



STAFF REPORT

1/28/2025

AGENDA ITEM

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CARLO TOMAINO
CITY MANAGER**

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION DECLARING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE STREET TREE
PLANTING PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH
SDC ENGINEERING INCORPORATED**

Summary:

The purpose of the City Street Tree Planting Project is to enhance the urban landscape and promote environmental sustainability. On May 14, 2024, the City Council awarded a contract to SDC Engineering Incorporated (SDC Engineering) to plant 200 trees at various locations throughout the City and provide maintenance for a six-month term. SDC Engineering successfully completed the work for the City Street Tree Planting Project in accordance with the latest planting guidelines and recommendations outlined in the Street Tree Master Plan. SDC Engineering performed the scope of work in compliance with the project specifications and to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution declaring the work performed by SDC Engineering as complete and in conformance with the approved plans and specifications.

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal No. 4 Infrastructure: Maintain and improve the City's physical infrastructure, water system and recreational spaces.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PLAN SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE STREET TREE PLANTING PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN SDC ENGINEERING INCORPORATED AND THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

The City's annual Capital Improvement Project budget for the Citywide Street Tree Planting Project (90.24010) is \$200,000. The City Council awarded a contract to SDC Engineering for the Street Tree Planting Project for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$120,137.58. The final contract amount was \$113,137.58, resulting in a contract cost of \$7,000 under the initial approved budget.

Background and Analysis:

On May 14, 2024, the City Council awarded a Public Works contract to SDC Engineering to provide planting services for 200, 24-inch, box trees at existing vacant tree wells. The project scope included the following:

- Tag trees prior to nursery delivery (trees procured by the City).
- Tree maintenance and watering for six months following the completion of planting.
- Ensure adherence to the most recent Street Tree Master Plan guidelines and the City's planting standards.

During the construction phase, the planting standard detail was revised to comply with the City's planting guidelines, resulting in a credit to the unit cost for planting each tree in accordance with the updated standards. The final contract amount, as approved by the Public Works Director totaled \$113,137.58. Following the completion of construction, the project underwent a final inspection and approval of final quantities, concluding successfully on January 15, 2025.

Based on the contractor's satisfactory performance and compliance with project specifications, staff recommends the City Council adopt the proposed resolution formally declaring the final acceptance of the project.

Reviewed for Fiscal Impact:

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Attachment:

A. Resolution