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2016 APR -7 PM 3:36 **AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Brooke A. Levin
Director, Oakland Public Works

SUBJECT: Arbor Day Resolution

DATE: March 23, 2016

City Administrator Approval

Date

4/7/16

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution proclaiming Friday, April 29, 2016, to be Arbor Day, 2016 and to authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at Garfield School, 1640 22nd Avenue.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Oakland has been recognized as a Tree City USA® by the National Arbor Day Foundation for twenty eight years. This prestigious award acknowledges the City of Oakland's commitment to tree planting, maintenance, and preservation, and is celebrated annually with the ceremonial planting of trees. The purpose for these celebrations is to generate interest, educate individuals, and initiate the public's activity in urban trees by involving community leaders, students, and citizens in planting and caring for trees.

The trees that are planted will be environmentally tolerant, high quality trees that will add to our urban forest and provide environmental benefits for years to come. The celebration includes ceremonial tree plantings, guest speakers, and training on the planting and care of trees.

Each year, the City of Oakland applies for Tree City USA recognition. A City Council resolution proclaiming and observing Arbor Day is one of the required standards to be considered for a Tree City USA award. This proclamation will meet a standard requirement for the City of Oakland to apply for next year's Tree City USA Award.

FISCAL IMPACT

The trees that will be planted and the stakes to support them have been purchased and were paid for with funds in Fund 2310 Organization 30654 Account 52116, Tree Services. The cost of the trees and stakes is \$1,000.00.

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PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

Tree Services Division will be working with Garfield School's Biology class to teach students the value and benefits of trees in our community. We will provide instruction on proper techniques to plant a tree. On Arbor Day, students will assist in the planting of street trees. Oakland has several non-profit tree planting groups that will be invited to the planting.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Street trees contribute towards residential property values as a tree lined street is more desirable than a street without trees. A house with mature trees will sell at a higher price than a similar house without trees and a house with trees will sell faster than a house without trees.

Environmental: Street trees provide a variety of environmental benefits such as oxygen, carbon sequestration, visual screening and noise abatement. Trees help to improve air quality by collecting dust and particulate matter on leaf surfaces.

Social Equity: All residents can participate in a tree planting by using the "Plant Your Own Tree" guidelines that are available online.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution proclaiming Friday, April 29, 2016, to be Arbor Day, 2016 and to authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at Garfield School, 1640 22nd Avenue.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Tree Supervisor II Robert Zahn at 615-5852.

Respectfully submitted,



BROOKE A. LEVIN
Director, Oakland Public Works

Reviewed by:
Susan Kattchee, Assistant Director

Prepared by:
Robert Zahn, Tree Supervisor II

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City Attorney

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Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2016 TO BE THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S ARBOR DAY 2016 AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT GARFIELD SCHOOL LOCATED AT 1640 22ND AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has long been recognized for its innovative street tree planting and maintenance programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has met the standards set by the National Arbor Day Foundation to be designated a Tree City USA® for the twenty eight year; and

WHEREAS, an official tree planting ceremony is planned for Arbor Day on April 25, 2016 at Garfield School; now therefore, it be

RESOLVED; that Friday, April 29, 2016, shall be proclaimed Arbor Day; and to authorize a tree planting ceremony at Garfield School

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID and PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California