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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO NATIVE SOIL, INC. FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE WILDFIRE PREVENTION ZONE, WITH AN INITIAL THREE-YEAR TERM FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2029, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,700,000), WITH TWO OPTIONS TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR EACH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($900,000) PER OPTION YEAR, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($4,500,000) OVER A MAXIMUM FIVE-YEAR TERM, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL-APPROPRIATED FUNDS; AND ADOPTING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS

WHEREAS, since 1923, more than a dozen major wildfires have impacted the Oakland hills, resulting in extensive damage, economic harm, and loss of life. Most notably, the 1991 Oakland/Berkeley firestorm burned over 1,500 acres, destroyed more than 3,000 homes, caused the deaths of 25 people, and injured over 150 people; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 87940 C.M.S. declaring wildfire prevention a top priority for the City of Oakland, and the City Administrator established a Wildfire Prevention Working Group consisting of multiple City departments and external agencies working together to identify opportunities to reduce wildfire risk in the Oakland Hills

WHEREAS, in May 2024, the City Council adopted the Oakland Vegetation Management Plan, a ten-year plan to A) reduce fire hazard on approximately 1,924 acres of City-owned land and along 308 miles of roadway in the City of Oakland's designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, B) meet the Oakland Fire Department's stated goals of reducing wildfire hazards on City-owned land and along critical access/egress routes to reduce the likelihood of ignitions and extreme fire behavior to enhance public and firefighter safety, C) avoid or minimize impacts to natural resources, and D) contribute to regional efforts to reduce wildfire hazards in the Oakland Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Vegetation Management Plan and its environmental review evaluated vegetation management activities within the Wildfire Prevention Zone, including fuel reduction, brush clearing, pruning, removal of hazardous vegetation, roadside vegetation treatment,

defensible space work, firebreak creation and maintenance, debris removal, invasive vegetation management, and related maintenance activities on City-owned land and public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution does not approve a new vegetation management program, expand the geographic area of the plan, authorize activities outside the scope of the plan, or authorize any activity that was not previously analyzed in the Vegetation Management Plan environmental review; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, the people of Oakland voted to approve Measure MM, a wildfire prevention parcel tax measure to prevent wildfires by implementing City of Oakland fire prevention plans, including vegetation management, evacuation route protection, enhanced fire patrols during high danger periods, and goat grazing; and

WHEREAS, prior to the approval and implementation of Measure MM, the Mayor's Office, City Administration, and Oakland Fire Department requested operational support from Oakland Public Works to address critical vegetation management and brush clearing needs within the Wildfire Prevention Zone; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of Public Works, the Finance Department conducted a request for proposals (RFP No. 405531) for vegetation management services for approximately 600 acres of city-owned parcels and approximately 300 miles of public right-of-way and received three bids; and

WHEREAS, Native Soil, Inc., a woman-owned Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE), was deemed the most qualified bidder to perform the scope of work described in the RFP; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to award and execute a contract with Native Soil, Inc. for vegetation management services on City-owned land and public rights-of-way within the Wildfire Prevention Zone, for an initial three-year term commencing September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2029, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,700,000) and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to exercise up to two options to extend the contract for one additional year each, subject to contractor agreement if required by the contract, satisfactory contractor performance, continued legal eligibility, and the availability of Council-authorized appropriations, in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($900,000) per option year, for a total contract amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($4,500,000) over a maximum five-year term; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the activities included in this agreement with Native Soil, Inc., will be funded by the following: Measure MM – Wildfire Protection Zone Fund (2254), Landscape Maintenance Organization (30652), Measure MM -OPW Vegetation Management Contracts Project (1008068), and Administration Program (AD01); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the utilization of these contracts is contingent upon the availability of Council-authorized appropriations and a funding availability analysis at the time of standard purchase order request submission or prior to fund encumbrance, and that there is no minimum commitment to the proposed contracts and funds will not be committed beforehand

unless funding is identified, and the contractor will have the right to accept or reject any proposed contract extension; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council finds and determines that no subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report, negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, addendum, or other additional CEQA document is required for this contract award because this action does not authorize new or substantially more severe environmental impacts, does not involve substantial project changes, does not involve substantial changed circumstances, and does not involve new information of substantial importance requiring major revisions to the prior CEQA review; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend, and/or amend this agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Attorney shall review and approve said agreement for form and legality, and copies of said agreement shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California