



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** John Elias, Park Projects Manager

**Via:** Jessica Carpenter, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Date:** September 14, 2021

**Reference:** Consider award of Bid No. Q-0921-02 to High Production Construction, for landscape plant material replacements at (9) City facilities and medians, not to exceed \$85,212.00, as budgeted in a Special Revenue Fund, and authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

**2040:** Pillar 0: Foundation of Sustainable Government  
Goal 3: City Infrastructure will be Well-Maintained

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### General Information:

- In February of 2021, a historic severe winter event resulted in extensive damage to existing landscapes throughout the City of Coppel and the North Texas Region.
- Bid No. Q-0421-02 for Landscape Replacements at (9) City facilities and medians.
- Bid Opening 8/31/2021
- Four (4) bids received.

### Introduction:

Beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the City of Coppel and the North Texas Region endured a historic winter weather event that consisted of nearly 232 consecutive hours at or below freezing at DFW Airport. The severe weather event is remembered more for the power grid issues and frozen pipes, but it resulted in massive damage to existing landscapes throughout the City of Coppel as well. Parks staff estimated that nearly 6,000 shrubs, 4,000 ornamental grasses and 40 trees were lost in the extreme cold.

**Analysis:**

Parks staff went through the process of evaluating the existing landscapes at city facilities, parks, and medians. It was determined that most of the damaged landscapes were at the following locations:

- Art Center
- Life Safety Park
- Old Town Parking Lot
- Andy Brown West Park
- Andy Brown East Park
- Rolling Oaks Memorial Center
- CORE Parking Lot
- Denton Tap Road Medians
- Sandy Lake Road Medians

As a part of the evaluation process staff has determined what plant material was dead and needed to be replaced, what plant material should be left alone to potentially regenerate back, as well as some plant material that could be eliminated and not replaced at all. A bid was pulled together focusing on replacing shrubs in high priority areas at (9) City facilities and medians (listed above). An alternate bid was included in the bid to supply and install (1135) 1-gallon ornamental grasses at the Art Center, Life Safety Park, Rolling Oaks Memorial Center and the Andy Brown Parks. The ornamental grasses were bid as an alternate due to limited availability. The Texas nursery industry was hit hard as well in the weather event, taking out most of the ornamental grass crops. Most ornamental grasses are being sourced out of state at considerable higher costs. Parks staff has a plan to refurbish the ornamental grasses in the spring and early summer of 2022. Staff also has a plan for replacing trees this fall/winter. On August 13, 2021, the City of Coppell advertised Bid No. Q-0921-02 for landscape plant material replacements at nine (9) City facilities and medians. The bid opening was held August 31, 2021, the City received four (4) bids.

	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Base Bid</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate Bid</u></b>
• High Production Construction	\$85,212.00	\$67,960.00	\$17,252.00
• Tenly Landscape Construction	\$96,723.15	\$81,094.00	\$15,628.95
• Landscape Professionals	\$167,995.82	\$151,001.00	\$16,994.82
• AALC	\$80,101.50	\$68,865.00	\$11,236.50

Based on best value, lowest base bid, strong references, and successful work with the city, it is our recommendation that High Production Construction be awarded Bid No. Q-0921-02 with the alternate bid for landscape plant material replacements at (9) city facilities and medians. High Production Construction (HPC) has a good history working with the City of Coppell. They were the landscape contractor for the Rolling Oaks Memorial Center Phase II Expansion and are currently the landscape maintenance vendor for Rolling Oaks. The City contracted with AALC for a number of years for Mowing Services, but the City recently changed to a new vendor with the most recent RFB for Mowing Services. Based upon past experience with these vendors and the factors mentioned above, we recommend awarding this contract to HPC.

**Legal Review:**

Procurement Services has reviewed the documents and determined that this is an appropriate method of contracting with this firm.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The total fiscal impact is \$85,212.00. Special Revenue Fund (Tree Preservation Fund) budget includes funding for this contract.

**Recommendation:**

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of this item.