



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 23-1763, Agenda Item #: 15.**

**6/1/2023**

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize amendments to three contracts for grounds maintenance and landscaping with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc. d/b/a Brightview Tree Care Services, Cutrite LLC d/b/a Cutrite Landscaping, and Unity Contractor Services, Inc., to increase the amount by \$3,141,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$8,924,000, divided among the contractors.

[Note: These contracts were reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for these contracts, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

All City Departments.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$349,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendments.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 6, 2021 - Council approved the original contract, item 28, on an 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

These contracts provide grounds maintenance and landscaping throughout the City. Services include scheduled and seasonal mowing, native landscape maintenance, removal of invasive non-native plants, tree trimming, shrub maintenance, pest control, mulching, fertilization, and irrigation/sprinkler system inspection and repair.

The increases in contract authority are necessary to maintain the contracts through their full term. Several factors have led contract spend to be higher than anticipated, including City departments taking over management of locations from private companies, contractors on other landscaping contracts going out of

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business, renovations at City buildings, and hard freezes resulting in tree limb removals and clean ups.

The scope of work was reviewed by staff in accordance with the Contract Labor Resolution No. 20220616-050 to determine if outsourcing or hiring staff would best meet the department's needs and comply with the Resolution. Given the need for these services being seasonal, staff determined that outsourcing the services to a contractor would be cost-beneficial and meet department needs.

**Contract Detail:**

<b>Contract Term</b>	<b>Length of Term</b>	<b>Current Contract Authorization</b>	<b>Requested Additional Authorization</b>	<b>Revised Total Authorization</b>
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$5,783,000	\$1,057,000	\$6,840,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.		\$1,042,000	\$1,042,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.		\$1,042,000	\$1,042,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$5,783,000</b>	<b>\$3,141,000</b>	<b>\$8,924,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.