



**WORK SESSION
RICHFIELD MUNICIPAL CENTER, BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
MAY 24, 2022
6:15 PM**

Call to order

1. Deputy Public Works Director Chris Link and Administrative Aide/Analyst Scott Kulzer will provide an update on the state of the City's Forestry initiatives and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) grant project that is underway.

Adjournment

Auxiliary aids for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Requests must be made at least 96 hours in advance to the City Clerk at 612-861-9739.

**WORK SESSION STAFF REPORT NO.****WORK SESSION****5/24/2022**

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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: Kristin Asher, Public Works Director
5/17/2022

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
5/18/2022**ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Public Works staff seeks to use this work session to provide a general update to the City Council on the state of the City's forestry initiatives and an update on the status of the MnDNR grant-funded project that is in progress.

Grant Background

In summer 2021, the MnDNR solicited applications from local units of government within Minnesota for assistance in managing Ash trees for EAB on public lands. The program made \$1.6 million available to applicants to fund two-year projects. While there was no minimum dollar amount applicants can request, the maximum amount that can be funded is \$100,000.00.

In early August 2021, Public Works staff submitted a project proposal requesting \$99,840.00 in grant funds to remove and replace Ash trees in the public right-of-way and in Richfield parks. In early September Public Works staff was made aware that their project proposal was successful and would be funded in the requested amount of \$99,840.00.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

No direction needed at this time.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

See executive summary.

B. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):

The MnDNR EAB grant requires a informational meeting/work session be held before the governing of the local agency receiving grant funds.

C. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

The grant-funded project is nearly 2/3rds complete and an update on the project is timely.

D. **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

E. **LEGAL CONSIDERATION:**

None.

ALTERNATIVE(S):

Not applicable.

PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

Deputy Public Works Director Chris Link & Administrative Aide/Analyst Scott Kulzer