



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date: April 14, 2020

To: Gregory W. Veliz, City Manager

From: Steve McAlearney, Director of Engineering

CC: Patti McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager
Mark Finigan, Finance Director

Subject: Flagler Median Beautification

Action Statement

Approve purchasing exemption under Sec. 2-797 (4b) for a work order in the amount of \$146,715.10 to Blue Native of the Florida Keys, Inc., for Flagler Avenue median beautification.

Purpose and Justification

This project involves beautification of Flagler Avenue through the planting of ground cover on twelve of twenty-five medians between South Roosevelt Boulevard and Bertha Street.

Purchasing exemption (*Sec. 2-797 (4) b. "If in the opinion of the city manager exceptional circumstances exist to exempt a purchase from the competitive bid requirements of this subdivision for the best interest of the city, the city manager shall place a resolution before the city commission for approval of such exemption"*) being requested for the following reasons. Further savings through the formal bid process are not anticipated as three firms that do the majority of landscaping work for the City have all provided quotes. Additionally, waiver of Sec. 110-187 procedures being requested in order to take advantage of current greatly reduced traffic conditions. Completing the work now will both provide additional safety to work crews and minimize disruption to the general public.

Bid totals were as follows:

Blue Native	\$146,715.10
Shade Tree	\$152,098.00
EcoScapes	\$177,287.20

This project supports the Key West Strategic Plan, Environment goal #1, "A natural environment that enhances the 'Key West experience' for residents and visitors alike."

Maintenance

Selected contractor for Flagler Avenue Median Beautification will provide watering and maintenance of newly installed ground cover per the bid request. After the initial 90-day warranty period and upon acceptance by the City, City of Key West Community Services personnel will be responsible for watering and maintenance of the medians.

Financial

Funds for this project will come from account 001-3701-537-9803, Tree Commission (Reserves). Upon approval, a work order will be issued to Blue Native of the Florida Keys, Inc., in the amount of \$146,715.10 and funds will be transferred from Tree Commission (Reserves) to 001-3701-537-5200, Tree Commission (Operating Supplies).

Recommendation

Staff recommends City Commission approval of a work order to Blue Native of the Florida Keys, Inc., in the amount of \$146,715.10 for Flagler median beautification