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CATS Blue Line Landscape Maintenance

Action:

A. Approve unit price contracts for CATS Blue Line Landscape Maintenance for an initial term of three years to the following:
- **Champion Landscapes Inc.**
- **Southern EEZ Landscaping (SBE)**
- **Taylor's Landscaping Services, Inc. (SBE), and**

B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Staff Resource(s):
Phil Reiger, General Services
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Explanation
- General Services Landscape Management Division provides grounds maintenance services for CATS facilities and parking lots along the Lynx Blue Line from 7th Street to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Council Districts 1 and 4.
- These contracts will provide landscape maintenance services including:
  - Grounds, turf, shrub, groundcover, and perennial maintenance,
  - Trash and debris removal including storm debris pickup,
  - Irrigation maintenance/repair/operation,
  - Snow and ice removal,
  - Tree maintenance and mulching, and
  - Pesticide/herbicide application.
- On December 7, 2023, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); four proposals were received.
- Three contractors were determined to best meet the city's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- The prices stated in the contract shall remain fixed for the initial term. At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual aggregate expenditures are estimated to be $316,770**.**

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Contract goals were not established on this Contract as there were no viable subcontracting opportunities. However, Southern EEZ Landscaping and Taylor's Landscaping Service, Inc. are city certified (SBE).

Fiscal Note
Funding: CATS Operating Budget