



MEETING DATE: 2/21/06

ITEM NO. 5

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2006
TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED MASTER TREE LIST

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) approving amended Master Tree List (Attachment 2).

BACKGROUND:

The Parks Commission during 2005 discussed the current tree list as shown in the Town Code. This tree list is not in tune with the current approach in horticulture and tree management. The Parks Commission requested that John Bourgeois, one of the Commission members and an expert in the field of horticulture, spearhead the effort in updating this tree list.

DISCUSSION:

Park Commissioners John Bourgeois and Jim Sugai had meetings and discussions with the Town Arborist and other staff to edit the Town's list of approved street trees. After much discussion, a revised street tree list was developed. While forming the list, the group considered trees that are indigenous to California, whose roots are non-invasive to property (e.g., sidewalks, curb, gutter, and sewer lines), and which are not a fire hazard, therefore, expanding the original Master Tree List and giving a wider range of choices. This list was presented to the Parks Commission for consideration at its regular meeting on February 7, 2006. After reviewing the draft Master Tree List, discussing the Town guidelines for street trees, and editing the draft list, the Commission voted to accept the Master Tree List with the changes made by the Parks Commissioners and for this list to be presented to the Town Council for approval and incorporation in the Town Code.

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CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution amending Master Tree List.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

Attachments:

1. Resolution approving amended Master Tree List
2. Master Tree List
3. Town Code Section 26.10.030

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
APPROVING AMENDED MASTER TREE LIST**

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Parks Commission agreed to amend the Town's Master Tree List to include more trees native to California; and

WHEREAS, Park Commissioners had meetings and discussions with the Town Arborist and other staff to edit the Town's list of approved street trees; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Commission voted on February 7, 2006 to accept the Master Tree List with the changes and edits made by the Parks Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos agrees to approve the amended Master Tree List.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 21st day of February, 2006, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

**Master Tree List
Street Trees
(Revised February 2006)**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
Aristocrat pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat'</i>	
Australian willow	<i>Giejera parviflora</i>	
Box elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>	
Bradford pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana 'Bradford'</i>	
Bronze loquat	<i>Eriobotrya deflexa</i>	
Cajeput tree	<i>Melaleuca leucadendra</i>	
California sycamore	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	
Camphor Tree	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	
Canary Island Pine	<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	
Carolina cherry	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	
Carrotwood tree	<i>Cupania anacardioides</i>	
Catalina ironwood	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus var asplenifolius</i>	
Chinese pistachio	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Select neighborhoods only
Coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	
Crape myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica, L. x fauriei</i>	
Dawn redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	
European hackberry	<i>Celtis australis</i>	
European white birch	<i>Betula alba</i>	
Flaxleaf paperbark	<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	Select neighborhoods only
Goldenrain tree	<i>koelreuteria paniculata</i>	
Italian stone pine	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	
Little leaf linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>	
London plane tree	<i>Platanus acerifolia</i>	Select neighborhoods only prohibited landscape plant on SCVWD creeks
Maidenhair tree	<i>Gingko biloba</i>	Male only, including selected forms
Marina madrone	<i>Arbutus x 'Marina'</i>	
Purple hop-bush	<i>Dodonaea viscosa atropurpureaa</i>	
Purple leaf plum	<i>Prunus blireana</i>	
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	
Sawleaf zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	
Silk tassel	<i>Garrya eliptica</i>	
Southern magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	including selected forms
Sweet bay	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	
Sweet gum	<i>Liquidamber styraciflua</i>	Select neighborhoods only selected forms only
Tulip tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	
Victoria box	<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	
Wax myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>	
Weeping bottlebrush	<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	
Wester redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	
White birch	<i>Betula alba</i>	

Sec. 26.10.030. Master tree list.

- (a) There is hereby established a master street tree list consisting of the following trees:

Purple Leaf Plum (*Prunus Blirana*); Maiden Hair Tree (*Gingko Biloba*, male only, including selected forms); Sweet Gum (*Liquidamber Styraciflua*, selected forms only); Holly Oak (*Quercus Ilex*); Chinese Pistachio (*Pistacia Chinensis*); Australian Willow (*Beijera Parviflora*); Melaleuca (*Melaleuca Linarifolia*); Goldenrain Tree (*Kodelreuteria Paniculata*); Carob (*Ceratonia Siliqua*, selected forms only); Camphor Tree (*Connamomum Camphora*); Sawleaf Zelkova (*Zelkova Serrate*); Japanese Privet (*Ligustrum Lucidum*, selected forms only); Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia Grandiflora*, including selected forms); Deodar (*Cedrus Deodar*); Italian Stone Pine (*Pinus Pinea*); Canary Island Pine (*Pinus Canariensis*); European Hackberry (*Celtis Australis*); Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron Tulipifera*); Italian Buckthorn (*Rhammus Alternus*-John Edwards); Weeping Bottlebrush (*Callistemon Viminalis*); Carrotwood Tree (*Cupania Anacardicides*); Purple Hop-Bush (*Dononea Viscosa Atropurpureaa*); Victoria Box (*Pittosporum Undulatum*); and European White Birch (*Betula Alba*).

- (b) A copy of such list shall be kept on file in the office of the Director. Revisions, additions or changes in the master tree list may be made from time to time by resolution of the Town Council. Additional tree varieties may be used at the discretion of the Director in conjunction with new tree introductions by the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation, the University of California and other research agencies.

(Code 1968, § 31-5)