



TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: Jason Sorenson, Assistant Public Works Director

DATE: June 15, 2020

SUBJECT: TREE AGREEMENT FOR SUNSET RIDGE AND TERRACE CURVE CONDOS

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend council ratify the approval of two agreements to place trees within public right of way for Sunset Ridge and Terrace Curve Condos.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Dan Jonasson, Director of Public Works	857-4140
Jason Sorenson, Asst. Director of Public Works	857-4768

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

Back in 2007, plats were recorded for Edgeview Estates and Huntington Estates on which Sunset Ridge and Terrace Curve Condos were constructed. In the original plat, a public street was platted between the two parcels. However, in the interest of saving money, the developer revised the plans and constructed the condos with private drives instead. The plats were never redrawn to show existing conditions, thus leaving a piece of platted right of way that the City maintains for stormwater drainage.

B. Proposed Project

The condo associations mow and water this piece of right of way like its an extension of their properties. Recently, the associations reached out to the City to request permission to plant trees within the right of way. They had everything arranged with City Forestry to acquire and plant the trees if acceptable. Generally, tree planting in the ROW does not require City approval. Since the property is maintained for storm sewer drainage, it is prudent to ensure the trees are not placed such that maintenance is impeded. Agreements were signed in an expedited manner to accommodate an opening in the Forestry Department's busy schedule.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

N/A

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

N/A

C. Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the City for the tree plantings. All future maintenance and upkeep are the responsibility of the condominium associations.

V. ALTERNATIVES

Council could elect to not ratify the Mayor's signature; in which case the trees would need to be removed at the associations' expense.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Agreements were signed in an expedited manner to accommodate an opening in the Forestry Department's busy schedule.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENT

A. *Signed Agreements*