

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, CPM
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report* DATE: June 8, 2017

Status Report

1. Contract Street Tree Trimming

The adopted fiscal year 2018 budget has appropriated \$50,000 for contract tree trimming within the City rights-of-way. In fiscal year 2017, the City piggybacked on an existing Prince George's County contract with Lewis Tree Service, Inc. with satisfactory results. That contract has been renewed as bid S16-077A "Tree Trimming and Removal Service" on County contract: #4400001832. All terms and conditions of the previous contract remain in place.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Lewis Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 for these services. Service will not begin until July 1, 2017.

2. CB-47-2017 PZED Committee Results

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017 the Prince George's County Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee met to review CB-47 pertaining to medical cannabis dispensaries in the Major Activity Center (M-A-C) zone. City Council reviewed this legislation Monday evening and voted to not take a position. At the Committee hearing, Attorney Norman Rivera, representing a State license holder within Senate District 25, requested amendments to allow dispensaries in the C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous) zone and to revise the setback criteria relating to Metro stations. In addition, Attorney Andre Gingles, representing TSG Organics (which proposes a dispensary at 4201 Northview Drive), requested a footnote stating that an amendment to an approved Basic Plan in the M-A-C zone is not required if a dispensary is proposed in an existing commercial office building. After some discussion, several County Council members stated that, when the original cannabis legislation was approved last year, it was widely acknowledged that fine-tuning of the law would be likely. Committee members were willing to

move ahead with the revision proposed by Attorney Gingles. Council Member Glaros moved a FAVORABLE recommendation, to include the footnote and technical corrections recommended by County staff. Council Member Patterson seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-1 (Toles against). The next step is for the full County Council to introduce CB-47 for a public hearing.

3. Kenhill Center Stakeholders Meeting

On Wednesday, June 7th, staff held a stakeholders meeting for the Kenhill Center stormwater retrofit project. The seven residents in attendance were provided an overview of the project including an introduction to the City's stormwater permit, visuals of the existing and proposed conditions, and the project's timeline. There were questions about maintenance, potential for flooding, impacts to the athletic fields, and mosquitoes. The meeting ended with a tour of the site with staff and the consulting engineers. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2018 and last about three or four months.

4. Allen Pond Park Amphitheater/Restrooms/Parking Stakeholders Meeting

On Wednesday, June 7th, staff held a stakeholders meeting for the CIP projects to construct a new amphitheater, restrooms and enlarge the parking at Allen Pond Park. The four residents in attendance were provided an overview of the project and offered an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Responses from those in attendance were very positive. Input received included: ensuring facility and parking were accessible to those with mobility disabilities; and questions about opportunities to add picnic tables in the vicinity of the amphitheater. The project preliminary design submission is expected to be complete by end of July 2017. Final design is expected in January 2018. The construction schedule is not yet set and will be coordinated against the park events calendar.

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