



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



June 23, 2020

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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NATURESCAPE SERVICES, INC. FOR OPEN SPACE LANDSCAPE SERVICES IN BID GROUP 9 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$120,755 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

On May 20, 2020, City staff received responsive bids from Aztec Landscaping, Inc., Brightview Landscape Services, Cielo Azul Inc. dba Cielo Azul Landscape Maintenance, GeoCal Environmental Management & Landscaping, and NatureScape Services Inc. for Bid Group 9 landscape maintenance services. Funding for the contracts are included within the budget for the Open Space Districts. Staff's recommendation is that Council accept the bids and award the contract for Bid Group 9 to NatureScape Services Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) because the proposed project would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

On May 20, 2020, City staff received responsive bids from Aztec Landscaping, Inc., Brightview Landscape Services, Cielo Azul Inc. dba Cielo Azul Landscape Maintenance, GeoCal Environmental Management & Landscaping, and NatureScape Services Inc. for the landscape maintenance services for Group 9, which includes 6 Open Space Districts.

After compilation of the bids, staff determined NatureScape Services Inc. to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for Bid Group 9. Below is the summary table that reflects bid amounts by Group/Vendor. The highlighted cells represent the lowest bidder for the group.

Bid Group	Aztec Landscaping, Inc.	BrightView Landscape Services	Cielo Azul Inc.	GeoCal Environmental Management & Landscaping	NatureScape Services Inc.
9	\$244,325.04	\$181,829.28	\$239,761.00	\$220,332.20	\$120,755.00

Staff recommends accepting the contractors’ bids and awarding the Open Space landscape maintenance contract to NatureScape Services Inc.

Key provisions of the contracts include, but are not limited to, the following: the contract term is initially from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. If a contractor’s work performance is satisfactory, the parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the contract for four (4) additional (1) year periods. The annual option year renewals would be effective from July 1 to June 30 (the City’s Fiscal Year). If a contractor’s work performance is not satisfactory, the City reserves the right to not renew the contract without penalty. Contractor’s prices above shall be firm through June 30, 2021. If the parties agree to extend the contract for the option years, acceptable price increases may be agreed to and such increases would be based on changes in the annual San Diego Area Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), in an amount not to exceed 5%.

Each of the contractors is required to pay prevailing wages to persons employed by them for the work performed under this contract and shall ensure compliance with all applicable state and local laws governing the payment of prevailing wages.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found that Mayor Salas has property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. However, the decision solely concerns repairs, replacement or maintenance of existing streets, water, sewer, storm drainage or similar facilities, and the member’s property will not be affected disproportionately to other properties receiving the same services. Consequently, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 2, sections 18700 and 18702.2(d)(1)), this item does not present a real property-related conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov’t Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current year fiscal impact.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

The annual contract cost will be included in the respective budgets for the Open Space Districts included in Bid Group 9. For Fiscal Year 2021, the contract totals approximately \$120,755. The contract amount has been

incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, which was adopted on June 9, 2020. Contract extensions will be included as part of the normal budget development process.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2-Party Agreement with NatureScape Services Inc.
2. Landscape Maintenance Standards

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