



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 18, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
 Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, HH&CS
 Subject: Contract: Freitas Landscape and Maintenance for Public and Private Property Abatement Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three year contract with Freitas Landscape and Maintenance for the period of December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for necessary abatement services related to public nuisance and/or an immediate and severe health hazard as determined by the Environmental Health Division.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Total projected three year expenditures for these abatement services are not to exceed \$15,000, from designated Environmental Health Funds, annually allocated in the amount of \$5,000 as follows: 010-4302-440.30-38 (General Fund: \$2,222); 150-4304-440.30-38 (Vector Program: \$712); and 830-4305-440.30-38 (Sewer Fund: \$2,066).

This contract has been entered into the City's Contract Management System and assigned CMS No. GUUX3.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Environmental Health Division monitors public nuisances and severe health hazards and, as necessary, requires abatement services on both public and private property to abate rodent harborage violations of the Berkeley Municipal Code. This contract will provide continuous access to such services as needed.

A lien may be placed on a private property for actual costs incurred under this contract for services necessary to abate a public nuisance and/or severe health hazard.

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Health Division responds to over 300 requests for service annually involving possible violations of Chapter 11.32 BMC (Rodent Control). Most property owners correct the violations as directed however some do not requiring the city to abate the public hazard through a private contractor.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This proposed contract will abate public nuisances and/or severe health hazards including the physical reduction and/or removal of weeds, vegetative overgrowth and accumulations that contribute to rodent harborage. No pesticides shall be used to in the process.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

City contracts for services over \$50,000 require authorization from the City Council. Due to other citywide contracts with this vendor totaling approximately \$48,000, this proposed \$15,000 contract amount (over three years) will exceed the City Manager's authority; therefore, authorization is being requested.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Pursuant to a Request for Proposals, multiple competitive bids were solicited and submitted for these abatement services. The selected vendor, Freitas Landscaping & Maintenance, provided the most competitive bid.

CONTACT PERSON

Manuel Ramirez, Manager, Environmental Health Division, HH&CS, 981-5261

Attachment:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. --N.S

CONTRACT: FREITAS LANDSCAPE AND MAINTENANCE FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY ABATEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Division is responsible for abating public nuisances and severe health hazards on public and private property that contribute to rodent harborage in the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the issuance of a Request for Proposals for such services, Freitas Landscape and Maintenance was selected as the most qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has other, multiple contracts with Freitas Landscape and Maintenance in the amount of approximately \$48,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current fiscal year budget of the Environmental Health budget (010-4302-440.30-38; 150-4304-440.30-38; and 830-4305-440.30-38), totaling \$5,000 per year for three years in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. The contract has been entered into the City's contract database, and assigned CMS No. GUUX3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments necessary with Freitas Landscape and Maintenance to provide landscaping and maintenance services to abate public nuisances and severe health hazards on public and private property that contribute to rodent harborage for the period of December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2017, in the total amount not to exceed \$15,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

