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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD
CONTRACT NO. C22-17 TO ARBORIST NOW, INC. TO PLANT 112 STREET
TREES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ALBANY**

WHEREAS, the City of Albany maintains an urban forest of over 5,000 street trees, which beautify neighborhoods, provide environmental benefits, and function as an essential cornerstone of our lived environment; and

WHEREAS, the City plants new trees annually based on a list comprised of trees requested via planting applications, replacements for deceased trees and otherwise empty tree basins, and newly identified tree planting locations; and

WHEREAS, for the 2022 Winter/Spring planting season, City staff has identified 112 locations where street trees need to be planted, including 51 trees requested by residents; and

WHEREAS, as per the expressed intent of local Measure DD, which adopted an increase to the general utility users' tax on gas and electric service, and extended the tax to water service, revenues were not obligated to any specific purpose, but intent was expressed for the City to spend at least one-third (1/3) of the revenue on implementation of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and supporting environmental sustainability programs; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving the City's urban forest is an essential part of reducing Albany's contributions to global climate change by increasing carbon sequestration and providing habitat for wildlife, and making Albany a more pleasant place to live; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2021, the City Council approved the use of revenues
2 from Measure DD to waive the fee for resident-requested planting of new street trees; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the City received three (3) bids for this project and selected Arborist
5 Now, Inc. based on their skill set, pricing, and availability; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, provision for annual tree planting has been included in the City's
8 Public Works operating budget for FY22, funded by local Lighting & Landscaping
9 Assessment District 1988-1 and Measure DD revenues, and no budget adjustments are
10 needed at this time.
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council hereby
13 authorizes the City Manager to execute Contract No. C22-17 with Arborist Now, Inc. in a
14 not-to-exceed contract of \$38,366 to procure and plant new trees in accordance with City
15 tree planting guidelines using funds appropriated as part of the FY22 Public Works
16 operating budget.
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PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 7th day of March, 2022, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Jordan

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 8th
day of March, 2022.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK