

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: West Jordan Tree Planting Project – Feeding of Volunteers

SUMMARY: Approve funds not to exceed \$500.00 to go towards feeding those citizens who participate in the re-planting of at least 51 trees that were recently vandalized.

FISCAL AND/OR

ASSET IMPACT: \$500.00 to come from the Council contingency fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

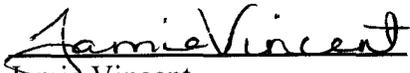
Staff awaits Council direction

MOTION RECOMMENDED:

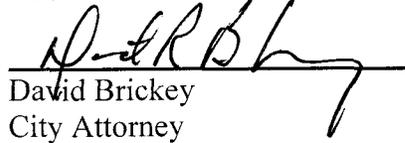
“I move to adopt Resolution 16-147 authorizing the Mayor to encumber no more than \$500.00 from the City Council contingency fund to be used towards the cost of serving breakfast to those volunteers who donate their time to replace vandalized trees.”

Roll Call vote required

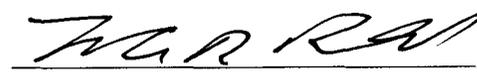
Prepared by:


Jamie Vincent
Deputy City Clerk

Approved by:


David Brickey
City Attorney

Recommended by:


Mark Palesh
City Manager

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

In recent weeks, a vandal damaged and destroyed approximately 68 trees along 2200 West and in the City's Veterans Memorial Park. These trees were paid for with tax dollars. When public property (like parks and trees) is damaged, the costs to repair and replace it come from tax dollars.

Trees are vital to our community. As the biggest plants on the planet and the greatest asset in cities and towns, they give us shade, store carbon, stabilize the soil and give life to many species of wildlife. Without trees in the urban landscape, we would be left with a sterile landscape (like concrete, brick, steel and asphalt that provides little benefit to the landscape).

Our urban forest is a very important asset to our community that requires care and maintenance just as the other public greenspaces we maintain. Trees make communities aesthetically pleasing places to live. Trees are planted so that the tree canopies can grow and provide the needed shade and enjoyment along our streets, parks and greenspace.

A well-managed urban forest contributes to a sense of community pride and ownership and that pride will be on display on Saturday, November 5 when a large number of volunteers plan to plant and re-plant replacement trees. It is hoped that the City Council will authorize an amount not to exceed \$500.00 in order to provide a hot breakfast for those citizens who donate their time and labor toward this endeavor.

THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH

A Municipal Corporation

RESOLUTION 16-147

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE FUNDING TO FEED VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE TREE PLANTING SERVICE PROJECT

WHEREAS, a large number of publicly-owned trees were recently uprooted and/or destroyed by a vandal; and

WHEREAS, the West Jordan City Council has reviewed the request for funding to serve breakfast to those volunteers who donate their time towards the planting and re-planting of said trees; and

WHEREAS, trees are vital to our community, giving us shade, storing carbon, stabilizing the soil and giving life to many species of wild life; and

WHEREAS, the West Jordan City Council wishes to show appreciation towards said volunteers by serving them a hot breakfast as they begin their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to approve the request for funding of serving such a breakfast; and

SECTION2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Adopted by the City Council of West Jordan, Utah, this 21st Day of September, 2016.

Kim V. Rolfe
Mayor

ATTEST:

MELANIE S. BRIGGS, MMC
City Clerk/Recorder

Voting by the City Council:

Dirk Burton
Jeff Haaga
Zach Jacob
Chris McConnehey
Chad Nichols
Sophie Rice
Mayor Kim V. Rolfe

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"NAY"

