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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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August 9, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager  
Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager  
Sarah Ames, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: City Council Agenda Questions & Answers – 8.9.21

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***The following are communications that City Administration would like Council to be made aware of. In order to ensure that all questions are received and answered, all City Council Questions should be sent to the CITY MANAGER DISTRIBUTION GROUP e-mail address.***

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**From: Ethan Baker**

Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:52 AM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

Subject: J-04A SPR2 AWARD TO LOW BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS - HOLIDAY LIGHTS - LIGHTS OF HOPE

Who did the lights last year?

Is this a new company?

Thanks,  
Ethan

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**Answer: Dennis Trantham, Facilities & Grounds Operations Manager**

It is a different company. Last year we used First Facility Services. We have used Landscape Services Incorporated in the past.

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**From: Ethan Baker**

Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:57 AM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

Subject: J-04B SPR2 AWARD TO SOLE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS - 2021 STREET TREE PLANTING

I am very thankful for our tree planting program in the City of Troy.

Can you please elaborate a little bit on types of trees they will plant, and how much variance will be used to protect against future disease, etc.

Thanks,

Ethan

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**Answer: Dennis Trantham, Facilities & Grounds Operations Manager**

The greatest thing that we can do to prevent future disease is to create a biodiverse urban forest. When we look at disease that have swept through our area in the past, for instance the Emerald Ash Borer, we learned that many communities including Troy lacked diversity in its urban forest. The result was a massive reduction in mature trees throughout the community. To aid in protecting our valuable Urban Forest, we place specific criteria in the specifications for Street Trees along with following Chapter 28.

1. We require the bidder to submit 9 different tree types or Genus. This allows for biodiversity within the order.
  - a. Within the 9 different Genus we allow for 3 different species. This is where the biodiversity within the genus takes place.
  - b. Species selected have a good resistance to disease.
2. We require that the genotype (growing environment) be similar to that found in the lower peninsula.
3. Large fruiting trees are not accepted.

We recognize that all trees have some risk of disease and by creating a diverse urban forest we can help to prevent a species eradication by epidemic.

This year we are planting:

Genus	Species
Acer (Maple)	Autumn Blaze Maple, Red Sunset, Brandywine
Carpinus (Hornbeam)	American Hornbeam, European Hornbeam
Celtis (Hackberry)	Hackberry
Fagus (Beech)	American Beech
Ginkgo	Autumn Gold, Maidenhair
Platanus (Sycamore)	Exclamation (Hybrid)
Syringa	Japanese Lilac
Tilia (Linden)	Silver Linden
Ulmus Elm	Accolade, Triumph, Princeton

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**From: David Hamilton**

Sent: Sunday, August 8, 2021 7:39 PM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

Subject: Re: Revised August 9, 2021 City Council Agenda

For J-04B, what are the 9 types of trees that are planted in the ROW?

Thank you,

David Hamilton  
Troy City Council Member

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**Answer: Dennis Trantham, Facilities & Grounds Operations Manager**

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**From: Ann Erickson Gault**

Sent: Sunday, August 8, 2021 1:39 PM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

Subject: Agenda questions

J-4(a)

Is there a plan for where the City will be planting trees in the ROWs?

**Answer: Dennis Trantham, Facilities & Grounds Operations Manager**

Street tree planting locations are determined in various ways. One possible location, is the construction of a new home. When a new home is constructed the property is issued a street tree fee according to the available frontage and zoning classification. The second possible location is where a tree has been removed. When the Municipal Arborist marks a tree for removal, he also generates a service request to plant a new tree unless a resident requests that we do not replace the tree. The third possible location is a resident request. This would be a situation where a resident reached out to the Department of Public Works and requested a Street Tree. The final location could be on a median or within a park. All plantings in ROW's must adhere to Chapter 28 – Tree Regulations. We do not plant trees on private roads.

J-6

The agenda says "introduced by: Lori ..." - is this intended to be a Consent Agenda item?

**Answer: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney**

It is intended to be a consent agenda item, and the introduction part should be removed from the agenda packet. There are no changes to Troy's current practices, and there's really nothing that we can

do to opt out of the new Chapter 20 Drain agreement. We can address any questions should it be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Ann Erickson Gault  
Troy City Council Member  
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**From: Theresa Brooks**

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:55 AM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

Subject: Question

Hello!

1. Agenda I-05:

Who is our current MML representative and alternative? How is this typically chosen?

Thanks!

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**Answer: Beth Tashnick, City Manager Office Coordinator**

Due to COVID in 2020 the MML Annual Conference was held virtually and the City of Troy did not submit voting delegates. Normally, MML sends us a letter annually requesting a submission of a Voting Delegate and Alternate from the City of Troy appointed by city council. (see the 2019 appointments below)

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-Final August 5, 2019

I-7 Appointment of a Voting Delegate and Alternate to the Michigan Municipal League (MML) (Introduced by: Mark F. Miller, City Manager)

Resolution #2019-08-088

Moved by Hamilton

Seconded by Abraham

BE IT RESOLVED, That Troy City Council APPOINTS Council Member Hamilton to be the voting delegate and Council Member Hodorek to be the alternate for the Michigan Municipal League 2019 Annual Meeting being held at 4:15pm on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in Room 320 at the Cobo Center.

Yes: All-7

No: None

MOTION CARRIED