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CITY OF OAKLAND

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

2008 FEB 29 PM 4:54 RESOLUTION No. 81136 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION'S URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP AN URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR OAKLAND AND \$100,000 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF URBAN FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION'S URBAN FORESTRY INVENTORY GRANT PROGRAM TO COMPLETE A DATABASE OF OAKLAND'S TREES

WHEREAS, The State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has announced the availability of grant funds for implementing an Urban Forestry/street tree inventory program and for creating and implementing an Urban Forestry Management Plan from the Urban Forestry Grant Program entitled "An Urban Forest For Every City"; and

WHEREAS, The State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has set aside approximately \$2,500,000 from Proposition 40, California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood, Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 and Proposition 84, Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 for cities, counties, or districts that wish to create and implement an Urban Forestry Management Plan and for cities, counties, and districts in need of implementing or adding to an Urban Forestry/street tree inventory program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oakland was notified in January 2008 by CAL FIRE that the City meets criteria established in a pre-application process and can now apply for \$200,000 to complete an inventory of Oakland's urban forest and \$100,000 to create and implement and Urban Forestry Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City Council action authorized by this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code sections 21000, et seq ("CEQA") pursuant to, among other provisions, CEQA Guidelines section 15262 (feasibility and planning studies) and 15183 (projects consistent with community plan, general plan or zoning) now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby

1. Approves the filing of an application, and the acceptance and appropriation of funds if awarded, for assistance of up to \$200,000 to complete an inventory of Oakland's urban forest and \$100,000 to create and implement and Urban Forestry Management Plan; and

2. Appoints the City Administrator as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the grant funded under the CAL FIRE funding program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney; and
3. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 1, 2010; and
4. Directs the Budget Office to appropriate grant funds received for this project to the State of California –Other Fund (2159), City Planning – Other Org (88229), projects to be determined; and
5. Directs the Budget Office to appropriate matching funds as required for successful grant applications. The 50% match requirement of \$200,000 for the \$200,000 grant request to complete the inventory of City street trees and \$100,000 for the \$100,000 to complete an Urban Forestry Management Plan are available in the Development Service Fund (2415) City Planning – Other Org (88229), General Plan Surcharge Account (45423).
6. Directs the City Administrator or her designee to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the CEQA.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAR 18 2008, 20_____

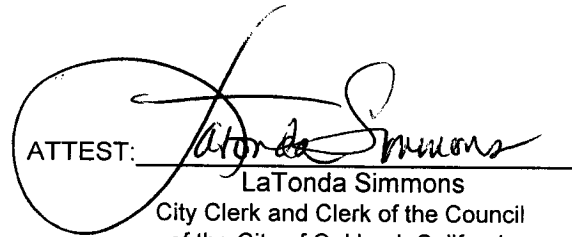
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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