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Ten Thousand Trees Pilot Program Approved
By Steve Stefanides

Originally scheduled to be on the consent agenda, Councilor Blonna had the Ten Thousand Trees Pilot Program item pulled to give a more detailed discussion regarding the issues about which he, along with some citizens, had voiced concern.
Before Blonna would throw his support, he wanted to see a pilot program developed. This program was promised originally, and when it was not forthcoming, he pushed for its development. He was pleased to report that the Pilot Program had been created and was before the council this evening.
He went on to report that language had been removed to place plantings on the property lines, which is not permitted by city codes. He additionally requested that an "opt-out" clause be inserted if a property owner did not wish to have a tree planted in their swale and was pleased to report that language was being created.
The Pilot Program was approved 7-0.

**City to Resurface Streets**

Some Marco Island residents may be finding relief from uncomfortable rides down their streets as new asphalt is due to be spread as part of the annual resurfacing program run by the city over the next several months.
Recent bids received by the city found that Preferred Materials had again entered the low bid at the cost of $1,391,982.80 or just over $89.21 per ft. for a total of 15,603 feet that will be repaved.
The lucky winners for this year's street resurfacing are:

| ROADWAY | LENGTH |
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| Bradford Court | 488 ft. |
| Caxambas Court | 3714 ft. |
| Diplomat Court | 1217 ft. |
| Hernando Court | 1254 ft. |
| Jamaica Court | 2798 ft. |
| Nautilus Court | 1402 ft. |
| Plantation Court | 1374 ft. |
| Sandhill Street | 1208 ft. |
| Somerset Court | 803 ft. |
| Tigertail Court | 1345 ft. |