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Consent Item 02

Title: Memorial Auditorium Renovation Project -Tree Removal (M17100100)

Recommendation: Pass a Motion approving the removal of four City Trees from the project site for the Convention Center Complex Renovation Program (M17100100).

Location: 1515 J Street, District 4

Contact: Desmond Parrington, Special Projects Manager, (916) 808-5044; Office of the City Manager.

Presenter: None

Department: City Manager, Executive office

Attachments: 1-Description/Analysis 2-Exhibit B

Description/Analysis:

Issue Detail: Plans and specifications for the Memorial Auditorium Upgrades require the removal of four trees. City Council approval is needed pursuant to the City Tree Ordinance (No. 2016-0026), adopted on August 4, 2016.

Policy Considerations: The recommendations in this report are in accordance with the General Plan, and City Code Chapter 12.56. A written notice of the proposal to remove City trees as part of a public project was posted in proximity to the trees at least 15 days prior to the City Council meeting.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: The Environmental Services Manager has determined the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15332, which provides an exemption from CEQA review for qualified infill projects. The project will require removal of City trees consistent with the City's Tree Ordinance, City Code Chapter 12.56.

Sustainability: Upon completion of the project, six new trees will be planted as mitigation to replace the four trees that are removed.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Existing trees are required to be removed to allow for the construction of a loading dock and installation of temporary restrooms. These facilities are needed to host theatrical events during the closure of the Community Center Theater.

Urban Forestry staff recommends the City Council approve the request to remove four City street trees based on findings of fact and subject to Advisory Conditions of Approval issued by Community Development Department on May 18, 2017.

Financial Considerations: Sufficient funding is available in the Convention Center Complex Renovation Project Fund (M17100100) to execute a contract to remove the trees. The anticipated tree removal cost is \$4,500. The total estimated construction cost for the Memorial Auditorium project is \$12,490,000 which will be brought separately to Council later in 2018.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable

Background: Design Director review of the Site Plan and Design, with Advisory Conditions of Approval, were issued on May 18, 2017. Urban Forestry has reviewed the written justification and recommends approval of removing four City street trees from the construction site, as well as the Planting Plan which calls for 6 new trees to be planted as mitigation.

As shown in Exhibit B, the three street trees along the south side of I Street that are required to be removed to construct the loading dock are as follows: a 21-inch diameter Liquid Amber, an 8-inch diameter Elm, and a 4-inch diameter variety of Oak. The fourth tree to be removed is adjacent to the 15th Street alley and is a 9-inch Japanese Zelcova. The removal of this tree will allow for the installation of the temporary restroom buildings.

