SUBJECT: SALE OF PALM TREES

SOURCE: Department of Parks & Leisure Services

COMMENT: The City Council has approved the removal of various trees along Crestview Street, Oak Avenue, Ruth Street and Olive Avenue to make way for the improvements along the Granite Hills Streets Project. Staff solicited bids for removal of the trees to see if there was a market for the Canary Island Palms (Phoenix Canariensis). Various local tree brokers indicated these particular palms have a value for re-sale. However, no formal bids were received at that time for purchasing the palm trees.

On April 10, 2002 an informal offer to purchase 39 Canary Island Date Palm trees was received from Kim Marrs Excavation from Bakersfield, which the City Council approved at the April 16, 2002 Council Meeting.

We have received another offer from a licensed contractor, Paul McCauley Landscape, who would like 10 Canary Island Date Palms (Phoenix Canariensis) that were rejected by the last contractor. McCauley Landscape (California State Contractor’s License No. 805686), is offering $600 for each of the palms.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the request to purchase 10 Canary Island Date Palm trees by McCauley Landscape.

ATTACHMENT: Paul McCauley Landscape Letter of Request to Purchase
Paul McCartney Landscape

P.O. Box 1013
St. Louis, MO 63163

1039 E. Chalmers #210
Fresno, CA 93720
Contractor License #80S88

Aug 8, 2002

Gh Mehlum
Director of Parks and Leisure Services
221 Main St.
Portland, Or 92259

Dear Gh,

I will be able to use the City Date palms in a project that I will be doing for another city. I need twenty-seven palm trees, but know that you only have ten left. I was able to get more money for the city to pay $900.00 dollars per palm rather than the $400.00. These palms will need to be transferred to the job site par of September. I will forward all my insurance and contractor license information to you. If you have any questions please contact me at (569) 267-6633.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal.

Sincerely,

Paul McCartney