestrian organization which serves special needs children and adults.

Previous U&CF Grants Received: This is the City's third request for a U&CF Grant. We received funding in 2011 to produce an educational brochure but we were unable to fulfil the requirements of the grant and returned the allocation to the FDA. We received a grant in 2015 to conduct a city-wide urban tree inventory and are currently in the process of fulfilling the grant requirements.

Well-Defined Goals and Objectives: The project's long term goals are to reforest and revive the City's tree canopy. Objectives include 1) Conduct Phase II including in-depth surveys for prioritized areas recognized in the previous grant; 2) Update the Sand and Spurs Park's previous tree inventory in order to locate and evaluate the condition of trees which survived the tornado; and 3) Use this information to develop planting plans based on native fast-growing trees on the Florida-friendly Plant List.

How project will help Urban Forestry Program Development: As indicated in the City's Strategic Plan, maintaining Pompano Beach's urban forest is a top priority. One of the four strategies listed in the strategic plan is to create Great Places. A healthy and robust urban forest is a vital way for the city to create a place that is beautiful, shaded and comfortable, livable, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable for current and future residents and tourists. The strategic plan includes numerous initiatives and objectives to help the City realize its vision for expanded urban forestry services. The Phase II project will help the City's Urban Forestry program continue the work begun in the Phase I tree inventory and to develop and achieve goals to reach a minimum canopy coverage quota which will aid in managing the City's environmental infrastructure.

Demonstrated Need: This project is needed in order to continue the work begun in Phase I. A particular need is Sand and Spurs Park where many of the trees taken down by the tornado provided shade for therapeutic sessions conducted by *U Can Ride*. The trees offered a safe place for program participants who have sensory issues. Even though the City has an Emergency Preparedness Plan for circumstances such as tornadoes, additional funds are needed to supplement the depleted budget. Other issues to be addressed include:

- Lack of a comprehensive tool essential for long term plant planning and management, including identifying hazard trees, invasive trees, areas needing tree plantings, prioritization of maintenance and long and short term maintenance budgeting;
- Need for data that can be used to assist in the aftermath of a natural disaster which can provide the City with additional data regarding tree species to plant or to avoid planting in the future, canopy loss assessments, etc.; and
- Need to educate residents about the benefits of a healthy, well-managed community forest.

Environmental or Educational Value: The benefits of conducting a tree survey and producing a planting plan will be far-reaching and have long-term value for all of Pompano Beach:

- Project information will be used in programs such as a City of Pompano Beach Street Tree Program, City of Pompano Beach Private Tree Program, City of Pompano Beach Flowering Tree Corridors and Citizen Outreach and Volunteerism, all of which serve to strengthen the City's sense of community.

- Visitors to Sand and Spurs Park will witness, first hand, the restoration process and become aware of the importance of tree canopies and urban forestry.
- Students participating in Arbor Day and Earth Day celebrations will benefit from the information gathered from the project, exposing them to career paths in Arboriculture.
- Improvements to the Park’s tree canopy and reforestation will create shade for both visitors and horses, resulting in an equestrian oasis within our urban environment.

Cost Effectiveness:

1. In order to minimize costs, the UFD will utilize services such as those offered by the USDA Forest Service that provide free community forestry assessment tools.
2. A Planting Plan will be developed to manage the data collected from the tree inventory. Conducting the plan “in-house” will keep costs down and enable the City to develop a cost-efficient budget.
3. A planting plan will be cost effective for the City in streamlining crew scheduling, facilitating long-term budgeting and updating Emergency Preparedness Procedures.

Level of Community Involvement or Support:

1. Recognizing the importance and benefits of maintaining a thriving urban forest, the City incorporated several forestry initiatives into its 5-year Strategic Plan: 2.11. *Expansion of beautification and tree planting efforts*; 2.11.2. *Creation of one (1) neighborhood improvement plan per year*; 2.11.3. *Apply for a grant to complete a comprehensive tree inventory*; and 2.11.4. *Develop master landscaping and maintenance/replacement plan along I-95*.
2. Previous tree canopy and greening projects have been met with positive community response and we anticipate that the new tree inventory will also meet with approval. Documentation of community support is provided in the attached letters.
3. The City of Pompano Beach City Commission will pass a resolution of support for the grant at the April 11, 2016 meeting. We have included the sample resolution and a letter of support from the City Manager. We will forward the signed resolution when it has been approved.

Promotional Value: The Urban Forestry Division staff regularly attends civic organizations’ meetings and local events such as the Green Market, Pompano Seafood Festival, Annual Tree Give Away, Plants and People Day and Arbor Day Celebrations. While attending these functions, staff will be available to answer questions regarding the project and distribute information containing helpful hints on planting and maintaining gardens and trees. Promotional activities being considered include notices on the City’s web site, social media, and promotions in local publications. Results will be shared with neighboring cities and visitors to the park.

Tree City USA Certification and Tree City Growth Award Recipient: The City of Pompano Beach has proudly held the Tree City USA title for 25 years. The City is not a Tree City Growth Award Recipient.

Involvement of a Certified Arborist or Professional: This project is being conducted by the City Utilities Division in conjunction with UFD. The team will include Wade Collum, Pompano Beach Urban Forester who is an ISA Certified Arborist, a LIAF Certified Landscape Inspector, a Florida Certified Landscape Technician and an FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional.

New partnerships established for Project: This project will strengthen the City’s commitment to its residents, the true beneficiaries of the park. The City’s partnership with the non-profit *U Can Ride* will be reinforced. Pompano Beach is a certified National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat, dedicated to protecting wildlife and habitat and inspiring the future generation of conservationists. The project will highlight the City’s presence as a Community Habitat and strengthen the community’s responsibility to the greening of Pompano Beach. Results will be shared with neighboring cities interested in conducting their own urban forestry projects. This exchange of information will strengthen Pompano Beach’s relationships with other municipalities with the potential to create new partnerships with local businesses.