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DATE: JUNE 16, 2026
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MICHAEL HODSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

RE: Resolution No. 26-65 Ratification of Professional Services Agreement with Dario's Landscaping for Landscaping and Lighting District Maintenance Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 26-65 ratifying the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Angels and Dario's Landscaping for maintenance services within the City's Landscaping and Lighting District (LLD).

BACKGROUND:

The City's Landscaping and Lighting District (LLD) provides funding for the maintenance of landscaped public areas and related improvements throughout designated areas of the City. Routine landscape maintenance is necessary to preserve public safety, aesthetics, and compliance with district obligations.

To procure these services, the City initiated a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process. This process was more structured than prior procurements in order to align with Public Contract Code requirements and improve procurement transparency and compliance. While this process increased administrative rigor, it also delayed implementation of services.

DISCUSSION:

On May 6, 2026, a review panel evaluated proposals submitted in response to the City's RFP for LLD landscaping services. Following review, Dario's Landscaping was selected as the most responsive and qualified proposer.

Dario's Landscaping is familiar with the City's LLD needs, having previously provided these services with satisfactory performance.

The resulting agreement establishes a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$105,000 over a three-year term, limited to \$35,000 per fiscal year absent further City Council approval. Due to the immediate operational need to continue landscaping services and avoid service interruption, the City Administrator executed the agreement. Under the City's Purchasing Manual, the City Administrator is authorized to obligate expenditures up to \$50,000. However, the Purchasing Manual does not expressly clarify whether that threshold applies on an annual basis or cumulatively across a multi-year agreement.

Because the agreement also includes a termination provision allowing cancellation upon fifteen (15) days' notice, there is a reasonable argument that execution falls within administrative

discretion due to its severable nature. Nevertheless, staff believes Council ratification is the most prudent course of action to eliminate ambiguity, affirm the procurement process, and establish a precedent for ratification where appropriate.

Staff also intends to incorporate language into future agreements clarifying that contracts subject to Council ratification are not enforceable until formally approved.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Agreement authorizes expenditures of up to \$35,000 annually, for a total contract value not to exceed \$105,000 over the term of the agreement. Funding is budgeted within the Landscaping and Lighting District Fund and subject to annual appropriation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution No. 26-65
- 2) Professional Services Agreement – Dario's Landscaping

