



Memorandum

Date: October 9, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Rey Valdes
City Manager

Department: Erin Sullivan
Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: **Tree Donation Request- Downtown Doral (Codina Partners)**

Introduction

The Parks & Recreation Department respectfully requests the approval of Mayor & Councilmembers to accept the donation of trees from Downtown Doral (Codina Partners). The donation will include the prepping and pruning of trees prior to transporting, transportation, and replanting of the trees in City facilities determined by the City. This donation will be in excesses of \$30,000.00.

Background

Due to redevelopment in the Downtown Doral area, Downtown Doral (Codina Partners) has many trees of various species that need to be moved to make space for the construction project. They contacted the City to offer the donation of the trees to be placed at city parks and other city owned areas (medians, other city facilities etc.). Staff toured the areas with Downtown Doral staff to view the available trees and identified approximately 70 trees that can be placed predominately in city parks and the remaining allocated to Public Works in other locations. The identified trees include Pink Tabebuia, Hong Kong Orchids, Crape Myrtles, Royal Poinciana and Live Oak trees. Codina Partners staff also provided the City with the arborist report they received pertaining to the health and relocation of the trees.

Under the approved City donation policy, the value of the project exceeds the City Manager's approval threshold of \$30,000 and as such, requires Council approval, as outlined in the policy.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost for the total donation (including pruning, transportation and installation of relocated trees) is in excess of \$30,000. The donation is at no cost to the City. The City will accept the responsibility for regular annual maintenance of the donated trees such as tree pruning which is consistent with all other trees in park facilities.

Strategic Plan Alignment

This project and addition to the park align with the City's strategic plan under Parks & Recreation and the beautification of our parks. As the donated trees are mature and large, they provide shaded areas within our parks for visitors, which is becoming increasingly important as temperatures rise each year. This is also in line with the City's designation as part of "Tree City USA."

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Councilmembers authorize the acceptance of the tree donation from Downtown Doral (Codina Partners). This donation will include the prepping and pruning of trees prior to transportation, the transportation itself, and the replanting of the trees in City facilities determined by the City. This donation will be in excesses of \$30,000.00.