



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Commission

DATE: March 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Motion to approve a service agreement with Miami Vertical Garden Inc. to design, install, and maintain a living wall. – **Commissioner Mallozzi**

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

On October 22, 2024, the Commission adopted a Landscape Master Plan and Design Guidelines to beautify the city. Chen Moore and Associates developed the Landscape Master Plan and Design Guideline Manual. The items detailed in those documents serve as a branding and specifications package that supplements City Code and Ordinances, to define elements and create a cohesive theme throughout the City's public spaces.

The Design Guideline Manual was prepared following a full Master Plan process, which identified and categorized the City's public spaces to receive improvements as funding becomes available. One of the areas identified in the Manual is public art and the integration of pieces that depict the City as a fun, vibrant, active, beautiful, diverse, and connected city.

ANALYSIS:

Living walls are a unique form of art that celebrates biodiversity and strives to create nature-inspired ecosystems that thrive. They offer an affordable, tangible option for improving a community. Living walls promote the use of innovative, low-impact materials to create more sustainable spaces.

The proposal includes two (2) Alternatives:

1. (11) 7.3' x 1.5' panels = 297 SF; cost \$45,316.00
2. (14) 7.3' x 1.6' panels = 378 SF; cost \$52,770.00

City staff will collaborate with Miami Vertical Garden Inc. on the designs that will be installed. For reference, review the proposal, Exhibit "1", for examples of living wall designs. Additionally, there will be a monthly maintenance cost of \$375.

The City has identified the Community Center, outside the west-facing wall, as the first public space for installation.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the 2022-2027 Commission Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

Priority 3: A Strong Sense of Place - Beautification

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$ _____ from Account #300-314-572310-563-23002. This item did not go out for bid, citing Section 2-258(a)(5): Exclusions include artistic services or works of art.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Miami Vertical Garden Inc. Living Wall Proposal
2. Services Agreement