

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2022

Agenda Item:

Additional US 41 Landscape Maintenance

Motion to approve Misc. Contractor Services contract EC 2019-66 STA 21 with P & T Lawn & Tractor Services for the replacement of trees along US 41 and additional maintenance work on the median numbers 22-24, including a 10% contingency.

Background:

The Village of Estero installed landscaping along US 41 through a Florida Department of Transportation Joint Participation Agreement (JPA). FDOT provided \$766,000 to install landscaping along US 41. The Village of Estero contributed approximately \$207,000 toward the project. At the time, FDOT would not allow the installation of any trees. Recently, FDOT has agreed to allow the installation of a limited number of trees within some medians.

The contraction phase of the project was completed in March 2020 with 2-years of landscape maintenance to follow. The contractor was not able to meet the contract maintenance conditions and in August 2021 the Village of Estero replaced the original contractor due to lack of performance. Over the past eight months, the current contractor has worked to address many of the issues along the corridor. However, even with the improved maintenance, there are areas where plants continue to struggle.

The Village of Estero is working with the maintenance contractor and Bruce Howard & Associates to address issues median by median starting with the northern most medians.

Description:

The attached contract with P&T is for landscaping and drainage improvements in medians 22 (Stan and Haney Blvd.), 23 (south of Estero Parkway), and 24 (at Walmart) and replacement of several dead or damaged trees along the entire corridor.

Copies of the landscape plans are attached. Generally, the proposed improvements include the following.

- Replacing dead and damaged trees along the entire corridor, including installing two palms in median 25 (Breckenridge Drive & Vintage Pkwy)
- Median 22 (Stan and Haney Blvd)
 - Replace Lantana with Sunshine Mimosa
 - Replace Flax Lily with Horizontal Cocoplum
 - Replace foxtail fern with Asian Jasmine
 - Install eight Solitaire Palms
 - Install four White Geiger
 - Install drainage holes
- Median 23 (south of Estero Pkwy)
 - Replace Lantana with Bougainvillea
 - Replace Foxtail Fern with Horizontal Cocoplum
 - Install eleven Solitaire Palms
 - Install drainage holes
- Median 24 (at Walmart)
 - Replace Coontie with Cocoplum
 - Replace perennial Peanut with Sunshine Mimosa
 - Replace Flax Lily with Horizontal Cocoplum
 - Replace Crape Myrtle with Pink Trumpet Tree

While the potential improvements for Medians 1 – 21 have not yet been designed, improvements to Medians 17-21 are expected to be similar to the proposed for Medians 22-24. For Medians 1-18 the improvements are expected to be less because they are in much better condition.

Action Requested:

Approve Misc. Contractor Services contract EC 2019-66 STA 21 with P & T Lawn & Tractor Services for \$109,872 to replace trees along US 41 and provide additional landscape maintenance work on medians 22-24.

Also approve a contingency fund amount of \$11,000 (an amount equal to 10% of the total project cost) to cover unforeseen circumstances which may occur.

Authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

Process and Timeline:

After the Village provides notice to proceed, it is expected to take the contractor 25 days to procure materials and 14 days to complete construction work.

Financial Impact:

The proposed financial impact is \$120,872, contract cost plus 10% contingency.

The additional maintenance activities included within this contract amendment was not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. However, there are currently sufficient funds available within the overall landscape maintenance and construction budget to cover these additional costs.

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Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Existing Condition Images
3. Landscape Plans
4. EC 2019-66 STA 21