



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MAY 3, 2016**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARDS: 3, 4, & 5**

**SUBJECT: BID AT2036 FOR VICTORIA AVENUE CITRUS GROVE MANAGEMENT –
AWARD CROP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TO GLESS RANCH, INC. – IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$249,960**

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is to award Bid AT2036 by approving a Crop Maintenance Agreement for management of City owned citrus groves along Victoria Avenue between La Sierra and Myrtle Avenues to Gless Ranch Inc., Riverside, in the amount of \$249,960.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council;

1. Approve a Crop Maintenance Agreement with Gless Ranch Inc., Riverside, for a five year term ending June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$49,992 per year for a total contract amount of \$249,960;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Crop Maintenance Agreement with Gless Ranch, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes

BACKGROUND:

Victoria Avenue is a nine mile corridor master planned in 1892 by Riverside's pioneer landscape designer Frank Hosp. Victoria Avenue is a year round attraction for bicyclists, joggers and Sunday afternoon drive enthusiasts. In 1902, Victoria Avenue was deeded to the City of Riverside with the condition that the trees be maintained and protected. In 1969, the Avenue was declared City of Riverside Cultural Heritage Landmark No. 8 and was given national recognition in 2000 when it was added to the National Park Services Register of Historic Places.

Included within the streets landscape are approximately 12 acres of orange groves owned and maintained by the City of Riverside. In addition to receiving regular maintenance, the groves are also harvested in order to offset some of the maintenance costs. Once a year at the peak ripening time of the oranges and under direction of the City's crop management company, the oranges are harvested by a local packing company and processed for marketing. After the harvesting and processing fees are deducted by the packing company, the remaining money from the sale of the oranges is paid to the City.

In order to facilitate this work, Bid AT2036 was posted on February 2, 2016, for Victoria Avenue Citrus Grove Management between La Sierra and Myrtle Avenues. Management of the grove includes, but is not limited to, weed control, trash and debris removal, rodent, pest, and disease control, fertilization, and harvesting of the entire City owned grove.

On February 18, 2016, the City received one bid from Gless Ranch, Inc. for the management of the citrus grove in the amount of \$49,992 per year. The bid was determined to be responsive and met the bid requirements. Gless Ranch Inc. is the current manager of the citrus groves and has done an exceptional job since 2010. The Public Works Department recommends that the contract be awarded to Gless Ranch, Inc.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with this recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for the five year Crop Maintenance Agreement for the management of the Vitoria Avenue Citrus Grove is \$249,960. The funding required for Fiscal Year 2016-17 in the amount of \$49,992 is included in the Public Works Department budget account number 4110110-421000.

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availability of funds: Scott Miller, Interim Finance Director/Treasurer
Approved by: Al Zelinka, FAICP, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment:

1. Crop Maintenance Agreement for Management of the Victoria Avenue Citrus Grove
2. Bid Award Recommendation