

**Title: Advisory Committee Ranking and Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to Execute a Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services at Creative Village, with Aero Groundtek, LLC Being the Top Ranked Firm, RFP25-0469 (EDV)**

**Meeting Date:** May 11, 2026

**Section:** Business and Financial Services

**Contact:** David Billingsley, Javarie McDonald

**District:** 5

**Fiscal Impact:** Fiscal Impact Statement Attached

**Summary:** A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on October 10, 2025, to select a qualified firm to provide parks grounds maintenance services. Twelve responsive proposals were received and reviewed by an Advisory Committee comprised of the following individuals:

Fernanda Paronetto, Urban Project Manager, Economic Development, Chairperson

Jeremiah Caret, DDB/CRA Project Manager, CRA/DDB

Martin Hudson, Chief Urban Planner, Economic Development

Manuel Ospina, Economic Development Coordinator III, Economic Development

Gerhard van der Snel, Downtown Facilities Supervisor, CRA/DDB

Based on the information presented in the proposals and the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP, the firms were ranked by the Advisory Committee in the following order:

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Aero Groundtek, LLC	Ocoee, FL
2	Ayopa, Inc.	Orlando, FL
3	Helping Hands Lawn Care	Sorrento, FL
4	Yellowstone Landscape Southeast, LLC	Bunnell, FL
5	Duval Landscape Maintenance, LLC	Jacksonville, FL
6	Rotolo Consultants, Inc.	Slidell, LA
7	Empyre Landscape, Inc.	Orlando, FL

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8	Arazoza Brothers Corp.	Miami, FL
9	D3 Enviroscape, LLC.	Orlando, FL
10	Superior Landscaping & Lawn Services, Inc.	Miami, FL
11	Around 2it Landscape	Apopka, FL
12	BigKing Services	Winter Garden, FL

The initial contract term is three years with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms. The estimated annual expenditure is \$214,280.00. The Advisory Committee recommends approval to negotiate and execute a contract with the top ranked firm.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the ranking established by the Advisory Committee and approve and authorize the Chief Procurement Officer to negotiate and execute a contract and subsequent renewals with the top ranked firm, Aero Groundtek, LLC, as indicated. If negotiations are not successful with the top ranked firm, approve and authorize the Chief Procurement Officer to negotiate with the remaining firms in ranked order and execute a contract and subsequent renewals as indicated, with the highest ranked firm with whom agreement is reached. The final negotiated agreement will be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.