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## Finance

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**DATE:** January 3, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Brian LeBrun, Deputy City Manager – Finance

**SUBJECT:** Response to Referral from City Council and Recommendation from Golf Course Advisory Committee regarding Agronomist Reports for Beaver Meadow Golf Course

### **Recommendation:**

Accept this report and recommendation by the Golf Course Advisory Committee to:

1. Prepare Program Change Request items for upcoming operating budgets (FY 2021 and out years) to be considered by the City Manager and City Council.
2. Prepare Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) items for upcoming CIP budgets (FY 2021 and out years) to be considered by the City Manager and City Council.
3. Hold stakeholder meetings regarding the tree cutting, which was recommended in the Agronomist report.
4. Send out Requests for Qualifications and/or Proposals for the recommended tree work. (Note: If a logger can be found to complete all or part of the recommended tree work, including selling the timber and mitigating stumps, and as a result, the project will cost the City little to nothing, the City could move forward with the tree project all at once after sufficient stakeholder meetings and City Manager approval).
5. As appropriate, have City staff complete work that will enhance course conditions.

### **Background:**

At its September 2019 regular meeting, the City Council approved \$7,100 to hire a U.S. Golf Association (USGA) Agronomist to review Beaver Meadow Golf Course conditions and make recommendations for improvements to fairways, greens, tee boxes and the course in general; as well as to conduct a tree evaluation to foster improved course conditions. At its December 2019

regular meeting, the City Council received the USGA Agronomist report and referred it to the Golf Course Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendation on how to proceed.

At its January 2, 2020 meeting, the Golf Course Advisory Committee discussed the report and made the above recommendations to City Council.

**Discussion:**

Part of the project of removing trees on the course is the cutting of trees on the 10 acre tract adjacent to the course. We believe this tract, which is ready to be harvested, will make this project appealing to loggers, which hopefully can be completed at little to no out of pocket cost. If the City is not able to complete the project at little to no cost, staff will work into capital program for FY 2020 and out years.

Additionally, the tree removal project will create space to de-water the dredged material from the irrigation pond. The permit for the pond dredging is only good for three more years (expires in December 2023). Dredging of the pond is important to the course, as it will help to reduce the dependency of buying City water for irrigation during dry seasons.