

RESOLUTION NO. {{item.sequential_number}}

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HEART OF TEXAS LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION CO., INC. OF BELTON, TEXAS FOR MOWING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT HILLCREST CEMETERY IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$159,220 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Whereas, this item will allow for a mowing and maintenance services agreement with Heart of Texas Landscape & Irrigation Co., Inc. (Heart of Texas), of Belton, Texas for Hillcrest Cemetery, located at 1873 North 1st Street, on a bi-weekly basis from March until November - Hillcrest Cemetery is approximately 68 acres and currently contains approximately 18,500 gravesites, which include markers flush to ground, monumental vertical headstones, and unmarked graves;

Whereas, Request for Proposals No. 35-02-25 was issued to procure mowing and maintenance services for Hillcrest Cemetery - six proposals were received from CTX Mowing, LLC of Georgetown, Texas; Grass Works Lawn Care of Leander, Texas; Green World Care, Inc. of Dallas, Texas; Heart of Texas; Incircle Management, Inc. of Westlake, Texas; and Yellowstone Landscape of Pflugerville, Texas;

Whereas, an evaluation committee comprised of Parks and Recreation and Finance Staff determined the proposal submitted by Heart of Texas will provide the best value for the City - evaluation factors included the proposed pricing, demonstrated understanding of the scope of work and proposed work plan, experience, reputation and abilities, and quality and quantity of personnel and equipment;

Whereas, the annual contract will commence October 1, 2024 and continue through September 30, 2025 - the contract can be extended four additional one-year periods, if agreeable to both parties;

Whereas, Staff recommends Council authorize an annual services agreement with Heart of Texas for mowing and maintenance services at Hillcrest Cemetery in the estimated amount of \$159,220 for Fiscal Year 2025;

Whereas, funding for the annual services agreement with Heart of Texas in the estimated amount of \$159,220 is available in Account No. 110-3540-552-2623; and

Whereas, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1: Findings. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Part 2: The City Council authorizes an annual services agreement with Heart of Texas Landscape & Irrigation Co., Inc. of Belton, Texas for mowing and maintenance services at Hillcrest Cemetery in the estimated amount of \$159,220 for Fiscal Year 2025, and authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, after approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, to execute any necessary documents.

Part 3: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of **September, 2024.**

THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jana Lewellen
City Secretary

Kathryn H. Davis
City Attorney