



AGENDA ITEM COVER

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2020

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Mulch Services Recommendation

AGENDA SECTION: Unfinished Business

BACKGROUND REVIEW:

The City currently provides residents free mulch (leaf compost, shredded wood, and wood chips) at the Heman Park distribution area. The shredded wood and wood chips are byproducts of trees and limbs the Parks & Forestry Division's has collected as part of our operations. However, the leaf compost is purchased by the City from a vendor who provides and delivers the leaf mulch for a fee.

These are ancillary services that are currently being provided by the Parks & Forestry Maintenance Division's, and although these services are beneficial to the community, they create both a financial and manpower problem for the Parks & Forestry Maintenance Division's. It is staff's recommendation that the Leaf Mulch program be eliminated, as this service can be readily obtained through the private sector. Furthermore, this would free up Parks & Forestry Maintenance Staff and allow them to focus on maintenance tasks that have been deferred in the past. The shredded wood and wood chip program would continue as materials remain available.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry requests that the Parks Commission support staff's recommendation to eliminate the leaf compost service.

ATTACHMENTS: