



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

DATE: 04/08/2025

SUBJECT: Motion to approve Prep, Installation & Purchase of Northbridge Bermuda Sod Piggybacking the City of Weston's RFP No. 2019-13 for Parks Maintenance Services, Parks Group A: Regional Park and Heron Park awarded to Juniper Landscaping of Florida, LLC for \$ 252,000 for Athletic Field Renovations of our Multi-Purpose Fields Citywide, \$67,421 to Golf Agronomic and Supplies, and \$5,000 to SiteOne for pre-dressing.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that Juniper Landscaping of Florida, LLC, be approved to complete athletic field renovations on the city's multi-purpose fields. The total cost for renovating all of the BLSC multi-purpose fields this season is \$ 324,421.

The FY 25 Budget Amendment was presented and approved at the January 14, 2025, Commission Meeting through Resolution 25-01 authorizing \$600,000 for improvement at Bill Lips Complex. To date, the City Commission has authorize \$66,368 for irrigation work to Juniper Landscaping, leaving a balance of \$ 533,632.

We are recommending spending \$324,421 for the purchase of 135,000 square feet of sod for Fields 1 & 2. The purchase, prep and installation be done by Juniper at a cost of \$252,000, with the fill at \$67,421 for fill (Exhibit 3) and \$5,000 for pre-dressing (Exhibit 5).

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

Our Multi-Purpose Fields Citywide are lacking the long-term repairs and maintenance that is standard for athletic fields over time. Multi-purpose fields used for athletics that experience high traffic year-round can begin to deteriorate at a significantly faster rate, causing some of the building blocks of those fields, such as their "crown," is damaged beyond repair. It is industry standard to have athletic fields re-crowned every time a total sod renovation is completed which be re-done every 7-8 years dependent upon usage and overall maintenance programming. Thus resetting a critical piece of the field's drainage infrastructure. Bill Lips Sports Complex has not been re-crowned since the park's inception, and Suellen H. Fardelmann Cooper City Sports Complex has only had the middle of Fields A & B addressed.

Citywide, we are dealing with a mix of Bermuda grass strains, including Tifway 419, Celebration, and Celebration Hybrid. Having multiple strains of Bermuda grass compromises the ability to

create a defined successful maintenance program, as each strain is cultivated with a unique set of care standards in mind.

Our athletic fields' infrastructure must have the robust ability to host youth athletic activities, supporting our ability to properly maintain the fields and withstand the wear and tear they receive, thereby strengthening our capacity to provide premier athletic field playing surfaces.

ANALYSIS:

The City reached out to various sod vendors to obtain quotes for various unique strains of Bermuda grasses. Upon receiving quotes, and visiting Star Farm - Sod Farm, the Parks & Recreation Department determined that Bimini Bermuda Sod would not be the best sod to install at City fields due to discoloration of the grass during the winter months. In learning this information, the City looked at other municipalities, which had contracts for sod. Cooper City considered accessing the City of Boynton Beach's Contract No. R227, Sod and Sod Installation Services, awarded to various vendors by sod type.

The City received quotes from Mullings Engineering under this contract for \$823,772.80 for only 270,000 sq. ft. of prep, installation and purchase of sod at BLSC 1 & 2/SHFCCSC A & B and from Juniper thru the City of Weston's contract. We have determined that the Weston contract is the most advantageous to the City.

Pursuant to Sec. 2-258 (e) of the Cooper City Procurement Code, the City determined accessing/piggybacking City of Weston Contract No. RFP No. 2019-13, Parks Maintenance Services awarded to Juniper Landscaping of FL, LLC will allow the City to procure prep, installation and sod for City Multi-Purpose Fields at a cost effective price.

The City of Weston exercised the first renewal option, extending the contract expiration date to March 31, 2026. Cooper City has accessed and piggybacked on this contract for various maintenance and renovation projects throughout the city's parks.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Establishes "A Strong Sense of Place" through the creation of unique spaces that foster community pride, increase social interaction, and commercial marketability to improve economic stability, increase property values, and impact the memories of Cooper City residents.

FISCAL IMPACT: Our Initial Budget for Bill Lips Park Improvements CIP Project was \$644,886.20 which included a \$44,886.20 rollover from FY24. The remaining amount reflects our unencumbered budget after this proposal as we currently have other PO's outstanding for this project and have incurred expenses of \$5,940 YTD.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>
300-314-563310-572-18030	\$644,886.20	\$324,421	\$188,967.90

ALTERNATIVES: The City had budgeted \$600,000 for the repaving of the parking lot at SHFCCSC. The contract for this work was awarded last month at a savings of \$250,000 over the approved budget.

The cost to complete re-do Fields A, B & C at SHFCCSC will be \$627,000. We have planned to perform this work in FY 26, however, the Commission can accelerated this project by using the \$250,000 savings from the parking project and allocating an additional \$377,000 from the prior year carry-over fund balance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. BLSC MP Fields 1 – 2 Prep, Installation & Sod Quote
2. SHFCCSC Fields A – C Prep, Installation & Sod Quote
3. 70/30 COMAND Mix Quote BLSC (Fill)
4. 70/30 COMAND Mix Quote SHFCCSC (Fill)Exhibit 5 – Miramichi Green Carboniz PN (Pre-Sod Dressing)