

Agenda Report

July 12, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH MERCHANTS LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC. FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project (Amendment to the Contract for Landscape Maintenance) to be categorically exempt under Section 21084(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), Subsection (h) of the Guidelines (maintenance of existing landscaping) and authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract 19,087-1 with Merchants Landscape Services Inc. to add an additional four months to the contract, making the new expiration date of the contract December 31, 2010, and an additional amount of \$140,000 for a contract total not to exceed \$720,000.

BACKGROUND:

On June 5, 2006, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Merchants Landscape Services, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance services at various city facilities throughout the City. Council authorized the contract for a period of three years, in the amount of \$435,000, with two one-year options to renew, not to exceed \$145,000 per year. Since the authorization of the original contract, the City has added various sites that were not included in the original contract.

The requested contract amendment seeks funding for the additional costs associated with sites that were not included in the original contract. The amendment would extend

the existing contract for a period not to exceed seven months at an approximate cost of \$19,649 per month. Some of the more significant sites assumed since the commencement of the contract include: South Lake Avenue Medians, Arroyo Parkway Medians, New York Drive Medians, Linda Vista School/Park, Sierra Madre Medians and the contracting of 6 City parks (Singer, San Rafael, Defenders, Gwinn, Sunnyslope and La Pintoresca).

This will be the final appropriation for this contract. Staff will go out to bid for a new contract with specifications that include the existing sites and the new sites and return to City Council prior to the expiration of this amendment.

CITY COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council's goals to "Improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure" and "Support and promote the quality of life and local economy".

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), Subsection (h) of the Guidelines (maintenance of existing landscaping).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this amendment in the amount of \$140,000 is available in the Parks section of the Public Works FY 2011 General Fund Budget (Account 8114-101-765100).

Respectfully submitted,



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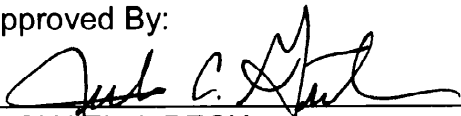
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