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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: December 10, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Jamie Schindewolf, Planning & Community Development

ITEM TYPE: Budget Adjustment

AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Request for Expenditure of Tree Mitigation Funds and Guidance regarding of 2026 Tree Giveaways

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve the expenditure of \$13,919.12 from the Tree Mitigation Fund to cover three tree giveaway events (October, November, and December 2025). Invoices are attached.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

The Tree and Land Preservation Board is requesting funding from the Tree Mitigation Fund to cover tree giveaways in October 2025, November 2025, and an upcoming giveaway in December 2025. The giveaways are held at the Bradenton Market.

The October giveaway was held on October 25th, the November giveaway was held on November 29th, and the December giveaway is planned for December 27th.

The Tree Mitigation Fund had a balance of \$476,566.82 as of September 30, 2025.

The Tree and Land Preservation Board also seeks guidance regarding tree giveaways in 2026. Traditionally, giveaways have only been held on events such

as Earth Day and Arbor Day, but after the 2024 hurricane season the Tree and Land Preservation Board increased their efforts in response to the significant loss of tree canopy from the storms. Looking to 2026, the Board is seeking input from City Council regarding the number of giveaways, possible locations for giveaways, or any additional feedback the Board may have.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TBD

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve the expenditure of Tree Mitigation Funds as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Oct 2025 Tree Giveaway Invoice](#)

[Nov 2025 Tree Giveaway Invoice](#)

[Dec 2025 Tree Giveaway Invoice](#)