



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 20, 2021

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

SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CROP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH GLESS RANCH, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT OF CITY OWNED CITRUS GROVES ALONG VICTORIA AVENUE BETWEEN LA SIERRA AND MYRTLE AVENUES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR SERVICES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

ISSUES:

Approve the First Amendment to the Crop Maintenance Agreement with Gless Ranch, Inc., of Riverside, California, for management of City owned citrus groves along Victoria Avenue between La Sierra and Myrtle Avenues in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for services through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Crop Maintenance Agreement with Gless Ranch, Inc., of Riverside, California, for management of City owned citrus groves along Victoria Avenue between La Sierra and Myrtle Avenues in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for services through June 30, 2023.
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Crop Maintenance Agreement with Gless Ranch, Inc.; to make minor and non-substantive changes to the agreement; and execute future amendments to the agreement to add additional maintenance areas and to exercise term extensions, subject to the availability of budgeted funds.

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 motorists. 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 to offset some of the maintenance costs. 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. The City received one bid from Gless Ranch, Inc. and the bid was determined to be responsive and met the bid requirements.

DISCUSSION:

On May 3, 2016, City Council approved the original five-year term with Gless Ranch with an option to renew for two additional two-year periods with mutual consent of both parties. The City and Gless Ranch now desire to extend the agreement for the first allowable two-year term extension. Although the scope of service has not changed, material and labor costs have increased. Per the terms of the original agreement, pricing was renegotiated to ensure that all necessary care and maintenance is given to the orange groves.

Gless Ranch has done an exceptional job over the past five years, therefore the Public Works Department is recommending approval of the proposed First Amendment, as well as allowing the City Manager, or his designee, to approve future optional extensions provided for within the original agreement.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with this recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this recommendation is \$150,000. Sufficient funds for the First Amendment to the Agreement have been budgeted in the General Fund, Forestry & Landscape division Landscape Maintenance account number, 4110110-421203.

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availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachment: Proposed First Amendment