



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting Date: July 20, 2020

Item Title/Agenda Subject: Resolution 2020-17 - 606 S Pine St - Powell street tree removal request

Submitted by: Gordon Crane Public Works & Utilities

Recommended Action or Motion: Adopt Resolution 2020-17, authorizing Jan Powell to remove one street tree

Background/Summary: Jan Powell is requesting permission to remove a large Red Mulberry tree located behind the sidewalk at 606 S Pine St., due to safety concerns.

Previous Council Action: None.

Analysis:

Tree Condition:

The leaves and smaller branches of the Red Mulberry are in good condition, however, the tree has poor architecture. It has four co-dominant stems at ground level, which are slowly growing apart from each other, leaving a large hollow inside the trunk where the four stems join together. The tree was also topped decades ago. Topped branches are more susceptible to breakage in wind or snow load, since the subsequent re-growth at the topping injury is not well attached.

City Infrastructure damage: none

Tree Maintenance activity by City: none known.

Species suitability to location: The tree is suitable to its location. Red Mulberry are not commonly commercially grown in this area. They are not on the approved street tree list.

Private damage claims processed by the City: None known.

Findings & Analysis: Removal of the tree is appropriate; the poor tree architecture and old topping wounds increase the

potential for scaffold branch or entire tree failure.

Financial Impact:

None for the City. The cost will be borne by the applicant.

Attachments:

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