

October 15, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members of the  
Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
October 23, 2007

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT  
REJECT ALL BIDS**

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received for Landscape Maintenance Contract and direct staff to re-bid the contract.

**Background:**

Specifications were prepared and Requests for Bids were sent out to 43 landscape companies. In addition, staff advertised in the Easy Reader.

On September 19, 2007, a mandatory pre-bid meeting was attended by six interested companies. Three bids were received and on September 27, 2007 the bids were opened and read aloud. These bids reflect a total contract amount for three years of service.

The results were as follows:

FIRM	CITY	AMOUNT
TruGreen LandCare	Gardena	948,200
Bennett Landscape	Harbor City	1,122,619
Merchants Landscape Services	Sun Valley	1,157,207

TruGreen, the apparent low bidder, informed staff later after the bids were opened that they had made a clerical error which would have increased their bid amount by \$21,600 more than the amount shown above which would have resulted in their bid still being lower than the second bidder by more than \$150,000. Contracting law would not allow making this correction to the bid, but does allow them to withdraw their bid from consideration. Because of the very significant increase in cost to award to the second lowest bidder, staff recommends rejecting all bids received and re-bidding this contract.

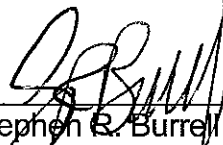
TruGreen has agreed to continue providing landscaping services to the City based upon their previous contract pricing until a new contract can be awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:



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Stephen R. Burrell  
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