



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2015

TITLE: Motion to Approve Trees and Palms, Citywide – Gardening Angel Nursery,
Inc. - \$748,335 (three year cost)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award a three-year contract for the purchase of trees and palms citywide to Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc. in the estimated annual amount of \$249,445 (three-year estimated amount of \$748,335); and authorize the City Manager to approve one, one-year renewal option, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of a three-year contract to purchase trees for locations throughout the City; the trees will also be used in quarterly tree giveaways and other events. All purchases and plantings are in an effort to increase the City's tree canopy and to beautify the City. The City's tree trust program will fund the purchase of trees and palms.

The Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid 852-11616 on May 21, 2015. Upon the scheduled opening date of June 3, 2015, two responses were received. Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc. has met all of the specifications of the bid and has been deemed the overall lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder.

Resource Impact

There will be no current fiscal impact to the City. There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the estimated amount of \$249,445 for Fiscal Year 2016 and future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the annual budget.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas and parks.
- Objective 4: Cultivate our urban forest

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

In addition, this item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 3: Provide safe, efficient and well-maintained vehicles, equipment, and facilities and integrate sustainability into daily operations.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

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