



Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council DATE: September 7, 2006

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture FILE: 0800-20/C

General Manager, Finance, Technology and Human Resources

SUBJECT: Completion of Landscaping on the City Hall Grounds

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve funding in the amount of \$113,000 from the anticipated 2006 budget savings for the purpose of completing landscaping on the City Hall grounds.

BACKGROUND

The recent expansion and renovations of City Hall, the expansion of parking areas around City Hall and the relocation of Highway No. 10 have resulted in a disruption of the landscaping on the City Hall grounds. Some landscaping in the immediate vicinity of the new west wing of City Hall was budgeted and installed as part of that project. However, to ensure that the civic grounds are brought up to an appropriate standard some additional landscaping work is necessary.

DISCUSSION

Landscaping Plan:

A landscaping plan to provide a reasonable level and quality of landscaping on the City grounds has been prepared by staff of the Parks Division and is attached to this report as Appendix 1. The cost to implement this plan is estimated at \$113,000. Although the plan shows some decorative lighting, this has not been included in the cost estimates and is not necessary to install at this time. The Department of Highways has contributed funds towards the installation of turf, the installation of plant materials and replacement of trees and shrubs that were removed during construction along the new section of Highway adjacent to City Hall. The \$113,000 is required over and above the Department of Highway's contribution

It is necessary to proceed with the installation of landscaping in September to avoid inclement weather conditions that are the norm in October/November, which would make the installation more costly. In addition, grass seed needs to germinate and root in the fall so that erosion does not become a problem during the wet winter conditions.

Budget Considerations:

Based on a review of the end of August financial position of the City in relation to the 2006 budget allocations, staff is satisfied that there is sufficient budget savings to fund this project in addition to the projects that Council approved in July for funding from anticipated 2006 budget savings.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve funding in the amount of \$113,000 from anticipated 2006 budget savings for the purpose of completing landscaping on the City Hall grounds.

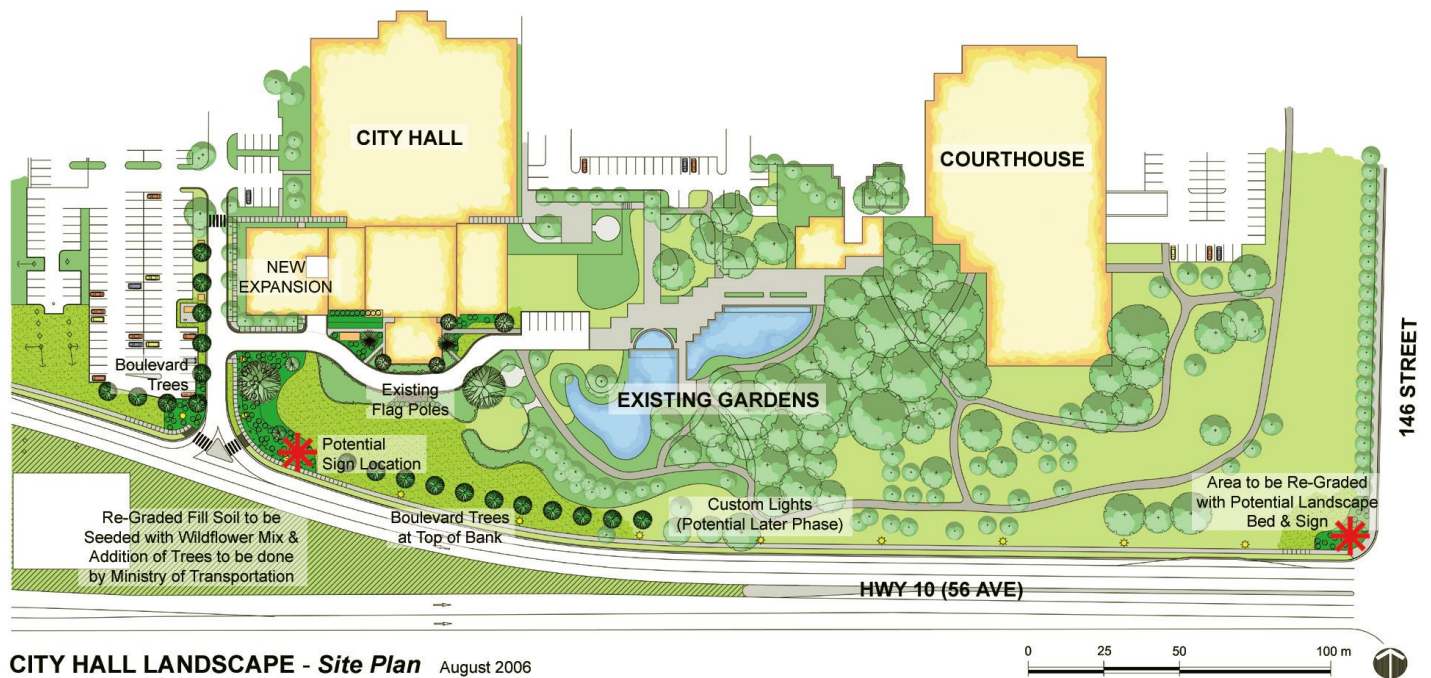
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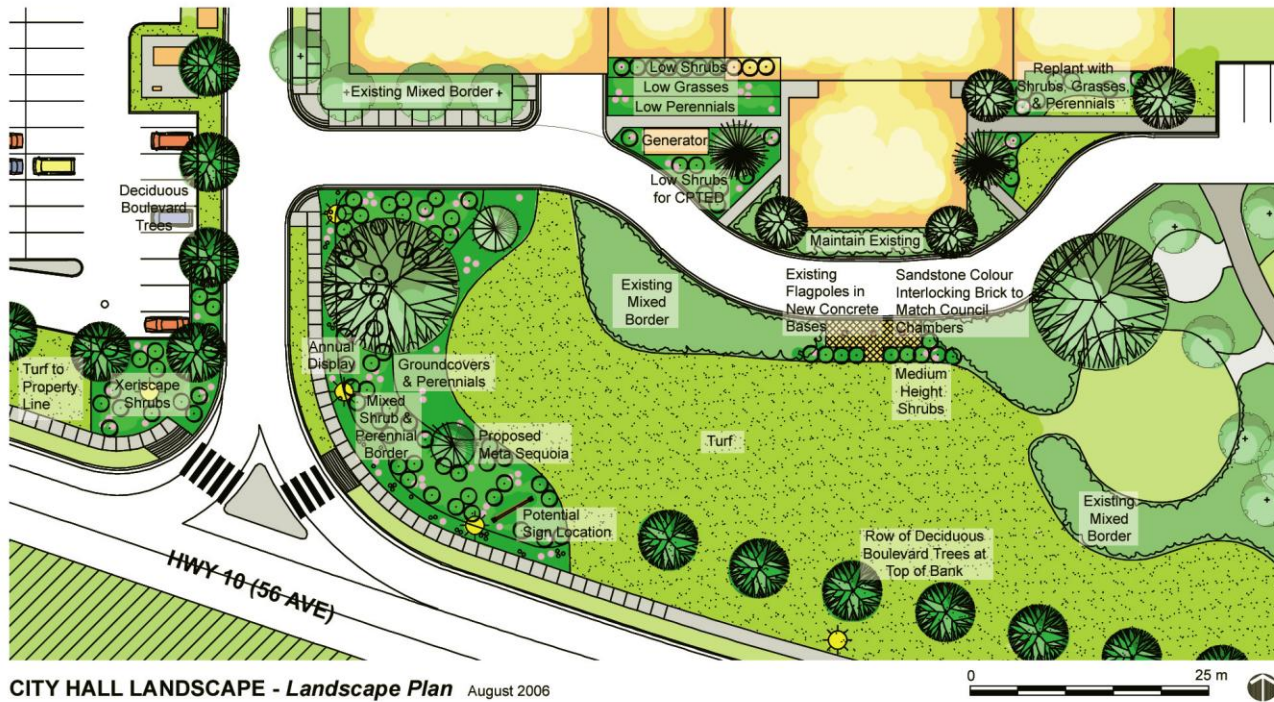
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Attachment

APPENDIX

CITY HALL LANDSCAPE PLAN





CITY HALL LANDSCAPE - Landscape Plan August 2006