#16-1362

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: December 6, 2016

**TITLE**: Motion to Approve Contract for Purchase of Palm Frond Collection

Services to Weed-A-Way, Inc. - \$145,140 and Cancel Previous Contract

Award to Enviroscapes Plus Inc.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission (Commission) approve a contract, in substantially the form attached, with Weed-A-Way, Inc. (Weed-A-Way) in the amount of \$145,140; and authorize the City Manager to approve two, one-year renewal options contingent upon appropriation of funds. It is also recommended that the Commission cancel the contract award to Enviroscapes Plus Inc. (Enviroscapes).

#### **Background**

On January 20, 2016 the City Commission approved a three-year contract for Palm Frond Collection Services for the Las Olas Isles area with Enviroscapes in the annual amount of \$25,200 (CAM 16-0040). On May 18, 2016, Enviroscapes sent formal notice to the City that they would no longer be performing services under the contract with the City. In the interim, Parks and Recreation Department staff has been providing this service to neighbors in the Las Olas Isles neighborhoods pending formal award to a qualified bidder.

On July 1, 2016, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 863-11782 for palm frond collection services on Las Olas Isles to 4,710 vendors and three vendors responded.

NextEra Landscaping LLC provided the lowest bid; however, they rescinded their offer as they did not include the cost of the franchise fee in their bid. We attempted to reach out to the second lowest bidder, Tenusa, Inc., via phone, email and certified letter; however, they never responded. The third and final bid from Weed-A-Way has met all of the specifications of the bid and has been deemed the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder.

Staff requests that the previous contract award to Enviroscapes Plus Inc. be cancelled and the new contract be awarded to Weed-A-Way, Inc.

# **Resource Impact**

Funds for this purchase in the amount of \$54,428 are available in the FY 2017 Operating Budget in the accounts listed below:

Funds available as of October 31, 2016					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
409-PBS090301-3255	Sanitation – Bulk Programs	Services & Materials/ Solid Waste Collection	\$433,163	\$433,163	\$54,428
			PURCHASE TOTAL ►		\$54,428

# **Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 4: Reduce solid waste disposal and increase recycling.

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

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation Exhibit 2 – Agreement

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