

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 1984

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FOR PARK  
TREE MAINT-  
ENANCE FROM

Following introduction of the matter by Staff, Council,  
on motion of Council Member Reid, Hinchman, second,  
approved the appropriation of \$37,000 from the Contingency fund for a park tree maintenance program.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jerry Glenn, Asst. City Manager  
FROM: Ed DeBenedetti, Director - Recreation and Parks  
SUBJECT: Tree Pruning Program - Lodi Lake Park  
DATE: July 31, 1984

At budget time Mr. Mendez and I discussed the above project with you, and at that time Mr. Mendez had asked for \$20,000.00 just to get the program started. It was also indicated at that time that we had received three informal bids, ranging from \$37,000.00 up to \$70,000.00.

You stated during the budget hearing that you wanted to put this situation on hold. In the meantime, we have had three big limbs come down at Lodi Lake Park, and since the second limb incident you have indicated to me that we should go ahead with the program. Mr. Stein stated that since it was an emergency situation, we could contract with the lowest bidder to do the job.

Problem: We are in the process of doing this, and because Mr. Brent, the tree trimmer, submitted a bid so much lower than the others, I want to be sure that we all understand each other. I have discussed this with him and he is ready to go even though I don't have a formal agreement in my hands. Mr. Stein was supposed to put something together for us; however, I have initiated something that I think will suffice in order to get us started with the project.

There is still a problem in that we asked for \$20,000.00 and the project will cost \$37,000.00. I feel Mr. Brent is qualified, and as I stated to him, if the work is not satisfactory, we will stop immediately.

Consequently, I am requesting that the full \$37,000.00 be given to the Department so that we can go to work and get the Lake Park area in the best possible shape. If we do \$20,000.00 worth of work now, we really don't know where to stop. Since he is willing to do the entire project for \$37,000.00 and the price is so good, I would like to go ahead.

I would like your approval for these funds as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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