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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
FROM: Doug Bradshaw, Senior Project Manager
DATE: November 11, 2010
SUBJECT: Landscape Maintenance Agreement with FDOT

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will approve the Landscape Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

BACKGROUND:

During the reconstruction of North Roosevelt Blvd., FDOT has agreed to remove the existing healthy Coconut Palms and replant them anywhere the City chooses. The new plan calls for only grass to be reinstalled along the promenade. However, FDOT has given the City the option of replanting Coconut Palms or any other type of tree/landscaping the City desires as long as the City is willing to sign a contract agreement to maintain the landscaping/trees and to assume any liability associated with the landscaping/trees.

Historically since the 1920s a large portion of the North Roosevelt Blvd. promenade has contained Coconut Palms in the planting spaces. Currently the City maintains the trees through its right-of-way maintenance contract along with City staff.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

By signing the agreement FDOT will install Coconut Palms along North Roosevelt Blvd.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve entering into the Agreement
2. Approve entering into the agreement with modifications
3. Do not approve entering into the agreement

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

City staff does not anticipate any additional financial impact by signing the agreement. The City is currently maintaining the landscaping.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends option # 1 that the City Commission approves entering into the Landscape Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).