



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** William R. Gray, Public Works Director  
Michael J. Brunk, City Arborist  
**DATE:** April 28, 2014  
**RE:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY 2013-2014  
(Legacy Tree Program)

### Introduction

Staff requests the transfer of \$5,000 in surplus tree inventory funds to the Legacy Tree Program. This request targets less than half the remaining surplus in the Tree Inventory line item for use as seed money for the Legacy Tree Program.

The seed money will be invested into marketing the program for purposes of highlighting Urbana's legacy of trees and the community's leading supporters. Staff's goal for the Legacy Tree program is to create a self-sufficient program following the success of the Landscape Recycling Center and the Arbor Division's public education program both of which have been successful without tax dollar support.

The historic hackberry (Sim hackberry) and the public involvement with this tree will be acknowledged in the Legacy Tree Program literature. None of the requested funds will be used towards completing additional artisan works for a Sim Hackberry memorial. Additional projects to memorialize the Sim Hackberry tree will be limited to community donations and raised funds.

### Fiscal Impact

#### *Budget Amendment*

The total amount requested for this budget amendment is \$5,000. Staff recommends transferring \$5,000 from B09-1-0400-0416 "Tree Inventory Costs" to B09-1-0400-0410 "Legacy Tree Program". The Arbor Division saved over \$10,000 in tree inventory project costs by seeking an intergovernmental partnership with the Urbana Park District and limiting its hardware purchases. It is proposed to invest \$5,000 of this surplus into creating a self-sustaining Legacy Tree Program. The goal of this request is to gain a return on this investment that will continue to support the Legacy Tree Program.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY 2013-14 (Legacy Tree Program) be approved.

**ORDINANCE 2014-04-042**

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**FY 2013-14**

**(LEGACY TREE PROGRAM)**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, (the "Annual Budget Ordinance") has been duly adopted according to Sections 8-2-9.1 et seq. of the Illinois Municipal Code (the "Municipal Code") and Division 2, entitled "Budget", of Article VI, entitled "Finances and Purchases", of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (the "City Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the said City of Urbana finds it necessary to revise said Annual Budget Ordinance by deleting, adding to, changing or creating sub-classes within object classes and object classes themselves; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to effectuate the purpose of such revision; and

WHEREAS, such revision is not one that may be made by the Budget Director under the authority so delegated to the Budget Director pursuant to section 8-2-9.6 of the Municipal Code and section 2-133 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Annual Budget be and the same is hereby revised to provide as follows:

FUND: Supplementary Capital Improvements Fund

ADD EXPENSE: Legacy Tree Program - \$5,000

B09-1-0400-0410

FUND: Supplementary Capital Improvements Fund

DECREASE EXPENSE: Tree Inventory Costs - \$5,000

B09-1-0400-0416

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval and shall not be published.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the corporate authorities then holding office, the "ayes" and "nays" being called at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor