

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: September 13, 2018

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Proposed Contract Extension and Purchase Order Approval for the Maintenance of the Worth Avenue Living Wall  
**Resolution No. 149-2018**

DATE: August 27, 2018

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff recommends Town Council approve Resolution No. 149-2018 approving a contract extension and purchase order for maintenance of the Worth Avenue Living Wall with Gsky Plant Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$28,900, establishing a project budget of \$31,790 for FY2019, and establishing a three (3) year project budget for the remainder of the contract at \$95,370, contingent on funding in future fiscal years.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

A green “living” wall was constructed as part of the Worth Avenue streetscape improvement project. The living wall is a unique landscaping element and represents a significant investment. It is very sensitive and proper maintenance is essential to its survival. Very few of these systems exist, and even fewer companies are qualified to maintain them. The maintenance vendor is responsible for the normal and routine maintenance necessary to keep the wall in an acceptable condition and appearance. This maintenance includes monthly trimming, plant replacement guarantee, testing and repair of the irrigation system, and fertilization/pest control.

The current vendor has been under contract for the last year and has been satisfactorily performing these services at this location.

If the Town Council approves this recommendation, staff recommends issuing a purchase order for continued maintenance of the living wall in the annual amount of \$28,900, and establishing a project budget of \$31,790 for FY2019. This contract provides for the option of four (4) twelve-month renewals with all original terms, conditions, and pricing. The anticipated contract cost for three (3) renewal years at \$31,790 per year is \$95,370, and includes a ten percent (10%) contingency for increases and unforeseen work.

### **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

The assessment associated with the Worth Avenue Commercial District Maintenance Program is sufficient to fund the proposed work. The Garden Club of Palm Beach has again generously donated \$5,000 this year towards the maintenance of the wall.

### **PURCHASING REVIEW**

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division and approved as recommended.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

This Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

### **Attachments**

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager  
Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance  
Eric Brown, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works  
Brett Madison, Facilities Maintenance Division Manager  
Elizabeth Thebault, President, The Garden Club of Palm Beach  
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager