

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR REMOVAL OF CITY
BALD CYPRESS TREES

WHEREAS, The City is in receipt of formal citizen complaints about bald cypress tree root invasions into their yards, causing concerns about potential structural damage to structures on their property in the Hammond's Ferry neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, City staff conducted on-site assessments of trees and their growth patterns, and witnessed the problems described by the residents; and

WHEREAS, City personnel recommend the removal of up to 61 trees and stumps in the Hammond's Ferry neighborhood to preclude damage to citizen property; and

WHEREAS, the City received legal advice through the Municipal Association of South Carolina to remove the bald cypress trees that could or have caused property damage; and

WHEREAS, the City would enter into a contract service for the removal of up to 61 trees and stumps; and

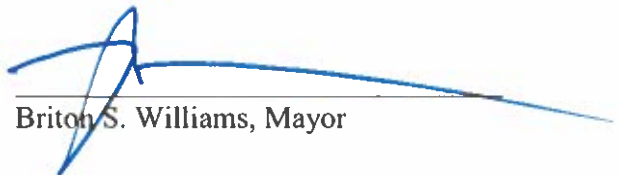
WHEREAS, the City has advertised for tree removal services and has received a valid low bid from Empire Tree Service; and

WHEREAS, the City will negotiate with the developer to determine which party is responsible for the replacement of the removed trees, and with which type of tree.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

1. The City Administrator is hereby directed to take all steps necessary to implement a plan for the immediate removal of up to 61 bald cypress trees and stumps in the Hammond's Ferry neighborhood.
2. The City Administrator is authorized to enter the City into a contract with Empire Tree Service.
3. Expenditures not to exceed \$30,000 of Fiscal Year 2024 General Funds from the Capital Project Fund are approved for the purpose of removing trees from City property in the Hammond's Ferry District.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2024.



Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jamie Paul, City Clerk