



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

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

DATE: December 3, 2013

TITLE: Motion to approve increased expenditures for trees, plants and sod –
\$300,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an increase in expenditures for the purchase of trees, plants and sod from Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc. and Sunset Sod, Inc. in the total amount of \$300,000.

Background

City staff was tasked to develop a comprehensive plan for median beautification throughout the City. At its September 3, 2013 Conference Meeting (CAM 13-1205, BUS-8), the plan was presented to the City Commission. The estimated expense of \$300,000 for the additional purchase of trees, plants and sod is stated below.

At its December 4, 2012 Regular Meeting (CAM 12-2494, Pur-2), the City Commission approved a two-year contract for the purchase of sod from Sunset Sod, Inc., utilizing the South Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Contract 066-2730-12-DJL, with an annual anticipated expenditure of \$162,000, for a two-year total anticipated expenditure of \$324,000. Staff is requesting an increase in the spending authority in the estimated amount of \$175,000 for the purchase of additional sod.

At its January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting (CAM 13-0007, M-2), the City Commission approved a one-year renewal term for Contract 512-10700, for the purchase of plants from Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc. in the estimated annual amount of \$77,000. Staff is requesting an increase in the spending authority in the estimated amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of additional plants.

At its July 2, 2013 Regular Meeting (CAM 13-0831, M-4), the City Commission approved a one-year renewal term for Contract 502-10590, for the purchase of trees from Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc. in the estimated annual amount of \$100,000. Staff is requesting an increase in the spending authority in the estimated amount of \$85,000 for the purchase of additional trees.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$300,000.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

FY	FUND	SUB FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJ #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2014	001	01	General Fund	PKR061901	Median Maintenance	3237	Lawn & Tree Maintenance	\$300,000.00
TOTAL								\$300,000.00

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 2:** Enhance the City’s identity and appearance through well-maintained green space , parks, major corridors, gateways and medians

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Connected.*

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